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## **GCCM UPDATE**

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Christmas is just around the corner. I'm sure like most people you are busy with concerts, Christmas programs and parties and getting ready for that big day when we remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amidst all the hustle and buying of gifts etc. please don't forget those less fortunate than you in Albania.

### **"What are you going to do with Jesus this season?"**

In Albania they too are decorating and getting ready for the season, but there is so much more we would like to do. I know the economic situation for many is not good, especially here in our part of the country but if you could spare a small gift for the children of Albania it would be so much appreciated.



Decorating the church for Christmas

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**W**e want to take this opportunity to thank James and Betty Robinson and "Life Outreach International" who have supplied shoes for the children in our programs and those associated with us. If it wasn't for the consistency of LOI's giving throughout the years we would have not been able to continue. We also want to thank all those who have been FAITHFULLY giving to, and praying for us and Albania during this past year. With many of our supporters getting older and going to be with Jesus this has been the toughest year yet. As Christmas comes and the New Year approaches we could use your extra gifts.

### **LOVE ALBANIA BANQUET**

We want to thank those who came out to the "Love Albania Banquet". I made a big mistake in not knowing that the day and time we had the banquet was the exact time that the Grey Cup was on and our Calgary Stampeders were in the game

(and won). As well two of the churches whose people usually come had their Sunday services during that time, so our attendance was cut in half. From the reports of those that were there this was our best banquet yet, except for the numbers and we want to thank those who came and gave. If you missed this event and want to give please do so before the end of the year.

**D**uring this season more than ever we are brought to the place where a decision needs to be made. Like in Jesus' day when Pilate was torn between pleasing an angry crowd and his own thoughts and tried to stay in the middle, people try and stay neutral today but are forced to make a stand. We have to answer the question, "What are you going to do with Jesus?" There are only two ways you can answer that question. You either accept Him as your personal Lord and Saviour or you reject Him. There is no, 'I'm not sure', 'I'll think about it later' or even 'I will later, but not right now'. If those are your answers then you have already rejected Christ and you won't like the implications of choosing to reject Him.

## Christmas Is For Giving

The Christmas for some of the Albanians started early this year. Meet Mbaresa who comes regularly to church and loves the Lord. Because of people's giving we were able to supply her with a motorized wheel chair. If you remember both her boys have died unexpectedly and under curious circumstances while in their 20's and 30's and this was a great help and encouragement to her.



Also we were able to give many of the children and seniors food bags again this Christmas. Thank you for your giving so others could be blessed.

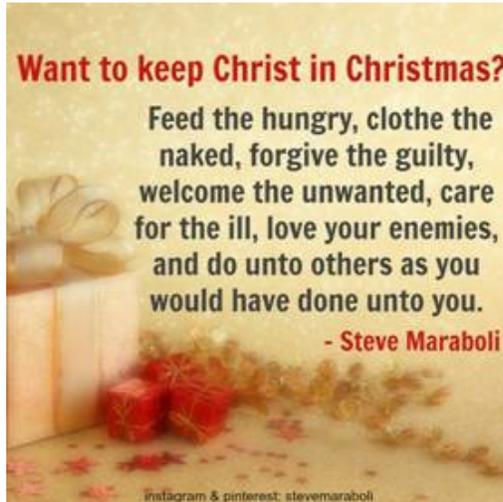


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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Continue to pray for our first missionary who has been there for 9 years who we heard from at our Banquet. If you would like to see her video please ask and I'll send it to you by email.
- Pray that God would supply for the Air Conditioners/Heaters that are so needed in Albania and more to come in for the awning.
- Pray for the finances of the ministry. We need people to give to the General Fund as well as the various projects.
- Pray that the people in Albania would have a fantastic Christmas this year and that Jesus would make himself real to each of them.
- Pray that more churches would open up for me to come and share about the ministry in Albania. If you would like for me to come to your church contact your pastor and myself and we will see if it can be arranged.
- Brikena is now in England attending a Theological College and is needing some support. Pray for her and if you would like to help sponsor her earmark it "National Student"

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“He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.”  
— Roy L. Smith

“And in despair I bowed my head;  
"There is no peace on earth," I said;  
"For hate is strong,  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep!  
The Wrong shall fail,  
the Right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"  
— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*Come, give, pray  
that they might have life!*

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