

# Earth Caravan Balkan March 2019

Tao shiatsu introductory workshop in Petrovac na Mlavi (Serbia) and Srebrenica (Bosnia)



## Petrovac na Mlavi -

On 12th of March Rob, Miwa, Chitose, Alice, Magali, head to Petrovac to give 3 days afternoon workshop and to make contact and preparations for the street festival in June.



Iva, the teacher at the school is our main contact, and neither she could tell us who will come and how many, later on it was discovered that the number is not important.

Every day new people were coming, between them 3 girls 6 years old. They were following and took part in the workshop so everyone could reflect to himself what is to be a student. This was a great gift.

We hadn't got the feedback for now, a month later, but in the workshop they were sharing that this opportunity to listen with the heart to others moved them very much.

For preparation for the festival we found many new contacts all of them were happy to be involved.

Iva is running an association for abandoned dogs and cats, this is a urgent problem in the Balkan.

Easy to see tens of dogs in a groups along the roads and in the city. The festival will be as well to help her with this issue.

We contacted the chess club wishing they will be part of the Chatranga boost in the festival and later on.

Positive contacts with the tourist office, Mayor's office and the high school Mladost in Petrovac.

We left Petrovac after 3 nights with warm feelings that we touched other people's hearts as Iva wrote to us: *"how lucky I feel to have met you all and how much I love what you do and support the changes you are trying and succeeding to make in people's hearts and all around the world"*





\*Local TV will make a documentary about Earth Caravan and tao shiatsu.



## Srebrenica -

It was a 5 hours drive to Bosnia, crossing the border on the Drina river, we arrived late at night.

Irvin the contact guy waiting at Munavera's house to feed us

Srebrenica is now almost an abandoned city, it used to have 7000 inhabitants before the war, now it's less than 1000, in winter time only maybe 5-600

Many open wounds are still bleeding. Irvin was 6 years when his father and uncle were killed, and the family fled to Italy, 10 years later he came back for the first time. Later, with the age of 26, he initiated an organization called "City of hope".

For the next day workshop 3 people arrived: Irvin, Mevlida (a woman we met in the supermarket by chance in our previous visit 2018 and she run a women organization to protect their rights and to support them. She is a great lady and she brought another student. After workshop Irvin said now I can see your motivation. Irvin's motivation is to get unified with the essence of life, he put a lot of efforts and looking for people to join him.

This visit gave us more understanding what he wish for, and how to follow.

I wish that with this communication we can make very deep interfaith ....., Irvin is Muslim from people that were converted by Turkish empire and originally they were Bogomil , and he wish to revive their culture.

A lot of efforts now been doing to continue make the festivals come true as great experience of Joy for all. It was great to act and share as Sangha. most of our pains along the way disappear with some tsubos that were taking care sure with Tao-shiatsu. Let's the picture tells the rest!

