

Peter Stonelake – Montenegro

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Name Pete Stonelake
Work Proofreader, translator, English tutor



Non-work responsibilities

- Helping out with [EUS](#) student work in Nikšić.
- Help with the [church](#)'s outreach work in Nikšić, with music in the worship services and occasionally preaching.
- Generally being active within the local Christian fellowship in Nikšić specifically and also Montenegro as a whole. As Christ's ambassadors, people scrutinise our every action/reaction and I aim to give glory to God by having a godly reputation, as well as speaking his love meaningfully into everyday situations.

"Lord, you have been our dwelling-place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."

Psalm 90:1-2 (NIVUK)

Prayer & praise

- **Christmas shoeboxes:** Although I am not in Nikšić to help, please pray for EUS's and the church's distribution of Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes to children. This is an intense period of activity for a very small number of volunteers, but pray that this opportunity to share the Christmas story through the talk that is given and share God's love through handing on these gifts, would sow seeds for God's kingdom.
- **Family Christmas:** I'm glad to be able to have a semi-break (meaning working from home) in the UK, which started at the end of November and lasts until January. Pray that I can get around to see many people to catch up with, encourage and be encouraged by.
- **Jelena:** Please also pray for one of EUS's student workers, Jelena, who is doing a year's internship at [St Michael's Chester Square](#) in London, and will be away from family this Christmas, that she would be a great blessing to the church, and also gain lots of experience serving there and studying at [Cornhill](#).

This/last/next month

- **7 January:** I'll be back in Montenegro for Julian Christmas, which is the date when most people in Montenegro celebrate Christmas. We will have some special Christmas outreach services (7 Jan is on a Sunday this year).

Other stuff

- **Normal life:** One of the reasons I have not sent many news letters recently is because my everyday life looks pretty much like an average Christian's life, with involvement in church, spending time with friends, and much of the time being spent on working and living. The format of this news letter lends itself more to individual moments. My struggles are more often with getting work done on time, making time for friends, continuing witnessing to people who seem to make no progress in spiritual things. However, God is still there, in the mundane and everyday, and sometimes I need to look a little more carefully.

As ever, you can view the current and previous prayer letter [here](#), or view my pictures on [Facebook](#) if you are a member, or on [Flickr](#). My website has some of the same photos at <http://www.reetpetite.org.uk/pictures/>.

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