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Trinity Grad In Bosnia As Part Of Mission Work

Mair



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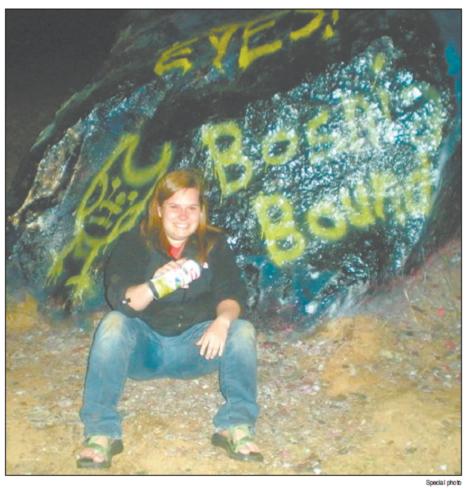
When Dublin native Katie Mair told people she was going to Bosnia for a year, the common response was, "Where is that?"

Her eyes light up as she says, "Eastern Europe" and continues to tell about her mission work there.

Katie Mair, 22, is a 2007 graduate of Trinity Christian School, and has recently graduated from Kennesaw State University with a degree in psychology.

On August 9, Mair left Dublin to begin a yearlong journey of mission work in Bosnia, first stopping in Chicago to meet her fellow team members at Cru, a ministry formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ. After training and teambuilding, Mair and her fellow teammates will leave for Sarajevo, the capital city of Bosnia.

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Mair stands in front of a rock noting her trip to Bosnia.

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home, but it's going to be fun. I'm really exciting about it," expressed Mair excitedly.

While in Sarajevo, she will be working with her team on the University of Sarajevo campus holding meetings, connecting with the students and developing personal relationships with them, in order to create a platform to share the Gospel.

"Bosnia has four and a half million people, but there are only about 500 Christians," ex-

plained Mair. "Most of the population is Muslim... So it's all about sharing the relationship of Christ with the students."

This upcoming trip will be Mair's second time in Bosnia. Her first visit, which was only six weeks in 2008, left her hungry for more

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"I really fell in love with the culture and the people...It's a group dying without the Gospel, and it breaks my heart. And I told the Lord back in 2008 that if He opened the door for me to go back, I would."

So three years later, Mair is packing up her belongings and preparing for her year in Bosnia, expecting the Lord to do great things.

While in Bosnia, she will be blogging about her experience so those at home can follow her throughout the year. The blog address is

katiemair.wordpress.com. The Courier Herald is also partnering with Mair to publish some of her blogs in the newspaper, so keep an eye out for those.