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GCCM UPDATE

July 6, 2017

I know it hasn't been a month since the last newsletter was sent out but we wanted to send one out before we left for England. Our missionary that has been leading the Discipleship training school is getting married and she has asked us to help in the ceremony. (please see Xhoana's comments below) Also we will be speaking about Albania in 3 churches there and sharing about the needs we have and the great things God has done over the years. We are going to take two days holiday and go visit Scotland where my paternal grandmother has her roots and the Preston castles where my maternal grandparents have their roots.

Autistic Centre needs help

We want to thank all of you who have given towards our daughter Kimberley's missions trip to Bulgaria. All her funds have been raised for which we are thankful. When we come home from England she will be traveling on to Bulgaria by herself so we ask that you pray for her safety and that God would use her there.

Camp Time

As I mentioned a few weeks ago it is camp time for the children and the youth in our church and for those outside the church who we are ministering to. Every year when we have camp, lives are transformed by the Spirit of God. We thank the one that has given so far but the camps are about to start and we need more resources so that we can make these camps more effective.

One of the teams had a 1 day camp and you can watch the **VIDEO** here, <https://www.facebook.com/QKD.DURRES/videos/784395401738117/> This was in preparation for the week camp starting on the 10th of July and then after that we have the teen camp. Please consider giving today so you can help change someone's life.

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The following is a note from one of Board of GCCM - Bob Webster about the Autism Centre followed by 2 pictures of two of the children.

Nestjan is 17 years old and has autism. He lives with his mom and two siblings in a small house with no running water on the edge of the community. They have very little money to live on but each day a driver from the mission drops by to pick Nestjan up for his day at the Autism center. The center is a bright modern apartment with a full kitchen with caring Christian staff. There are 5 other children in the autistic center who are given the love and care they need, while their parents are given the break they deserve. Raising an autistic child is challenging but in a country without government support systems it can be overwhelming. GCCM is providing this essential service. We urgently need your monthly support to keep this centre open.



Two of the children from the Autistic Centre

Team from Lifecentral Church

We want to thank the team from Lifecentral Church in England for coming to Albania this week and being such a blessing to our church. That is one of the churches I will be speaking at while in England. They kept busy ministering to the people in Albania.



Team from Lifecentral Church plus two of our staff.

The World Race team is now there for the month of July so will give a report on them in the next issue.

Thank you to all who have given so far this year and for James and Betty Robinson and "Life Outreach International" who faithfully give to our ministry in Albania. We have really struggled since January and even though many have given to special projects we are in need of people to give to the General Fund especially as we enter the summer season. We ask that you please consider sending in a special donation as soon as possible. I know many people and ministries are hurting but know we are praying for you all that God would bless you.

A New Chapter in my Life



Xhoana Bibaj is getting married in a week and here are a few words from her.

As I sit here knowing that my life will forever be changed as I get married in a few days, I'm looking back feeling grateful for how my life was blessed enriched and changed from the day i became part of Durres Christian Centre. Coming from a broken family i didnt only learn about Gods love and his blessings i got to experience it first hand. I gained a new family that always encouraged me and challenged me to grow closer to God but also live beyond the limitations around me. I'm excited that Valbona, David, Christopher and Kimberley are coming to my wedding. They became my second family during a very hard time in my life. They opened their home and their hearts making me feel safe.

I want to encourage you to support the work in Albania. By supporting the ministry you are not just providing for the physical needs of albanian children and adults you are also making it possible for there to be leadership, guidance and pastoral care. I would like to say that im a testimony of these as someone who at the age of 10 joined church without having ever heard about love and God and today at the age of 24, I have now finished 3 years of University , 3 years of Discipleship Training in England beacuse of GCCM and later blessed to lead the Discipleship School for 3 years! We would all like to change the world , giving to GCCM will definitely change someones world!

Hela who was a little girl when we first went to Albania and is now the Director of the Foundation there writes the following.



Hela and her daughter Kiora

I am part of this church and also part of the foundation in Durres. We are making a difference by working everyday to meet the needs of the poor, to be there for them, to show them the love of Christ. We are here to minister to the whole being, body, mind and soul. We have 4 daily centres that take care of 120 children ages 3 to 6. By giving you can be part of the change in the lifes of these children and in the lifes of their families. We provide a meal for them and almost 20 other children everyday and we give out monthly food bags to widows, orphans, poor people. We want to see this city changed and transformed by the power of the Lord. We want to see people raise and lead. We can not make it on our own. We need your help! We are all part of the big family of God! Your donation can make a change!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Thank you for all those who gave suggestions for the kidney stones. I have not had a re-occurrence to date.
- Pray as we consider how we can cut expenses in Albania. We would like to do it without negatively affecting the lives of

families.

- Pray for the 3 girls that are or are going to be involved in Missions. Our first missionary, Brikena who has already gone and now Kimberley. Pray that God would supply all their needs.
- We are again in need of another newer van to transport Children. Please pray for God's provision and for finances for the upkeep on the ones we do have now.
- Pray as we wait for resources to come in so we can remodel our kitchen facilities.
- Pray for Valbona that God would supply her with a good full time job.
- The first 6 months of 2017 have been some of the toughest months we have had financially. We are looking for more people to join our Global Ministry Changers group and pray daily and give on a monthly basis to our General ministry fund.

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The Potter

Events will take place in your life
and cannot be diminished.
Your life as you now know it here
isn't quite yet finished.

We all have our turn in life
upon the POTTERS wheel.
When we come to understand
that our GOD is real.

Your life may seem to be a mass
of many broken pieces.
GOD will rearrange the pile
when your resistance ceases.

GOD will gather all the fragments
to see that none is wasted.
You must submit to HIM in truth
the trials that you have tasted.

Many of us make mistakes...
and our lives become a mess.
It becomes a daily struggle
just to deal with all the stress.

We wonder, is there no way out?
Do we have what it takes?
Stop pondering on how you failed
and all of your mistakes.

GOD HIMSELF selects each vessel
and determines final shape.
You must yield yourself to HIM;
don't look for an escape.

Trust your GOD to finalize
your final form when done.
No one else can help with this,
HE is the only ONE.

So when life seems to overwhelm...
and you search for what is real,

Just hold on tight while life spins on...
it's your turn on the wheel.

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

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