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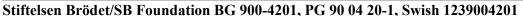
In 2014, SB Foundation began to support Maria and Thomas Rosengren's organization *Hand till Hand* (Hand to Hand) in a Roma school in the town of Bitola in former Macedonia (now renamed the Republic of North Macedonia). The school has approximately 450 students. The interventions have been certain renovations, breakfasts for the younger grades, and health projects. A few months ago, we were asked if we also could finance a project to supply the students in fourth grade with reading tablets. The tablets will be blocked for computer games, TikTok, and similar activities, and only used during classroom time. Many students in North Macedonia are starting the year without textbooks.ⁱ With the help of tablets the teachers can, for example during a biology lesson, show images of different fauna and flora and in geography which countries border each other, as well as the names and locations of cities, rivers, mountains, etc. The project received much attention and the town's local online newspaper, *Bitola News* wrote a long article with lots of photos showing Lena Åkerlund and Maria Rosengren distributing the tablets to the students.



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Mother Theresa has said: *To bear fruit our lives must be suffused by Christ* Greetings from SB Foundations via us on the Board, *Arne, Elisabeth, Gloria, Lena, Roger.*



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