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## **GCCM UPDATE**

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Today is my second granddaughter's 7th birthday. Shanelle is growing up to be a beautiful young girl and it is so wonderful getting to know her better.

This Sunday is Mother's day and I want to wish my mother, my wife, my daughter and my daughter-in-law and all you other mothers reading this a Happy Mother's Day. Please read the article about mothers at the end.

### **I had the Worst Mother in the World!!!**

We want to thank all of you who have given towards Kimberley's missions trip. She is going to help Traycho and Ina, prepare and then participate in New Wave which is the youth movement that they started in Bulgaria and was a big help in working with Valbona to start United Youth for Christ in Albania.

Thus far we have received about 1/2 the amount that is needed to cover her trip so if you haven't given yet you can and she would be very appreciative.

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**T**hank you to those who have also given for our first missionary and Brikena. They appreciate your prayer and financial support. Brikena has now received her visa and is now in England preparing for her ministry there. Please continue to pray and give.

### **Benefit Concerts in the Vancouver/Lower Mainland Area**

We were thankful to Organist Andre Knevel and Panflutist Liselotte Rokyta who helped raise funds for food bags for the children in Albania. Thank you to Brian Lise for organizing the 4 concerts in the Lower Mainland and we want to thank all who came out and who gave. I want to give a big thank you to Myrna Remple who lead the team we had from Pacific Academy who came out and shared her burden for Albania at one of the concerts. Going to Albania changes your whole perspective on life.

### **Team From Kings Church in England**

We were privileged to have the first team from a church in England. It is beautiful to build new relationship with people

and churches around the world. They were a big spiritual blessing to our people as well as ministering to them in a variety of ways. They bought play equipment & stationary for 4 of our CBS's, sensory resources for the Autistic centre, maintenance equipment to be



Ladies Meeting



Hospital Visits



The Team



Painting the Spitalle church

used at 3 of our centres, a laptop for the office staff who have faced a daily struggle to run the centre effectively, personal gifts to bless the staff at the church who serve their community tirelessly with such a passion to give the glory to God, money towards kitchen equipment, family food & gift hampers for 5 families, painted one of the churches, gifts for the hospital, football shirts for children, resources for the ladies ministry and much more. They were also involved in ministering in the services, in people's homes and in the hospital. **THANK YOU THANK YOU, THANK YOU.**

**B**elow is a link for a compilation of pictures taken during the children's service on a Sunday. The proper translation is: "Today we learned how God was faithful with Daniel and his friends. We learned that we need to worship only the true God"

<https://www.facebook.com/QKD.DURRES/videos/754548251389499/>

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**A**s was mentioned above there is a need in our kitchen. Because the ministry has grown the cooks are now having to prepare for over 140 people and are in need of a bigger, commercial stove and oven. This kitchen has been used almost daily for 16 years and the cupboards need replacing as well. We have received two donations for this for which we are thankful but we are in need of some much greater donations. If you are able to help please let us know.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the 3 girls that are or are going to be involved in Missions. Our first missionary, Brikena 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.
- Pray as we wait for resources to come in so we can remodel our kitchen facilities.
- 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. We are in need of new staff as Brikena is leaving. Pray for the right person.
- Pray for GCCM as we endeavour to reach out to the immigrants in our city of Calgary. Keep a look out for our newest web page about Love Calgary.
- Pray for Valbona that God would supply her with a good full time job.
- The first 4 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. We thank God for people who give to the Projects but we are in need of resources for our General Fund.

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## I Had The Meanest Mother In The World

I had the meanest mother in the world. While other kids got candy for breakfast, I had to have eggs, cereal or toast. When others had soft drinks and chips for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my supper was also different from other kids!

My mean mother insisted on knowing where I was at all times. You'd think I was at work on a chain gang. She had to know my friends and what we're doing. She insisted if we said we'd be home in an hour, that it be one hour, not longer. I am nearly ashamed to admit it, but she actually struck me, not once, but each time I disobeyed. Now you can begin to see how mean she really was.

The worse is yet to come: I had to be in bed each night by nine and up early in the morning. On Saturday I could not sleep until noon like my friends. So while my friends slept, my mother actually had the nerve to break the child labor law and make me work.

I had to wash dishes, make beds, learn to cook and all sorts of cruel things. She always insisted on me telling the whole truth and nothing but the truth, even if it killed me, which it nearly did.

By the time I was a teenager, she was much wiser and my life became even more unbearable. None of this tooting the horn of a car for me to come running. She embarrassed me - had to know who my date was and he had to come to the door and get me.

I forgot to mention that while my friends were dating at the mature age of 12 and 13, my old fashioned mother refused to let me date until the age of 15 and 16. At 15 it was only school function dates and that maybe twice a year.

Also she forced me to get up and go to church on Sunday. My other friends didn't have to go but I was forced to go against my will every Sunday.

My mother was a complete failure as a mother. I have never been arrested. I have never been beaten by my mate. And whom do I have to blame for the terrible way I turned out? You are right, my mean mother. Look at all the things I

have missed: never got to march in a protest or take part in a riot; and a million other things some friends did. She forced me to grow up into a God-fearing, honest, educated, adult. I am still alive while many of my friends passed away at an early age.

Using this background, I am trying to raise my family. I stand a little taller and am filled with pride when my children call me mean. Because you see, I think God He gave me the meanest mother in the whole world.

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

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