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**GCCM UPDATE**

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I want to wish all the mothers out there a Happy Mother's Day. This day has always been special for me. Not only for the obvious, my mother, my wife, my oldest daughter and my daughter-in-law who are all mothers but it was 43 years ago that I started in full time ministry and it was a few years before that, that God called me into full time ministry. It has been quite a ride but God isn't finished with me yet. I'm looking forward to the next season of ministry. (I started this on Mother's Day but just finishing it up today)

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"You are invited to our 20th Anniversary Celebrations in Albania"

It has almost been 3 months since our last Newsletter and it is just over 3 months till our 20th Anniversary Celebrations in Albania to which you are invited to come and rejoice with us over what God has done and is doing in Albania. The dates are **August 18th - 21st** and we are asking people to confirm their attendance by June 1st so we can make arrangements for accommodations and the banquet. We have lots planned, a Water Baptism in the Adriatic, a bonfire with a meal there, a tour of the facilities, lots of pictures and some great worship to mention a few.

**W**e feel so bad for the people up in Fort McMurray who have lost everything. There are at least 2400 homes that were burnt and stories coming out of people who didn't have insurance and have lost everything. If you haven't given through another organization you can give through GCCM and it will be matched 4 to 1. If you give \$1 it will multiply to \$4 to help those who are suffering. I also want to encourage you if you don't have insurance or even a will for that matter please look into it. If you are in Alberta or BC, you can contact me direct and I will be able to help you.

Also, if any of you would like to give to God's work in Albania and around the World, and leave a legacy that will carry on for years beyond your own life time you can give to GCCM through "[Life Insurance](#)", "[Investments & Securities](#)", and "[Wills etc.](#)" To find out how this could be of a tax benefit for you please contact us for more information.

**Web Page**

There has been a problem with our hosting company that hosts our web page. Everything has been lost and so we are starting the process of re-building a new one. Please have patience and I'm sure it is going to be much better once it is done.

***Remember that what you donate to GCCM and our ministry around the world, is tax deductible and goes to see lives transformed by the power of God. What you give today affects eternity.***

Thank you [James and Betty Robison and Life Outreach International](#) for your continued generous support for the ministry in Albania.

**The Power of Teams**

Over the years we have had many teams and even though they have been a great blessing to us we have heard over and over how we have been a blessing to them. Here are a couple testimonies of girls who came on a team from Pacific Academy in Surry BC.

**ALBANIA REFLECTION** I had such an incredible time here in Albania, it is definitely a trip I will never forget. Being able to be part of a culture so different from my own was such an amazing experience, and I had so much fun learning about Albanian history and language. Playing with the kids at Morning Star was so much fun, I loved seeing the smiles on their faces when we sang songs and played with balloon animals. I specifically remember Friday worship night. Seeing how passionate everyone was, whether they were leading worship on stage or participating in worship in their seats, set such a great example for me to follow. Over here in Canada, I feel as if many of us are holding back during worship, as if there is some sort of embarrassment associated with openly worshipping God with our hands in the air. Sometimes I feel as if people will judge me if I sang loudly and lifted my hands in worship. But here in Albania, everybody was so open about their faith, they were in no way embarrassed to show their love for God. Even with our language barriers, I felt such a strong sense of unity in the church- I felt so comfortable with worshipping in front of my peers, I felt like I belonged here. It was so evident that the Holy Spirit was dwelling in the room. By living at the church apartment for almost 2 weeks, I noticed how strong the relationships between everyone at the church was. It was so nice to see people delight in each other's company, and made me start appreciating the relationships I had in my own life, and the importance of a genuine friendship. I learned so much here in Albania, the people I've met set such an amazing example as to what carrying out our faith in everyday life should look like. My experience in Albania will always have a place in my heart. **Natasha Chan**



**How Outreach Impacted Me - By Molly Peters** When I heard that I was going to Albania, I was so excited, and thought about all the ways that I would try to help people and teach them about Christ. What I didn't expect, though, was to be changed by the people of Albania so much. The absolute love that I witnessed everyday from the people was breathtaking, and the generosity that I experienced surpassed anything that I had ever seen. One of the experiences that really highlighted my trip was on the worship night. We all gathered in the church, and praised and glorified God for 2 hours, all in different languages, yet all worshipping God with everything. Although there was French, Albanian, English, and probably other languages all spoken simultaneously, we were all praising with the same message, just through different ways and words. The Holy Spirit was so evident. My Outreach Trip to Albania this spring break was incredible. Coming back to Canada and sharing about all my experiences to everyone I knew was so fun, but at the same time I felt a pang of pain; I miss it all so much. The people, the country, the Church, and everything else, were unforgettable. I can say with confidence that my short time in Albania was truly life changing.

**Vision Trip**

I would like to say how much we appreciate Brian Lise our Director of Advancement. He has helped in so many ways. As we mentioned prior he was planning on taking a Vision Trip to Europe in April. This has now been moved to November and his plan is to visit our work in Albania, Romania and go into Hungary. If you would like to go with him and make a holiday of it please let us know.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- We are in desperate need of a bigger newer van to transport Children. Please pray for God's provision. We thank those who have given so far as we have raised about 1/3 of what we need.
- Pray for all our Leadership team, our workers and our missionaries that God would protect them, give them wisdom and supply all of their needs.
- Pray for the people who have been displaced by the fires in Northern Alberta.
- Pray for those planning the Anniversary Celebrations that God would supply and give them favour.

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### Seafarers Ministry

We do try and focus on all our various ministries from time to time as they all need financial support and prayers. So today we want to share a couple stories of our Seafarers ministry. They too need your support.



Our Welfare Officer explains that *"this is a family from India. The mother and the kids visited the ship where her husband works to spend more time together as a family..as her husband has been all the time in the sea. We invited them for supper and spend some time with them and their children. Simply showed love of Jesus and respect them. They appreciated a lot.*

*Other story is when a seaman celebrated his birthday at seafarers..we bought him a cake..its all about showing the love of Jesus in practice...they feel lonely, sad, miss family..sick..tired..etc..when we visit ..help..they feel good about this special love that comes from God..for them..people forgotten in the sea.."*

He finishes by saying, *"Better..they say that seamen club is a second home for them."*

### COME, GIVE, PRAY

*that they might have life!*

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