Subject: --GCCM Update - Albania, Mother's Day, Outreach----

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# **GCCM UPDATE**

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Mother's Day is just around the corner and this is a very special time of year for me. There are many mothers in my life but my mother has been a queen among all mothers and I love her and appreciate her so much. Sometimes I think I don't deserve such a wonderful mother but feel so privileged that I can call her mother.

## "Happy Mother's Day to all those great ladies in our lives."

If you remember last year I put that I had the meanest mother in the world, and I'm sure glad I did. If you don't remember that and would like a copy of that just send me a note.

A couple other reasons, Mother's Day is so special to me is that it was on Mother's Day during the service when my dad was praying for all the mothers that God called me into ministry. Also this Sunday, Mother's Day 2018 will be 45 years since I entered into full time ministry.

#### **Easter Services**

Every year in Albania we celebrate Easter 2 times. The Catholic Easter which is what we normally observe and the Orthodox Easter which is on a different date but sometimes they are on both. This year our churches in Albania had



Part of the congregation



Combined Dance Team

a combined service as they celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Oh the stories I could tell you about many of the people in these pictures and what God has done in their life. Praise the Lord that it is not by our might or our power but by the Spirit of the Lord.

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#### **Local Outreaches**

Some from our church have joined forces with other organizations as they reach out into one of the poorer areas of the city. They have done various outreaches and training as they contribute to the well being, and try and build the families. This year they talked about community and then went and cleaned up plastic bottles from the beaches. Other years they have covered, budgeting, the love language, good relationships, discipline, education and violence.





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Our social worker, Roza was saying earlier that one of the children last year in our Children's Bible School was going through a very hard time because his family was in the middle of a divorce. It came to the point when he didn't want to talk to anyone at all. Our social worker and the teachers worked a lot with this child and with a lot of love and prayer he is doing much better and talking again.

### Wind and Rain Storm - Floods and Damage

We want to thank everyone who has given for this need we mentioned in our last newsletter. However we still need over \$4,000 just for this. If someone feels lead of God to pay for the whole amount or 10 of you were able to give \$400 or 20 people give \$200 we could meet our target and get all this fixed. Please pray about what God would have you do.

Jeton just told me that the young man who use to be in our feeding program and was taken to a drug rehabilitation centre in Kosovo has given his life to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and is daily studying the Word of God. Can you help with the costs associated with his treatment?

## **Ministry Opportunity**

We really need some help. If someone would like to come to Albania for 3 months to help drive one of the vans while picking up children for the Children's Bible School, we would appreciate it. For more information please contact us. It would be during the months of June, July and August.

Ledjana was telling me today that for years they have been praying for many of the young people to go to school and to get jobs. Many leave school very early for various reasons and this week she has heard that 2 of our young people are going back to school and some are starting to get jobs. Praise the Lord for this.

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### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Pray as I travel to Albania in June that God would go before me and prepare the way and supply the resources and His covering protection over my life.
- Praise the Lord for answered prayer and now pray for Jeton's mother as she follows the Lord in water baptism.
- Pray for our 1st Missionary as she prepares for a team from our church to go on a missions trip to her country. Pray that God would supply all their needs and protect them.
- Pray for the finances of the ministry so we can continue our ministering to the poor in Albania. Pray that many would give to our General Fund. We need some miracles.
- We Praise the Lord for what Pastor Bert Phagan is doing as he assists the Spitalle church and supports them. They are seeing good growth.
- Pray as Pastor Leon Evans and his church in England yyybegin to assist with and support our main church.
- Pray for Hela our Director as she is moving to Italy to join her husband. An announcement will be made in June when I get there on who is going to be filling her place.
- 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.

### Grandpa's Table

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table.

But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth. The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about Grandfather," said the son. I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor. So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner.

There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence. One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food when I grow up."

The four-year-old smiled and went back to work. The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

Children are remarkably perceptive. Their eyes ever observe, their ears ever listen, and their minds ever process the messages they absorb. If they see us patiently provide a happy home atmosphere for family members, they will imitate that attitude for the rest of their lives. The wise parent realizes that every day the building blocks are being laid for the child's future.

Let's be wise builders and role models.

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Come, give, pray that they might have life!

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