



CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST
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Tradition and Taboo

The country of Serbia is slightly smaller than South Carolina and borders eight Eastern Europe countries. Serbia has been on the mend from wars and ethnic strife from World War I through the 1990s. Spiritually, things have changed in Serbia over the last 15 years. Often Serbs are offended or surprised at the mention of religion. It is taboo to talk about religion because it is wrapped in nationalism, war and government. Fokus (the name for the ministry of Campus Crusade in Serbia) threatens tradition—one of the few things that hasn't changed. Through wars and political takeovers, the country's name alone has changed five times in the last century. Its people have struggled to hold onto a sense of identity. Campus Crusade staff in Serbia challenge culture rules by initiating spiritual conversations. People are responsive and want to know more about God. Two of the staff, Chuki and Cristina, use media to share the gospel. Chuki devotes a large portion of his time to monitoring the Serbian student evangelical Web site. Serbs value media and Chuki and Cristina have found this is a great "in" with students.

We are featuring the ministry of Chuki and Cristina in our January/February issue of *Worldwide Challenge*. In all, the entire country of Serbia has only seven full-time Campus Crusade staff members. Serbia and its people have been through tremendous change in the last few decades. Please join me in praying for Chuki, Cristina and the other staff as they share the gospel and try and bring stability to the country.

I pray that the work in Serbia will encourage you in what God continues to do around the world. Thank you to each of you for your partnership in the gospel. Take care.

Until all have heard,
Christy



Please pray for . . .

- Chuki and Cristina as they minister to the Serbian college students
- The people of Serbia
- The upcoming issues of *Worldwide Challenge*
- God's grace as I manage *Worldwide Challenge*

"Publish His glorious acts throughout all the earth; tell everyone of the wonderful things He does." Ps. 96:3

