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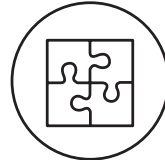
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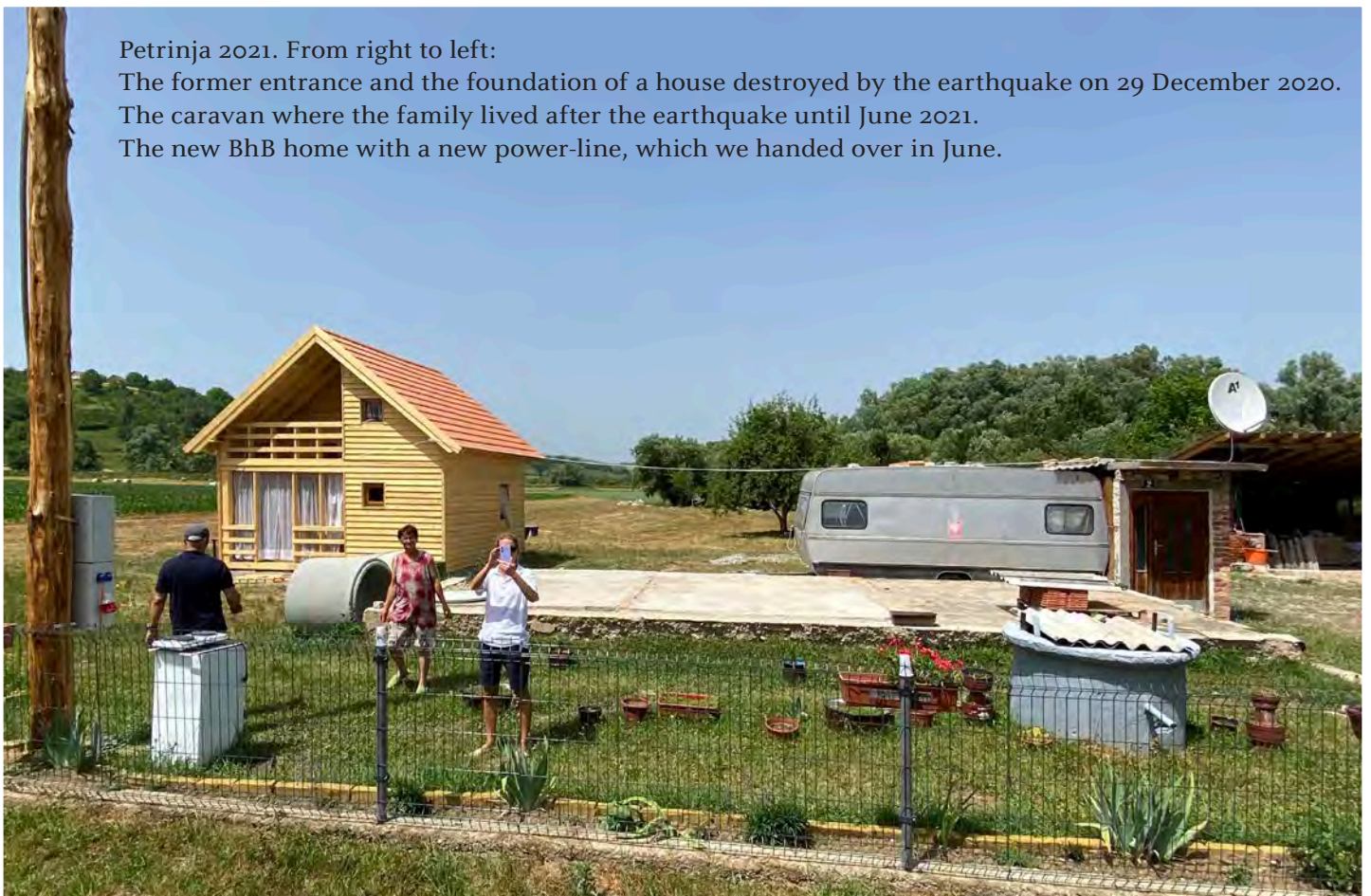
NEW PROJECTS

Petrinja 2021. From right to left:

The former entrance and the foundation of a house destroyed by the earthquake on 29 December 2020.

The caravan where the family lived after the earthquake until June 2021.

The new BhB home with a new power-line, which we handed over in June.



## 30 years of “Bauern helfen Bauern – Salzburg”

After 30 years of aid in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo, we return to the place where everything began 30 years ago – to Petrinja in Croatia.



The first BhB house was constructed in Petrinja in 1991.

Dear BhB friends,

The region around the small towns of Petrinja, Sisak and Glina, some 50 km south of Zagreb, is a beautiful hilly landscape. But it has been through a lot. During the conflicts of the Croatian War of Independence (1991 - 1995), the border of the Serbian Republic of Krajina ran right through the centre of the region. Thousands of families were uprooted and driven out. The ailing economic infrastructure hastened the rural exodus, which had already started before World War II.

25 years after the civil war, poverty was still evident, but a kind of normality had returned: most of the ruins rebuilt, the recognisable scars of the war healed, or at least glossed over, a number of economic enterprises recovering, several infrastructure projects (financed from EU resources) under construction, and connection with the relatively wealthy region of the capital – visible in the form of a motorway – almost achieved.

Then, in the final days of 2020, between the Catholic and the Orthodox Christmas festivals, the region was shaken by a series of earthquakes, the aftershocks continuing for 6 months. The shock of 29 December, with a magnitude of 6.4 and epicentre near Glina, was so strong that many of the very old or self-built

houses collapsed. The badly-damaged residential buildings, where few of the occupants ventured back to sleep, posed a dilemma; people had to find emergency accommodation in the winter cold while trying to salvage their possessions.

Offers of help flooded into Petrinja the following day. Relief supplies arrived from Croatia itself as well as from neighbouring countries: tents, blankets, living containers and provisions. Luckily, few had been trapped in the debris, but eight people died. The Croatian authorities ascertained the material damage. So far, some 20,000 buildings have been declared to have suffered structural damage; access is strictly forbidden to more than 4,000, which are under demolition order. They include not only houses, but also hospitals, offices, shops, workplaces, schools and churches.

With the project „Ku a nade“, BhB and Maltese Aid are helping to give people hope for a new beginning. A wooden BhB house enables them to remain and keep working on their land with a view to a new future.

This year, your generous donations have enabled families to move into no fewer than 60 BhB houses built up by the Bosnian „House of Good Tones“ (Srebrenica/Namir Poric) and the Croatian „Jozo Ljubicic“ construction teams.

The new house-owners are overjoyed. But the hardship suffered by those (around 100 people) who are still living in emergency accommodation, where they will have to get through the winter, remains formidable.

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#### HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

60 BhB houses in Petrinja/Croatia between January and October 2021 (financed by Maltese Aid and private donors in Austria and Germany, in the „Kuća nade“ project) were built up by the Bosnian „House of Good Tones“ (Srebrenica/Namir Poric) and the Croatian „Jozo Ljubicic“ construction teams.



#### MUSIC SCHOOL

320 German lessons / 240 choral singing lessons / 162 guitar lessons / 320 piano lessons / 220 accordion lessons / 80 orchestra rehearsals / culture centre established in the school, with a library linked to an online database / diverse workshops on literature – critical thinking – photography and cooking / social projects for the local population



#### PROJECTS

Mobile care + medicines; daily soup kitchen for 54 people (financed by the Grubauer Foundation and the registered association „Run for their lives“); ongoing support with food parcels for families living far from Srebrenica; financial support for the organisation of the funeral in Potocari on 11 July; podcast „Journey Stories“ [www.journeystories.fm](http://www.journeystories.fm) (financed by the ERSTE Foundation and BhB Salzburg); apprenticeships in the Emmaus Centre in Potocari for 3 chefs; 1 teacher for the day centre and 1 qualified employee for the administration; 1 agricultural engineer (financed by the Thoolen Foundation)



#### TRANSPORTS

1 HGV to Slovenia, 2 HGVs to Bosnia, 2 HGVs to Gföhl (in collaboration with Georg Jachan, aid for Romania).  
Goods delivered: coffee / pasta / wheelchairs / furniture / clothing



#### NEW PROJECTS

Financial support for a music workshop project called „Music caravan“, in various towns in north-west Bosnia, carried out by the Idriz Jakupovic Foundation and the Bosnian Cultural Centre in Prijedor, together with the House of Good Tones in Srebrenica, the Austrian Cultural Centre in Sarajevo, and BhB Salzburg. In 2021, 9 workshops were held by 3 well-known professional Bosnian musicians for young people from diverse cultures. The aim, as well as musical training, is to encourage contact and new friendships between young people from different places.



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