

Nelsons to the BALKANS



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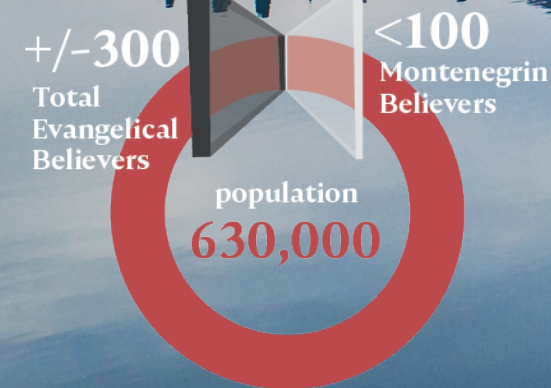
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why MONTENEGRO

Montenegro remains unreached.

Less than 0.02% of the population are genuine followers of Jesus. In fact, Montenegro has the fewest number of believers of any European country. With a population of 630,000, less than 100 are Montenegrin believers.



STATS



5 Churches

Bar - 1 church

Niksic - 1 church

Podgorica - 3 churches

Montenegro has a strong historical heritage as being Eastern Orthodox, but their Christian background today serves mostly as an ethnic identity. Decades of communist rule in the region have contributed to an atheistic or apathetic view toward following Christ.

There are only 5 evangelical churches in all of Montenegro. Dozens of cities and towns remain without a single church or believers committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with their neighbors. We want to change that!

who

THE NELSONS

We are Jesse, Heather, Mercy, David and Peter. Jesse was born and raised in Brazil and was saved at 7. Heather grew up in the US and found Christ at 22. We met in 2005 at Brevard College, NC. Years later, God reconnected us in Bosnia, Eastern Europe, where a burden for the Balkan people began.

We got married in 2011, and for 10 years, God has been faithfully growing and equipping our family for cross-cultural service. Jesse is pursuing a master's degree in Church Planting with Southeastern (SEBTS) and serves Redeemer Community Church as their church planting resident.

Heather is making disciples in our home, church, and community. We received appointment with Pioneers International in January and have clearly seen God's guidance leading us to another Balkan country, Montenegro.



what

WE WILL BE

Church Planting Evangelism Discipleship

Our desire is to see a movement of healthy churches being planted across the country. Our plan is to partner with an established local church in the capital of Podgorica and assist their desire to church plant in another city.

Eventually, we plan to move to an unreached region with a Montenegrin family to plant a new church, birthed from new believers. Our vision is to establish a healthy framework for church reproduction and multiplication.

HOW TO PARTNER

Follow our story and contact us:

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when

TIMELINE*

JANUARY – MAY 2021

Join Pioneers + Go on survey trip.

JUNE 2021 – FEBRUARY 2022

Complete Pre-Field requirements +
Raise support partners.

MARCH 2022 – SEPTEMBER 2023

Serve local church in Podgorica +
Learn language.

OCTOBER 2023 – FEBRUARY 2024

Move to an unreached city + Plant a
new church

*Desired Timeline - subject to change.