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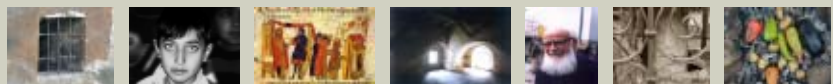
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## introduction

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### letter from the director



*Dear friends,*

Last year has been decisive for our country for the process of accession to the European Union. Serious changes in the social welfare, healthcare, judiciary and other aspects of public life have marked 2005 as an important cornerstone in the adaptation of Bulgaria to meet the EU standards.

Our society is undergoing dramatic changes, which have shaken the foundations of many people's lives. Reforms in the state system of welfare support, employment policies and healthcare have not only started to offer acceptable solutions, but also to further marginalize large portions of the populations, resulting in increase of organized crime, rise of corruption practices, decline in the quality of public education and healthcare services, drug abuse.

The development of our organization is also influenced by the general tendencies in the Bulgarian society. As we celebrated our 10th anniversary last year, a process of re-assessment of the main priorities of Pokrov has been launched, which resulted in a new Strategy and Action Plan, to reflect the realities related to the country's integration to the EU, both positive and negative. Among the important aspects of our internal evolution have been the emphasis on the importance of networking activities among churches and church-related NGOs both inside the country, regionally and internationally; the growing need for EU-related expertise and the emerging independent and strong church structures and activities in the country, largely related to our own long-term efforts in the fields of training, funding support and consultancy.

Unfortunately, 2005 has brought in a dramatic way a new important area of work for the foundation: disaster response. The summer of that year Bulgaria saw some of the most devastating floods in its recent history and the Pokrov foundation had to take organizational steps to include disaster preparedness and response issue on the top of its current agenda.

Probably the most important project for 2005 has been the launching of a new and dynamic media, the Pravoslavie.bg internet portal, which eventually became the most popular internet-based Christian communication platform in the country, providing a "bridge" between the Christian community, the other faiths and the society in general.

As a result of internal restructuring, new entities have emerged from former Pokrov projects. The Parish Centre has developed into a new independent organization, run by active parish people. The Daycare Centre for handicapped children has also been registered as a separate NGO, and the supervision of its activities have been transferred to a new, professional and dynamic Board.

I strongly hope that the changes in the Pokrov foundation are leading us in a good and right direction. Probably even more challenges are awaiting us in a few years, when the country will be a part of the European family of nations. We have proven that we can change, when circumstances require, and change for the better.

*Hameu Sivan*

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### summer of 2005: floods in bulgaria



The campaign for assistance to flood-affected people during the summer of 2005 was carried out for 4 months (August 2005 – November 2005). The flood-affected towns and villages were immediately visited by our team and local church-related groups, leadership and other community activists were involved to reach out and voice the actual communities' needs. Volunteers from the affected villages, as well as students from the Sofia Seminary have joined in the packaging and transportation of the relief items. A total of 802 households have received support from the Pokrov Foundation.

Pokrov foundation distributed basic food, water and other material support to damaged settlements into the following regions: Sofia, Plovdiv, Ruse and Varna .

For the successful realization of the campaign, Pokrov foundation collaborated mainly with the representatives of the local parishes and church communities, with Bulgarian Red Cross, Ministry of Disaster Management Policy, The State Agency for Civil Protection, local municipalities and city-halls employees.

The campaign for assistance to flood-affected people included all together 802 households in the flooded areas. The number of affected people was too large, and it was necessary to concentrate mainly on lonely, sick and elderly people; large families with more than 3 children, families with elderly members, minority population (Roma and Turkish) – all situated in poor regions.

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654 cardboard boxes of food were dispensed during the assistance. Each box contained 1 kg bean, 1 kg rice, 1 kg flour, 1 kg lentils, 1 l. oil, 1 kg sugar, 2 tins of tomato – cut and pasta, 1 tin peas, 1 tin French beans, 1 tin meat, 1 tin fish, 1 tin pate. The food was calculated to cover one person's needs for a month. The bigger families got more than one cardboard box, depending on the number of family members. 256 sets of blankets and household linen were disbursed.

Other items, that were included in the support: 650 cardboard boxes of hygiene and sanitary materials. Each box contained: 3 kg soap-powder, 5 soaps, 2x0,5 l. bottles of blanching-liquor, 2 x 0,35 l. bottles of anti-mould substance, 1 spray against insects, 1 bottle of shampoo, a pair of rubber gloves and 3 sponges; 188 sets of beds with mattresses and 69 separate mattresses; 144 sq. meters linoleum and 592 sq. meters carpet; 450 bottles (5 liters each bottle) of mineral water.

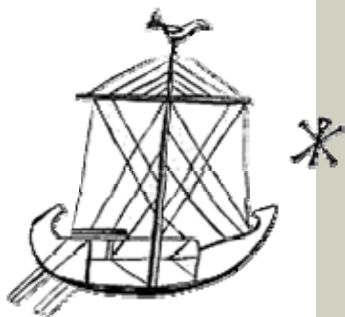
The relief efforts of the Pokrov foundation have received the official blessing and a following appraisal on behalf of the Holy Synod of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church.



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### summary



Taking into account the recent the socio-political changes in the country and the new priorities and interests of the target groups, in 2005 Pokrov foundation made a substantial change in the foundation's strategy of the training program.

General directions of the project activities were set:

- ⇒ Capacity development of the existing faith-based organizations in Bulgaria through exchange of experience, expertise and development of ideas and concepts
- ⇒ Improvement of the cooperation between national/regional/local media, the faith-based NGOs and the church structures. Development of good Public Relations practices
- ⇒ Church participation within the society and European integration

During the reporting period 2 projects were carried out and 13 events with 309 participants were implemented.

*The Training for Development Project* (2002 – 2006), funded by Church Development Service – an Association of the Protestant Churches of Germany and Exchange *Visits for Development and Cooperation* between Pokrov Foundation and Philanthropy from Serbia and Montenegro Project (April – June 2005), supported by Balkan Civil Society Development Network.

The activities included:

- ⇒ 1 conference
- ⇒ 3 training courses
- ⇒ 5 workshops
- ⇒ 4 thematic consultations
- ⇒ 2 exchange meetings



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The main activity for the period was the *International Conference Practical Dimensions of Diaconical Work* (27 – 29 May 2005 in the town of Rouse) organized by the Holy Mitropoly of Rouse in cooperation with training program of Pokrov foundation.

One of the most significant events was the *Workshop on Substance Abuse Problems* (Sofia, 23 Nov 2005). The workshop was organized with the active participation of the representatives of the Holy Synod of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church and was attended by high level representatives from the state institutions. The event was a part of the week against drugs.

A *Workshop on Community Work and Youth Participation* (the town of Bourgas, 03.12.2005) was organized in the dioceses of Sliven centered on the fr. Zahari Dechev from the town of Bourgas experimental program for youth research of the Orthodox traditions and heritage.

The Training programme participated in preparation and implementation of the *Workshop Media and Church-related Organizations* (Varna, 07.09.2005) as a part of the Annual feast of the Orthodox book where the current language and the message of the church media were discussed.

The second *Exchange Youth Meeting* was organized with participants from the whole country aged among 16 and 30 (Dryanovo monastery, 5-8.05.2005). The participants celebrated together the Bright Week and shared their spiritual experience.

*Debate on Church and public expectations – Orthodoxy and Postmodernism* (Veliko Turnovo, 27 - 29.11.2005) was organized in cooperation with the University of Veliko Turnovo with the participation of theologians and modern writers, philosophers and analysts.

Four training courses were organized: *International Training of Trainers Course* (Vitosha, 25-29 January 2005) for facilitation skills carried out by Ms Riet Nigten from Management for Development Foundation (Netherlands) with participants from Bulgaria, Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro.

Two new *Training Courses on Basic Fundraising Skills* (April and December 2005) were implemented. The second one hold in the town of Dobrich (North-East Bulgaria) was based on the remarkable experience of fr. Stoyan Stoyanov (Trinity Church in the town of Dobrich).

One *Training Course in Methodology of Teaching* for teachers from the Varna region (Varna, 29 - 31.08.2005) was organized.

Two types of *Consultations* were done during the period - thematic consultations and backstopping organizational consultations. St. Kniaz Bojan Orthodox Center for Spiritual Care for Drug Addicts (the town of Varna) received consultations on organizational development and team building.

During the reporting period the *Civil Council for Dialog between the Church and Society* was established with the moderation of Pokrov foundation and the Bulgarian Media Coalition as a unique initiative which could have an important role for the relations between the Church and society.

Thinking and acting in Balkan context: two *Exchange Visits* were organized for exchange of experience between Pokrov Foundation and Philanthropy the Charity Foundation of the Serbian Orthodox Church (May – June 2005).

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Title	Dates	Participants	Trainers/Moderators
<b>Conferences</b>			
International Conference "Practical dimensions of diaconal work"	27-29.05.2005	43	Fr. Georgi Georgiev
<b>Training Courses</b>			
Course on community work, Training of trainers	25 – 29.01.2005	9	Ms Riet Nigten
Financial Sustainability and Fund-raising Training course	3-7.04.2005	13	Ms Maria Spasova, Ms Miryana Siriyski
Training course on methodology of education in Orthodox values	29 -31.08.2005	16	Ms Maria Spasova, Ms Polina Spirova
Financial Sustainability and Fundraising Training course	27.11.-01.12.2005	13	Ms Miryana Siriyski, Ms Marieta Ganeva
<b>Workshops</b>			
Exchange youth meeting for communication and development	5-8.05.2005	29	Ms Marieta Ganeva
Media of Church-related Organisations Workshop (new)	07.09.2005	24	Ms Maria Stoykova, Ms Miryana Siriyski
Workshop on Substance Abuse Problems	23.11.2005	76	Mr Plamen Sivov, Ms Miryana Siriyski
Workshop on Community Work and Youth Participation: 1 day (new)	03.12.2005	24	Fr. Zahari Dechev, Ms Marieta Ganeva
Debate on Church and public expectations – Orthodoxy and Postmodernism	27 - 29.11.2005	36	Prof. Dimitur Popmarinov
<b>Consultations</b>			
Consultations	On-going		Mr Plamen Sivov, Ms Radoslava Lalcheva
Organizational backstopping consultations Backstopping visits	03 -05.09.2005; 25.09.2005, on-going	8	Ms Miryana Siriyski
<b>Other activities</b>			
Civic Council for Dialog between Church and Society	On-going	14	Ms Miryana Siriyski
Exchange visit to Serbia and Montenegro	May	2	Ms Miryana Siriyski, Mr Todor Karadiozov
Exchange visit to Bulgaria	June	2	Ms Jelena Pavlovich



*And they continued  
stedfastly in the  
apostles' doctrine  
and fellowship, and  
in breaking of  
bread, and in  
prayers.*

**Acts 2:42**

## parish life programme pokrov parish centre

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The Parish Centre, the largest single project of the Pokrov Foundation, has been established in 1998 in an effort to restore genuine community life in the parishes of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church. Over the years, it has become a key place for sharing, training, education, culture events and community building in the Sofia Diocese and for the church as a whole.

In late 2004 the Foundation has taken a course towards a separation of the Centre into an independent church-run organization. It has been noted that the project has resulted in a vital and capable community at the Pokrov parish which has the capacity to develop it on its own.

To achieve this goal, the Foundation has initiated the establishment of a Parish Brotherhood, which includes the most active member of the parish. The Brotherhood, acting as a non-formal organization, has suggested a Board of a newly-established Foundation, Radost (Joy), which has been set up by the Pokrov Foundation to be the administrative tool for the managing of the Parish Centre.

The process of separation has been successfully completed in August 2005 with the registration of Radost Foundation as a separate entity. In early 2006 the Pokrov Foundation has continued its relations to the Parish Centre on a contractual basis with the newly established organization. The Centre maintains its main programmatic areas:

### Church education, including:

- ⇒ Catechetical course
- ⇒ Bible course
- ⇒ Iconography (icon painting) for children and adults
- ⇒ Fresco painting
- ⇒ Eastern Church chant
- ⇒ Woodcarving
- ⇒ Kindergarten
- ⇒ Orthodox Youth City Camps
- ⇒ Meetings and Lectures

### Charitable activities

### Parish Life

### Pilgrimages

### Inter-parish cooperation

### Exhibitions and Concerts





## networking: christian internet portal

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In late 2004, the Foundation's Board has set up new priorities for the organization, resulting from the rapidly evolving social and political context in the country, mainly related to the process of EU integration.

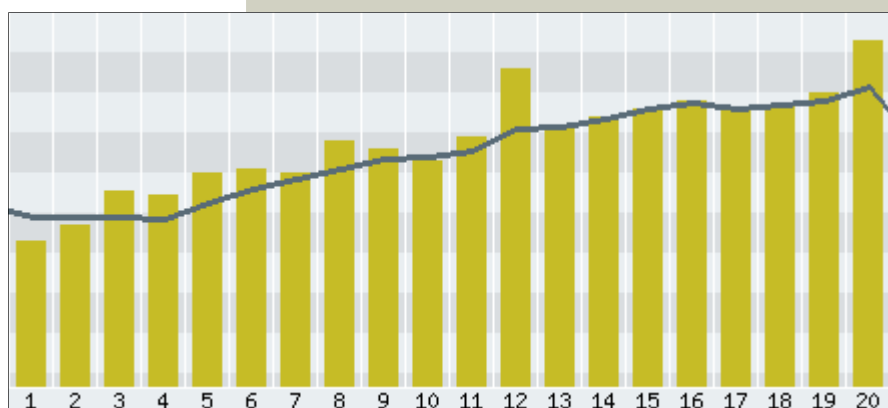
One of the new areas of Pokrov's involvement is the internet-based media. The foundation has established a web-based information portal, which will serve as an internet communication platform on issues related to the lives of religious communities in the country and their role in the integration process and in social life in general.

The portal, Pravoslavie.BG has scored a rapid growth in the months after its opening in September 2005. Currently (as of May 2006) it has over 1000 registered users, with a total of 350 000 hits and over 1000 unique daily visitors. It has become an active and respected media in the country, often quoted by information agencies as a reliable source of news and analyses.

In December 2005, only three months after its opening, the portal has been nominated in the most prestigious web contest in Bulgaria, BG Site 2005. It has ranked second in the audiences' preferences in the section "Education and Culture" and has been awarded.

The site is currently holding 2 600 publications, vast amounts of different media resources (audio, video, PDF files, images, etc.). One of the unique features of the site is the possibility to address a priest with a personal question. Over 100 such questions have been answered by priests, 88 of the answers have been published. The site maintains also a virtual shop, a wap-version (for mobile devices such as mobile phones), forum and many other services.

The site is supervised by a 15-members' Advisory Council, presided by His Eminence Neophyte of Russe (Metropolitan of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church). Members include deans of Theological Faculties, heads of publishing houses and other organizations, priests, monks and laity. The portal has become the largest and most popular religious-affiliated Bulgarian site on the net.



*Chart of the dynamics of the number of visitors to Pravoslavie.BG by week for the first 20 weeks of 2006. The last peak amounts to 5162 unique hits of the index page of the portal in the last week.*

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## diakonia programme day care centre for children with special needs

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In 2005, the Pokrov Daycare Centre has continued to provide specialized services to the children with learning disabilities, those with severe handicaps and their families, in the greater Sofia area.

### **Rehabilitated and integrated children with disabilities at the Day Centre for year 2005: 21 (twenty – one)**

Children in the Centre were divided into four groups:

- 4 (four)** recently admitted children with disabilities are integrated in three mainstream schools.
- 8 (eight)** children with disabilities receive additional support after the integration in two mainstream schools. These children were integrated last year.
- 4 (four)** children with multiple disorders. The complicated status of these children did not allow their integration in mainstream school. The treatment in the Centre aimed at teaching them basic skills and habits.
- 5 (five)** children with hyperactivity were rehabilitated in the Centre. They were individually taught.

### **Types of disabilities of the children who were rehabilitated, integrated, or assisted at the Day Centre:**

Autism – 8 (eight) | Dawn syndrome- 3 (three) | Cerebral palsy- 1 (one);  
Epilepsy – 2 (two) | Multiple disorders – 4 (four) | Microcephalia - 1 (one);  
Sensory alalia - 2 (two)

All children are with mental retardation in different severity – from mild to severe.

### **Media events**

There were several appearances in the mass media:

- *Asparuh Vassilev succeeds with many struggles and tenacity – Lechitel newspaper*

- *Presentation of Pokrov Bogorodichen Day Centre in a TV broadcast, Channel 1 – National television.*

- *Participation of Asparuh Vassilev in Slavi Show, BTV – National television.*

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### Approved projects

In 2005 a project of the Centre was funded by the Agency for People with Disabilities for inclusion of children with special needs in primary and secondary level at mainstream school. The project was to the total value of 3 000 euro.

### Contacts with mainstream schools

In 2005 the contacts with the specialists in 2 (two) mainstream schools were strengthened. Children are integrated in these schools. We signed agreements with them on joint activities and visits of disabled children started at them in accordance with a plan agreed in advance.

### Contacts with Universities – 3 (three) Universities.

We signed agreements with three Universities for practice teaching in the Centre of students in Psychology, Special pedagogy and Speech therapy. These Universities are:

St. Kliment Ohridski Sofia University, Sofia, Bulgaria;  
New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria;  
Neofit Rilski South West University, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria.

### Teaching

There were more than 900 specialized academic hours and more than 740 mainstream academic hours with 21 (twenty – one) children with special needs.

Specialized academic hours are an activity that is not provided in mainstream schools. They aim at treatment of different academic and motor difficulties during one school (academic) year – nine months. They include:

speech therapy sessions;  
psychology sessions;  
art – therapy;  
computer skills;  
rehabilitation.

Mainstream academic hours aim at achieving the minimal level of knowledge that is necessary for successful integration of children with disabilities. These are disciplines for basic skills – reading, writing, and knowledge about the environment (Homeland). They include these disciplines:

Bulgarian language;  
Maths;  
Homeland.



## pilgrimage tourism

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Since the early days of Christianity it has been preached by missionaries who traveled around the world. During the Middle Ages many believers have undertaken long journeys and have overcome many difficulties in order to reach Jerusalem in search of spiritual food and consolation.

Journey is closely related to change, both physical and spiritual. Journeys are also an opportunity for meetings between people and nations.

Pilgrimages are a search and a meeting between man and the divine. For each pilgrimage a direction and a route is needed. It is both and external, as well as a deeply internal enterprise.

The Pokrov foundation is developing a programme for pilgrimages that create unique opportunities for encounter between people of different ethnic, social and cultural backgrounds. We introduce them to the living tradition of our history and the spiritual heritage of the whole Balkan region.

**In-country pilgrimage tours** include educational programmes on concrete topics. Tours are implemented in groups of 20-30 people. Visits to active church communities, both monastic and laity, are combined with visiting of historical sites of interest. Six routes have been developed by the programme, the most popular of which are *In the Steps of St. John of Rila* and *Rock Monasteries in Bulgaria*.

**Camps** are organized in the framework of an educational programme introducing the participants to the spiritual traditions of the region. Inspiring meetings and presentations are included in the programme of the camps. *Introduction to Iconography* is by far the most successful camp, preferred by school youth and young adults.

**Pilgrimage tours abroad** are an opportunity for the participants to be exposed to the spiritual culture of other Balkan nations. At this stage, pilgrimage tours to Greece and Italy are organized, covering 3 different routes.



## mobile youth work

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The Mobile Youth Work project has started in 2004. It is aiming at specialized training for government officers (mostly of the State Agency for Child Protection), as well as for NGOs working with street children.

**The first seminar** has been held in February 2005 with 20 participants. It has covered a variety of topics related to the situation of children at risk in Bulgaria. The concept of Mobile Youth Work has been introduced by the German trainers from ISMO, the International Society for Mobile Youth Work.

**The second seminar** with a closing colloquium was held in May 2005 with 20 key activists and state officials in the field of social work with children. The advanced training in the Mobile Youth Work methodology made it possible for a new approach to be introduced in the work of the NGOs and the state in this field. The emphases of the training session have also been issues like Violence, Crime, Drug Abuse. In a special session the participants were also introduced to the foundations of church-related social work (diakonia).

According to the participants, the most valuable parts of the seminars have been the topics Orientation in the Social Domain, Quality Standards in Mobile Youth Work and Drug Abuse among Youth and Children.

All materials from the course will be translated into Bulgarian and published in a special manual. A website, [mobileyouthwork.net](http://mobileyouthwork.net) has been launched to cover the contents of the project and to establish a virtual community of all interested institutions and organizations.

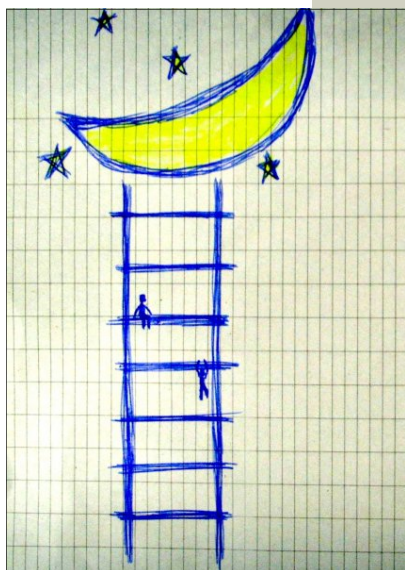


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*The Ladder project started in 2003. Nine Sofia schools were selected where the prevention programme was implemented among the students of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades.*

The work of the team was performed in small groups of 8-13 students. The main message of the project was "We don't need them" (the drugs) and that joy, fulfillment and success depend on us; they should be real and not following the use of drugs. Meetings were training-based, developing skills for conflict solving, for resisting an external (peer) pressure, for developing of personal and social competence through the acquisition of different skills for solving every-day life situations. Discussions varied from the types of social influences that lead to drug abuse to the role of the media.

The programme has developed further in 2004, organizing a series of activities with school children in Sofia public schools and developing a methodology for preventive work among young adults. In 2005, the programme has focused on involving the churches in the issue of drug prevention, through training seminars and presentations. In cooperation with a Varna-based priest, Fr. Georgi Fotakiev, who has successfully rehabilitated dozens of drug addicts, the programme will try to promote his experience in the country, by motivating and training priests and laity activists, groups and organizations to start preventive programmes in their communities.

In late 2004 the renewed team of the project has started more intensive work with Sofia secondary schools, introducing a teaching schedule that covers appr. 100 children per month. For less than 3 months, over 1000 children from 5 Sofia schools have participated in the project, coordinated and implemented by a single, highly motivated person.

In December 2005, the team has organized a national campaign "I Stand By You", aiming at raising the awareness of Bulgarian public and the institutions on the problem with drug addictions among young people. A series of events has marked this highly successful campaign, which has involved national TV channels, state institutions, the Holy Synod of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, the Presidency, etc. A social video clip has been produced and widely broadcasted during the Week Against Addictions, organized by the programme.

The project internet site "I Stand By You" ([stoiadoteb.net](http://stoiadoteb.net)) has become a forum for interaction and sharing between former drug addicts, school children and the project team in the various issues related to overcoming the different types of dependencies.

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### The goals of the programme are:

- Promoting a drug-free life style among Bulgarian school youth in the cities of Sliven and Sofia
- Challenging the young people to reflect and make choices upon the dependence between inner integrity and addiction-forming habits
- Raising a sense of personal responsibility towards young people's selves and their friends and relatives

Building a sense of acceptance of the victims of drug abuse and providing ways for their re-integration in their peers' school community

### The activities include:

Daily visits to schools in Sofia and in other cities, where children are confronted with the problem of addictions, as well as to other issues, such as corruption, terrorism, totalitarian cults, poverty and many others. In an interactive environment (for example, children in art colleges produce "social posters", which are later being used as a basis for discussion with other children), the students are involved in a provocative discussion that challenges and develops their fundamental perceptions and attitudes about values and foundations of their world view.

Over 8000 school children have been involved in the programme in 2005.



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Based on a contract between the Foundation and Veliko Turnovo University, the library is developing information services for the University students, providing specialized theological literature and access to other multimedia resources related to the subject.

The Info Centre has a full schedule, with open hours for students from 12 to 16:00 h every day. There is a continuous flow of new materials and literature, both from the central university library and from own theological-related sources. A good variety of literature has also been received as donation from organizations and individuals.



The students are actively involved in the working process. Brochures and other materials are being prepared and distributed in the Faculty of Theology and in many parishes in the region.



Every Wednesday the students meet at the Centre to discuss academic and practical matters. As a result of these meetings, a Students' Club has been formed at the Centre, where students of Iconography and Theology Departments are the active members.

The Centre organizes regular public debates and hosts meetings on issues of theological and moral importance, such as: Communion Practices, Freedom, Homosexuality as a Challenge to the Church, etc.





## pokrov info centre and bookstore: sofia

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In the autumn of 2005, the Pokrov foundation has launched a new project which is aiming to provide a common space for youth meetings and access to multi-language theological and spiritual literature. The project combines the functions of a library, information centre and a bookstore.

It started with a total of 600 book units in seven languages, periodicals from different countries, greetings cards, etc. The target audience of the centre are university students. To respond to the need for a common meeting place of the reading young public in Sofia, the Centre started to organize a variety of events: presentations of new books, public debates and discussions and thematic evenings focused on a certain writer (the first meeting was dedicated to C. S. Lewis and was organized during the official premiere of the new Narnia Chronicles movie).

The Centre has been decorated by volunteers from art schools in Sofia and is offering unique atmosphere, besides the variety of printed materials and other media (CDs, DVDs and others). More than 50 different publishers are presented in the bookstore section alone.



The Centre has also developed a system for collection and retail of used books.

All items in the Centre are available for sale also through a specialized on-line bookstore, with integrated internet payment system.

The bookstore section is open Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 18.00. In addition, the store is available for business also on Sunday mornings, in order to address the church-going audiences.



The events organized by the Centre are becoming an inter-Christian and inter-faith space for interaction, debate and discussion, where young people from different church communities are finding a much needed common ground.



## diakonia programme medical centre

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Founded in 1998, in 2005 the Centre has continued to provide home care services to 30 elderly people in vulnerable condition (abandoned by their relatives, terminally ill, handicapped). 5 Professional Home Assistants and 6 volunteers have been involved in the programme, that offers a wide range of services, ranging from routine medical procedures (medication control, monitoring) to help with personal hygiene, shopping, administrative assistance, spiritual support, etc.

### Government Support

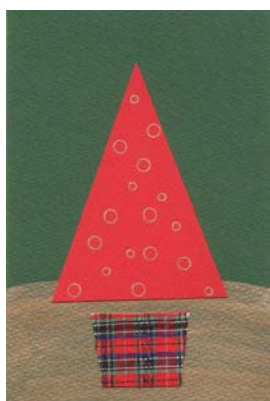
The Bulgarian State has recognized the importance and quality of the services developed by the Centre. Since 2004, the home assistants' salaries have been paid entirely through a governmental programme. Currently the governmental programme provides for the fees of 5 home assistants and their coordinator.





## creative activities with institutionalized children

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The separate specialized programme, concentrating on providing the children from two orphanages in Sofia with opportunities to earn small amounts of money for pocket expenses and acquire working habits and abilities for team work and creativity, has started in 2004. In 2005, it has expanded to cover more than 60 children in six groups, coordinated and implemented by an art teacher. Seven sessions have been held each week during the whole year.

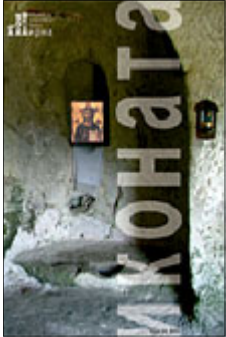
In addition to the children involved, this year the programme has allowed for different groups of disadvantaged people to participate also, such as handicapped youth, single mothers and retired persons in poor conditions. This has allowed to produce and sell more cards and to achieve practically a self-sustainability of the whole project.

300 different model cards have been developed by the teacher, on which basis over 5000 cards have been produced and sold mostly to companies for their holiday mailing campaigns. Among our clients are large international corporations represented in Bulgaria, such as KFC and others. The amounts received from the sales are distributed to the participating children and adults. The cards are available in dozens of bookstores, traditional crafts shops and other merchandise in Sofia. They can be also ordered on-line through the internet sites of Pokrov foundation.

## omophor publishing programme



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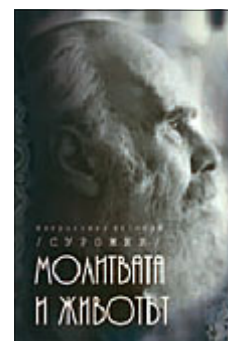
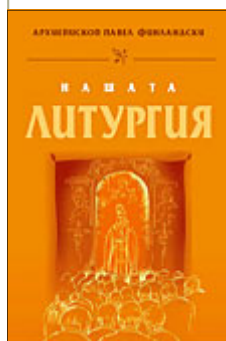
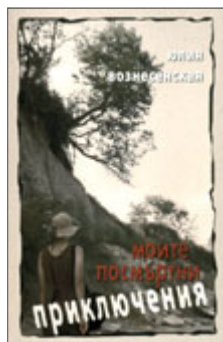
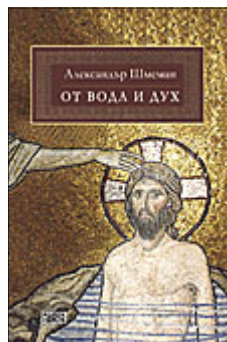
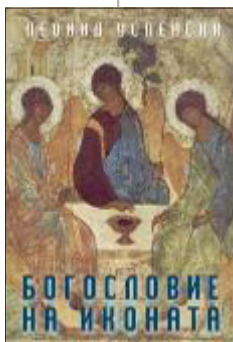


The Publishing programme of the foundation is carried out through the Omophor Publishing house, a company owned entirely by the foundation and established in 1997.

Omophor is still the only independent active Orthodox-oriented publishing house in the country. The quality of its work has increased in the last years, resulting in extensive book reviews of its publications in major national media (Culture newspaper, Literature Gazette and many others). It participates successfully in the two annual book fairs held in the National Palace of Culture. The publishing house continues the publishing of the Mirna Magazine.

Nine books have been published in 2005, including the first fiction book in Omophor's record, *My Post-mortem Adventures*. In 2005, Omophor has also started to produce second and third editions of its books, marking a long-awaited expansion of the Christian book market and registering a substantial increase in its sales.

In addition, Omophor has published a variety of promotional materials for the foundation – leaflets, brochures, calendars, posters, reports, etc.



## auditor's statement

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## AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO  
POKROV FOUNDATION

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of the Pokrov Foundation as of December 31, 2005, and the related statements of income, cash flows, shareholders' equity and notes for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Pokrov Foundation's management. Our responsibility is to express opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Pokrov Foundation as of December 31, 2005, and of the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with National Standards on Financial Reporting for Small and Medium Enterprises.

The accompanying Annual Program Report of Pokrov Foundation as December 31, 2005, is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statement taken as a whole.

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## income and expenditure statement

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Description	amoung	Description	amount
<b>A. income</b>		<b>B. expenditure</b>	
<b>Programme income</b>		<b>Programme expenditure</b>	
Diakonisches Werk	336 162,19	Development Programme	18 216,60
Kerkinactie	228 816,46	Diakonia Programme, incl. emergency	408 622,76
Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst e.V.	70 575,04	Parish Life Programme	38 899,40
World Council of Churches	9 828,04	Publishing Programme	50 020,17
State Programme "Retirement Support"	10 321,90	Training Programme	160 430,40
CCS Ltd.	4 000,00	Pravoslavie.BG Programme	46 989,95
Agency for Disabled People	4 469,31		
MCIC	4 140,85		
<b>other income</b>		<i>currency re-evaluation,</i>	
Balance of 2004	113 527,31	<i>bank fees</i>	2 306,39
Fees for services	18 754,35		
Bank interest, currency re-evaluation	1 908,51	<i>administrative expenses</i>	50 758,36
other income	15 747,16		
<b>TOTAL income</b>	<b>818 251,12</b>	<b>TOTAL expenditure</b>	<b>776 244,03</b>
		<b>programme balance</b>	<b>42 007,09</b>
<i>all items in BGN</i>		bank and cash at hand	39 214,35
<i>Exchange rate: 1 EUR = 1.95583 BGN</i>		staff advances	2 792,74
<i>1 USD = 1.65790 BGN</i>		total	42 007,09

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<b>I. Development Programme</b>	
<b>1. pilgrimage tourism</b>	
<b>1.1. income</b>	
- balance from 2004 ED/DW	3 255,79
- DW	10 000,00
- ED	5 000,00
<b>total income</b>	<b>18 255,79</b>
<b>1.2. expenditure</b>	
- fees and salaries	7 461,90
- transport expenses	3 729,62
- insurances	292,71
- mobile communication	437,75
- board and lodging	4 941,94
- materials for icon-painting courses	731,06
- other expenses	621,62
<b>total expenditure</b>	<b>18 216,60</b>
<b>project balance</b>	<b>39,19</b>
<b>total programme income</b>	<b>18 255,79</b>
<b>total programme expenditure</b>	<b>18 216,60</b>
<b>programme balance</b>	<b>39,19</b>
<b>II. Diakonia programme</b>	
<b>1. Pokrov Medical centre</b>	
<b>1.1. income</b>	
- balance from 2004 (Home Care and Ladder Programme)	923,10
- ED funding	16 000,00
- DW funding	42 332,18
- state subsidy	10 321,90
<b>total project income</b>	<b>69 577,18</b>
<b>1.2. expenditure</b>	
- fees, salaries and social insurance	28 892,15
- bus passes, transport of patients	1 950,00
- dental services	4 353,59
- office supplies	165,38
- communication	961,98
- water, electricity	1 027,12
- home care expenses	4 519,62
- equipment	842,91
- expenses of the Ladder programme (drug addiction prevention)	25 264,36
- other expenses	886,12
<b>total project expenditure</b>	<b>68 863,23</b>
<b>project balance</b>	<b>713,95</b>



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<b>2. information and library centre: Turnovo University</b>	
<b>2.1. income</b>	
- DW	4 550,00
- ED	4 000,00
<b>total project income</b>	<b>8 550,00</b>
<b>2.2. project expenditure</b>	<b>8 469,03</b>
<b>project balance</b>	<b>80,97</b>
<b>3. diakonia fund</b>	
<b>3.1. proejct income</b>	
- DW	773,20
<b>total project income</b>	<b>773,20</b>
<b>3.2. project expenditure</b>	
payment towards project DF2004/01	173,20
funding of a camp for disadvantaged children, Pazardzhik	600,00
<b>total project expenditure</b>	<b>773,20</b>
<b>project balance</b>	<b>0,00</b>
<b>4. volunteers initiative</b>	
<b>4.1. proejct income</b>	
- balance from 2004	738,55
- DW	17 017,14
- Kerkinactie	8 823,05
- income from post card sales	812,76
<b>total proejct income</b>	<b>27 391,50</b>
<b>4.2. expenditure</b>	
Volunteers initiative expenditure	13 868,45
Post cards production expenditure	13 227,41
<b>total project expenditure</b>	<b>27 095,86</b>
<b>project balance</b>	<b>295,64</b>
<b>5. daycare centre for disabled children</b>	
<b>5.1. project income</b>	
- balance of 2004	-22 505,44
- DW	78 180,39
- Kerkinactie	20 000,00
- CCS Ltd	4 000,00
- Agency for Disabled people	4 469,31
- private donations and fees for services	2 700,00
<b>total project income</b>	<b>86 844,26</b>
<b>5.2. proejct expendtiure</b>	
fees and salaries	49 120,19
staff training, security assessment	420,00
office supplies and educational materials	1 881,36
transport expenditures	2 571,72
internet, telephone, electricity, water	5 617,64
renovation of facility (adaptation of a premise for a gym)	18 438,79
equipment	1 774,66
taxes on the property	981,65
sanitary materials and medications	212,70
fees for architectural adaptation	146,00
toys and birthday presents	227,98
meals	194,99
<b>total project expendtiure</b>	<b>81 587,68</b>
<b>proejct balance</b>	<b>5 256,58</b>

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<b>6. Humanitarian assistance</b>	
<b>6.1. project income</b>	
- balance from 2004	3 052,76
- Kerkinactie (BG Floods Summer '05)	78 233,20
<b>total project income</b>	<b>81 285,96</b>
<b>4.2. project expenditure</b>	
small-scale individual support	844,20
<b>BG Floods Summer '05 expenditure: total, incl.</b>	<b>73 624,70</b>
equipment	40 743,43
sanitary materials	7 532,14
food	5 968,79
mineral water	459,00
rent truck	354,00
fuel	2 101,58
transport expenses (other)	1 244,65
transport expenses (tickets)	145,00
humanitarian assistance project: Floods in Russe: contract	6 265,00
dayly allowances	356,25
other expenses	438,04
office supplies	7,49
staff fees	5 887,10
communication	1 434,10
other fees and social allowances	688,13
<b>total project expenditure</b>	<b>74 468,90</b>
<b>project balance</b>	<b>6 817,06</b>
<b>7. camping and recreational facility: renovation and adaptation</b>	
<b>7.1. proeject income</b>	
- balance from 2004	23 793,55
- DW	75 288,00
- Kerkinactie	37 000,00
- income from pilgrimage tourism fees	12 011,19
<b>total project income</b>	<b>148 092,74</b>
<b>7.2. project expenditure</b>	
building investment	144 384,14
investment control	1 807,68
fees on the property	259,11
other related expenditure	913,93
<b>total project expenditure</b>	<b>147 364,86</b>
<b>proeject balance</b>	<b>727,88</b>

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<b>III. Parish Life Programme: Pokrov Parish Centre</b>	
<b>1.1. project income</b>	
- balance from 2004	278,59
- Kerkinactie	15 000,00
- DW	21 630,51
- other income	1 990,30
<b>total project income</b>	<b>38 899,40</b>
<b>1.2. expenditure</b>	
<b>education, diakonia, parish life</b>	<b>11 143,29</b>
<b>administrative expenses, total, incl.</b>	<b>27 756,11</b>
fees: coordinator, assistant, hygiene	12 696,44
social insurances	4 484,37
electricity	2 285,49
communication	3 497,96
internet	451,17
transportation	695,44
equipment and investment	1 475,23
maintainance	1 464,43
registration of the Radost foundation	587,94
other expenses	117,64
<b>total project expenditure</b>	<b>38 899,40</b>
<b>project balance</b>	<b>0,00</b>
<b>IV. Training Programme</b>	
<b>1. ecumenical networking</b>	
<b>1.1. project income</b>	
- balance from 2004	3 835,32
<b>total project income</b>	<b>3 835,32</b>
<b>1.2. project expenditure</b>	<b>3 120,55</b>
<b>proejct balance</b>	<b>714,77</b>
<b>2. staff training</b>	
<b>2.1. project income</b>	
- balance from 2004	210,63
- WCC: scholarship for Dr. Svilen Toutekov	1 466,87
<b>total project income</b>	<b>1 677,50</b>
<b>2.2. proejct expenditure</b>	<b>1 646,87</b>
<b>project balance</b>	<b>30,63</b>
<b>3. training for development</b>	
<b>3.1. project income</b>	
- balance from 2004	53 499,63
- Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst e.V. (EED)	70 575,04
- MCIC, Macedonia	4 140,85
- income from course fees and travel reimbursements	437,00
<b>total project income</b>	<b>128 652,52</b>
<b>3.2. project expenditure</b>	
<b>direct expenditures for seminars, workshops and conferences</b>	
training courses	12 656,36
seminars	11 681,40
conferences	10 152,12
consultancy	5 946,29
training of trainers	15 410,09
other expenses (incl. audit, publications, administration, resource materials)	70 846,89
<b>total project expenditure</b>	<b>111 316,47</b>
<b>project balance</b>	<b>17 336,05</b>

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<b>4. Balkan Travel Logs Project</b>	
<b>4.1. Income</b>	
- transfer from 2004	12 799,80
- ED	3 896,01
<b>total income</b>	<b>16 695,81</b>
<b>4.2. Expenditure</b>	
<b>total project expenditure</b>	<b>16 297,61</b>
<b>project balance</b>	<b>398,20</b>
<b>5. Mobile Youth Work Project</b>	
<b>5.1. income</b>	
- transfer from 2004	30 791,85
<b>total income</b>	<b>30 791,85</b>
<b>5.2. expenditure</b>	<b>28 048,90</b>
<b>project balance</b>	<b>2 742,95</b>
<b>Total Programme Income</b>	<b>181 653,00</b>
<b>Total Programme Expenditure</b>	<b>160 430,40</b>
<b>Programme Balance</b>	<b>21 222,60</b>
<b>V. Publishing Programme</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
- transfer from 2004	1 965,97
- DW	31 064,44
- ED	17 364,20
<b>total programme income</b>	<b>50 394,61</b>
<b>total programme expenditure</b>	<b>50 020,17</b>
<b>programme balance</b>	<b>374,44</b>
<b>VI. Orthodoxy Bulgaria Platform Project</b>	
<b>Programme Income</b>	
- DW	31 000,00
- ED	10 000,00
- EWSF	8 361,17
<b>total income</b>	<b>49 361,17</b>
<b>expenditure</b>	
domain registration	155,00
renovation and materials	15 217,81
investments and equipment	10 370,80
internet costs, server installation and maintainance	2 286,58
design and advertising	1 530,58
fees	10 350,30
editors, translators: honorariums	2 151,04
social insurances	3 380,21
electricity and phone land lines	1 152,19
other expenses	395,44
<b>total expenditure</b>	<b>46 989,95</b>
<b>programme balance</b>	<b>2 371,22</b>

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<b>VII. Administration</b>	
<b>income</b>	
- transfer from 2004	887,21
- DW	24 326,33
- ED	13 500,00
- sales of equipment and travel reimbursements	16 550,26
- interests from bank deposits and currency re-evaluation	1 908,51
<b>total income</b>	<b>57 172,31</b>
<b>expenditure</b>	
- fees for personnel	50 758,36
- bank fees and currency re-evaluation	2 306,39
<b>total expenditure</b>	<b>53 064,75</b>
<b>programme balance</b>	<b>4 107,56</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>818 251,12</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>776 244,03</b>
<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>42 007,09</b>
<b>CASH AT HAND</b>	<b>42 007,09</b>
<b>incl.</b>	
<b>bank deposits and cash</b>	<b>39 214,35</b>
<b>staff advances</b>	<b>2 792,74</b>

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**The Pokrov Church in Sofia**

## About us

The **Pokrov Foundation** has been established in 1994 in Sofia by a group of Bulgarian Orthodox youth. The Foundation was registered in 1996 as a non-profit organization under Bulgarian law, with the goal to serve the mission of the Orthodox Church through social work, education and publishing.

The Foundation operates within four main programmes: Parish Life, Diakonia, Training,

Publishing. Its main social projects are: Medical centre for Home Care services, Day Care Centre for Children with Learning Disabilities, Parish Centre for Social Programmes, the Omophor Publishing House, the Ladder Project for Drug Dependency Prevention and the Volunteers' Initiative.

The Foundation employs 30 people full-time. 20 persons are working part-time, and about 60 volunteers

participate in the different projects.

It is a member and partner of a number of international organizations and networks, among which are SYNDESMOS (World Fellowship of Orthodox Youth), BOYA (Balkan Orthodox Youth Association), SEEPP (South-East European Ecumenical Partnership), APRODEV, ACT, etc.