



GCCM UPDATE
September 5, 2016

My how time flies. I trust you have all had a great summer and are now ready to get back into the fall routines of work, school and/or yard work. We had a full summer and we are thankful to the Lord for being with us, protecting us and supplying all our needs.

8 more people followed the Lord and were obedient and were Baptized in water.

Many big things happened this summer. Two of them were that my oldest son, Jonathan, turned 40 and our work in Albania celebrated our 20th Anniversary of the start of our churches there.

Our family had the privilege of returning for the first time as a family since we had to so quickly leave our place of ministry there because of the threats. Even though we were careful about forming any routine of our goings in and out we had a wonderful time visiting friends, renewing relationships, meeting new people, celebrating what God has done and also being able to go on a short holiday to a beautiful part of Albania that we had never seen. It was great to be able to be back.

The Leadership team, staff, and volunteers did a wonderful job of planning, preparing, and putting on 4 days of fantastic celebrations. Our Albanian family were joined by people from 8 different countries and 11 different churches from those countries as well as people from across Albania. I will post throughout this newsletter various pictures from the time of celebrations.



8 more people baptized in water during the 20th Anniversary Celebrations.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

As you who have children know, one of the greatest expenses as we move into September is that of school supplies. There is no difference in Albania but there are many children who don't go because they can't afford them or it becomes a real hardship for the families to get them ready. If you would like to help families get ready for their children to go to school please let us know. We would like to raise \$30 each for at least 50 children. Some cost more but this would give us a good start.

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.

A big thank you to all who were faithful in your giving over the summer. Summer is usually a very low time of giving and although it was down, it wasn't as bad as other summers. Thank you also to **James and Betty Robison and Life Outreach International** who have continued to generously support our ministry in Albania. It is too bad more of you couldn't have come over and rejoiced in what the Lord has done these past 20 year. May God richly bless you and continue to use you to reach out and touch the many lives you do around the world.

Going off to Bible SCHOOL

God has provided for two of our young men - one who was baptized in water last fall and the other was baptized this last month, to go to Bible school. Please pray for them that God would enable them to do the work and if this is God's call on their life that they would be obedient and He would supply all their needs.

More and more people are talking to me about how to give long term to the work of God in Albania and around the World through GCCM. Many are getting up in years and want to leave a legacy that will carry on for years beyond your own life time. You can give

millions 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.

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Missionary News

Our two missionaries were also with us during the celebrations. God has provided another apartment for our first missionary but at triple the cost. Please pray that God would provide all her needs. She tells us that because of the situation in the country and persecution of the church, that she and people pray before they go into the church for forgiveness of sins and get their hearts prepared in case they are killed during the service. What sacrifice!

We want to congratulate our 2nd missionary who is expanding her reach as she was engaged to a nice young man from Ireland. Pray for Xhoana and Christopher (not ours) that God would bless them and continue to use them in their field of ministry.



Team Evangel, Calgary Canada came & were there for our celebrations. Working with the Autistic centre.



House visits by the team



Children's Program put on by team



Children doing crafts during the Program

Vision Trip in November

We would love to have you join our Director of Advancement, Brian Lise as he takes a trip to visit our work in Albania, Romania and then into Hungary. If you would like to go with him and make a holiday of it please let us know and he will be in touch with you.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for a poor family from the church in Albania. Just a few days after we left their 15 year old son was killed as the cables on an elevator broke which he was on it at workplace. He died in his mother's arms.
- Thank you for praying for all the activities this summer. God gave us a wonderful time.
- 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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Pictures of Anniversary



Banner outside the church



1 of 4 Cakes so everyone could have a taste



Thursday evenings "Remembering" no pictures of the food table Friday Bonfire, BBQ after Water Baptism



Saturday Banquet 4 course meal



Traditional Dancing during the banquet



Those who attended the Banquet



Sunday morning Service



In the Courtyard after the service



Sunday Morning after the service

COME, GIVE, PRAY

that they might have life!

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