

# GCCM UPDATE

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We have just passed into summer and we are today celebrating Canada's 152<sup>nd</sup> Birthday. Quite a young country eh? It has been 6 months since our last newsletter which is a long time, but there is a reason. As many of you know I slipped on the ice getting out of the vehicle to go into church and fractured my back. A month later, they found out that my back was fractured in a second place, separate from the first incident. It has been a long process of healing and I wasn't able to work and sit at my computer long enough to do a newsletter. My back is much better now but I still need a complete healing and need to develop the muscles in my back. Please pray for me.

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**"Fractured back."**

Over the last 6 months many things have happened and I would like to bring you up to date on some of them.

Our ministry to other parts of the world has been developing. Over the years we have been asked by many pastors and missionaries to take them under our wings, mentor them and of course many just wanted money. The board has set up some procedures to weed out those who have asked for wrong reasons and to make sure we are doing the right things and using our resources properly.

About 3 years ago a missionary in Romania was brought to our attention by Brian Lise, our Director of Development, and our board decided to help them out by providing a covering and also receiving those who wanted to give to their ministry. They are doing very similar work to what we are doing in Albania. Their names are Hardi and Beti Kubassak.



**Hardi & Beti**

Just a couple months ago Hardi asked if we would be willing to do what we were doing for them in Romania, for a national family and ministry in southern India.



**This is Samuel with his wife and mother and then Beti to the right. The school they use**

They minister in villages and also have a school and teach the students English. The board has agreed at our meeting in May that we would help them and oversee what they are doing and receipt any who give to them. Please pray for this ministry.

The last family I would ask you to pray for is a family in Kenya. This is a young man who hasn't been able to go to a Bible School and has asked for a long time if I would mentor him which I have started to.



**Cornel, Beatrice, Ephraim & Leah**

He has now started a small church which is growing. Each week as I talk to and mentor him I tell him there are people in Canada that will be praying for him and his new ministry.

I want to thank you for your gifts during my time of silence and your support for the poor in Albania and around the world. There are many ways to give so you can get help in the growth of the Kingdom and receive an Income Tax Receipt. First, the most inexpensive way to give is to send an **e-transfer** to us at [djpennoyer@gmail.com](mailto:djpennoyer@gmail.com) and mark down what it is for. Secondly you can send cheques or post dated cheques **by post**. Third, you can use your credit card by sending it by post or give me a call at 403-472-2720 and give me your **credit card** information. Remember we need the 3 digits at the back of your card. Fourth you can **give online** at [donate.global-ministry.com](http://donate.global-ministry.com)

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We also want to take this opportunity to thank **James and Betty Robinson and "Life Outreach International"** who have supported our work in Albania. If it wasn't for the consistency of LOI's giving throughout the years we would have not been able to continue.

#### **Long Term Results in Albania**

Over the years I've had churches mad at me because I was bribing people to come to church by giving them food and teaching English and then on the other side I had people mad at me because I was pushing religion down the throats of those who needed our help. I could talk to you about Rudina, Ledjana and Jeton but let me show you some of the other results of our work.

Now I want to tell you a little story about Jeton and his family. He is from a very large extended family. I use to think that if God would allow me to break into that family we could have a revival. This has happened since we had to move away and God is moving. The next few people are all a part of Jeton's extended family.



**Renato Bajram** is Jeton's cousin and as a little boy he came to the feeding program. As he grew up he started hanging with the wrong people and became a drug addict. A number of months ago he came to Jeton and said, if I don't get help I'm going to die.

We sent him to a rehabilitation center in Kosovo and there he got to know Jesus as his personal Saviour and started to read the Bible. He has been off drugs since November and he came back to Durres transformed. He started to come to church and he has started to share the gospel with people that he use to do drugs with and he is sharing the gospel with his relatives and with very strict Muslim.

About 20 years ago or so Jeton's grandmother came to me and said, I'm going to die soon and I have no one to look after Spartak. Will you look after him because his mother had abandoned him. I told her I would.



Just before I left we found out he had cancer and they figured he was going to die very soon. Well he didn't. Here he is in the front and is close to 30 years old and now.

**Hatixhe Mazniku** his mother and Jeton's aunt has recently started to come to church. I can remember her husband coming in the middle of my preaching one Sunday because he was mad his children were coming to church and he came to beat me up.

Anyway she was motivated by her son Spartak and his life and she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior and her life has been transformed by the power of God. Finally

**Kadri Bajram** who is the father of Jeton. He has been abusing alcohol for more than 37 years and is of course an alcoholic. He has been a very violent man with his family and others and has gone through many difficult times in his life.

I've had to go to the hospital many times as his liver was failing and his family requested I go because he had been in fights and they thought he was going to die. I have told him often he needed to accept Jesus but he never really did. Jeton has spent much time with him and shared the gospel telling him that there are people praying for him at the church.

He got healed of his liver problems and since then he accepted Jesus as Lord and savior and since November has started to come to church and is sharing Jesus with his relatives and he is challenging lots of people to come to church.

God is starting to move in that family. Praise His Holy Name. It is so true, sows, another waters, but it is God who gives the increase. Your prayers and giving has not been in vain.

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#### Seniors Meetings

Just a week or so ago the seniors had a meeting with a meal afterwards. It was a blessed time as many of them are feeling more and more comfortable coming to the church. At this meeting there were over 50 who attended.



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#### Children's Bible School (CBS) Graduation

This year over a two day period we had 35 students graduate from our CBS's and go into Grade 1. We are told that our students are some of the top students moving forward and many of them have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Only God knows the long term results of the time they have spent with us.



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#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Rudina our Director in Albania. She has had some health issues and we need to uphold her in prayer.

- Pray that God would supply for the Air Conditioners/Heaters that are so needed in Albania and we need more to come in for the awning.
- Pray as Ledjana who has been our book keeper and assisted Rudina has moved on to another job. Also 3 of our teachers at our CBS are going on maternity leave and we need people to take these ministry roles.
- Pray for the finances of the ministry. We need people to give to the General Fund as well as the various projects.
- 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.
- Continue to pray for our first missionary and another one who is going to join her.

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*Come, give, pray*

*that they might have life!*

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