



GCCM UPDATE  
June 15, 2016

Father's Day is just around the corner. I well remember my first one and the joy that was in my heart. Two of my children had birthdays this past week - Happy Birthday Krystal and Christopher, and one had her Grad from Grade 9 - Congratulations Kimberley. My baby is growing up. Jonathan's big 40 is in August. I'm reminded about our Heavenly Father and how much He loves us and cares for us. "We love Him because He first loved us." God is the best Father we could ever have. He is the perfect example for us to follow.

"Thank you for all who have given to our New Van."

As we have talked about the last few months our 20th Anniversary as a church and ministry in Albania is quickly coming upon us. A number of friends are going to be joining with us and we look forward to seeing them and looking back over the last two decades of what God has done.



Some of the events will be a bonfire at the beach with testimonies and food, and a Water Baptismal service, along with all the other activities. Hosting this event is going to be costing us quite a bit above our regular budget. We are looking for 100 people to give an extra \$200.00 each towards the expenses of our anniversary celebrations.

#### Answered Prayer

As I mentioned last month, we were about 1/3 of the way to our goal to get a new vehicle. Since then we found a good but less expensive van and some gave a little extra so we were able to get our first van for 1/2 the price that we thought. We want to thank all those who have given towards our first vehicle. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.**



Our new vehicle with our 3 main drivers.

We also want to thank those who gave for the people in Fort McMurray who have lost everything in the fire. As a result of your giving close to \$5,000 went into the fund to help out.

**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.**

Now, 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.

Thank you **James and Betty Robison and Life Outreach International** for your continued generous support for the ministry in Albania. Through the many changes in the economy you have been faithful and we appreciate it.

#### World Race Team

We are happy to again have a World Race Team with us for a month. This team is different in that it is all males. They are going to be helping with the camps and they are also helping with the physical upgrade of

our building.



World Race team working on all the outside metal railings, scraping and painting.

#### Camp Time

It is already Camp Time again. How the seasons fly by. Each year we provide a camp for our children and teens. During these times people's lives are transformed and all of heaven rejoices. Remember when you had the opportunity to go to camp. Some of the most precious spiritual memories (and others) I hold dear are those that I experienced at camp. In order to cover the costs and defray the expenses of these camps we need help from you. The World Race team that is with us this month are going to help with the camps. If you would like to be a part of the spiritual growth of these Albanians through Summer Camps please let us know as soon as possible.

#### Vision Trip in November

Brian Lise our Director of Advancement is taking a Vision Trip to Europe in November. His plan is to visit our work in Albania, Romania and also to go into Hungary. If you would like to go with him and make a holiday of it please let us know.

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#### Ways to Give

As a reminder of the ways you can give, I thought I would list them here. This list is going to expand once we finish rebuilding our web site but for now please use one of these methods.

- Pre-Authorized Chequing
- Electronic Transfer by email
- Visa, Master Card, American Express, and the Discovery Card network including the Diner's Club.  
(contact us)
- PayPal in US funds
- Regular Chequing
- Cash if you are meeting us in person



Some of the Grads in their traditional Albanian dress.

36 Children Graduated from our **CHILDREN'S BIBLE SCHOOLS** this June and are now going into Grade 1. Please pray for them that they don't lose the Christian training they have received and they will be lights for Jesus as they continue their education in a dark world. Over the years we have heard great testimonies of the level of their education and their Christian influence as they go into the Public school systems. Remember many of these children come from Muslim or atheistic homes.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Let's thank the Lord for helping to provide for our new van.
- Pray for our camps this summer, that God would supply all our needs and that many lives would be transformed by the power of God.
- Pray for our Anniversary Celebrations and for God's provision for all who are travelling to it. Pray for an effective and spiritual time. Pray for those who are planning.

**UPDATE** - The restaurant where we booked for the banquet just gave the space to someone else where they could get more money. Only in Albania.

- 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 that the right people go on our Vision Trip in November.

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#### Youth Ministry

The following is from one of the young ladies who is on our Leadership Team. Suada says,

*"During the month of April the theme for the youth has been "Go to the next level". Keeping in mind that the vision of the church for this year is Action, our goal is to motivate each of youth to take action in family, society, church, and community. The youth have been involved in the meetings in leading, games, worship, and in testimonies.*



*Some of the boys meeting and playing in the youth area*

*"They also have practical time once a month. The younger group (12 - 17 years old) have cleaned the church in Spitalle. Even though it was tiring, it has been a time where they have been challenged but they have also had fun while working, and they have gotten to know each other better. The older group (above 17 years old) have been visiting the families in need of the church blessing them with food, sharing with them a message, and praying for them. When they have finished they have come back with tears in their eyes and they have been touched and they have said that they have not been appreciating the things they have. They have even come asking how can they bless such families.*

*"It is so gracious of God for me to be part of the team that works with the youth. My heart breaks when I listen to 13 years olds share how their life has changed. One of our latest joys is Megi, 14 years old. She has been coming to the youth meeting for only a few months. She is coming to church as well being a testimony to her family and to her friends, and this way she is taking action.*

*"We pray that more youth will be joining the kingdom of God. Our dream is to have a multifunctional center for the youth in the future. Seeing that most of our youth come from families with problems we would like to work with the families, to have a team that works with the pre-teens, with the high schools, and to have different classes to teach music and languages."*

### COME, GIVE, PRAY

*that they might have life!*

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