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# 2004 Annual Update

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### Dear Friends,

Greetings from Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In 2004, the St. David's Relief Foundation continued its focus on community-based projects within Bosnia-Herzegovina. St. David's best assists the broader population within Bosnia-Herzegovina by sponsoring projects that influence a community as a whole.

St. David's has accomplished two such projects this past year. With countless families living below the poverty level, many lack the basic needs necessary to maintain an orderly household. Through your generosity, and deep discounts offered by a major American appliance manufacturer, we were able to procure, ship and deliver 425 new refrigerators to Bosnia-Herzegovina. Not only did several hundred families receive this gift but also numerous churches, shelters, homes for the elderly, and hospitals. After many years of inadequate or no means to preserve food through refrigeration, those organizations and families that received this gift wish to thank the supporters of St. David's.

Also in 2004, we sponsored our sixth Summer Work Camp. Thirty American volunteers traveled overseas and gave their time and talents to start construction on an elementary school in central Bosnia. The project included the destruction of the old school destroyed during the war, followed by construction of the new one. The school contains two classrooms, office, bathrooms, and an upstairs apartment for the teacher. Students from the first to fourth grade will attend the school starting in 2005. Fifteen students are ready to enroll, eleven of which are first graders. The school will be ready to receive students this spring.

For 2005, we are planning more community projects and we have organized the seventh Summer Work Camp. Please read further within this brochure to discover the details. The 2005 Work Camp will mark 15 years of service for the St. David's Relief Foundation. A multiple celebration is planned and all are welcome to enjoy this unforgettable experience.

May God bless you,

*J. Reed*

Jeff Reed  
Director

Please note our change of address.



## Work Camp 2005 Croatia/Bosnia-Herzegovina

June 1-14

\$1599.00 from New York

(Other departure cities available upon request)



## St. David's 15th Year Celebration Work Camp

Friends, you do not want to miss Work Camp 2005; it will be a commemoration of many years of dedication and faith. A major highlight of the trip will be the celebration of Br. John Anthony Boughton's ordination. Br. John is an original founder of St. David's and gave many years of service during the war. Soon to be Fr. John, he will celebrate daily Mass during Work Camp.

Work Camp 2005 will be the seventh organized by St. David's. The location is the island of Badija, east of the island of Korcula, Croatia. In 1949, the communist government of Yugoslavia confiscated the XIVth century Franciscan monastery and school located on the island. They gave the Franciscans two weeks to vacate the property. For 55 years, the monastery and island were used as a military complex and later a sports center. In October 2004, the current democratic government returned the island and monastery back to its rightful owners, the Franciscans. Many ambitious plans are in the works for the facility, including utilizing a section of the monastery during the summer months to host a program for orphans and underprivileged children from Bosnia-Herzegovina. After many years of abuse and neglect, the monastery complex is in need of our Work Camp team.

The Work Camp will begin with the gathering of volunteers in Dubrovnik, Croatia. A private motor coach will bus the group to the port of Orebic and then transport all by boat to the island. For six days the group will work, share, and live in the XIVth century Franciscan monastery. We will then travel to Medjugorje for a five-night stay.

The \$1,599.00 price includes international airfare from New York, three meals a day in Work Camp, two meals a day in Medjugorje, accommodations, private ground transportation, tour guide and taxes. Add-on airfare rates from most major cities average less than \$299.00.

Work Camp 2005 is limited to 40 participants; a deposit of \$250.00 is required. Dates and prices are subject to airline schedules.

For more information, please check our Web site this spring at [www.stdavids.org](http://www.stdavids.org) or e-mail us at [stdavids@yahoo.com](mailto:stdavids@yahoo.com).



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