

Subject: --GCCM Update - Albania: Biking, Concerts, Banquet, Kitchen---
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GCCM UPDATE

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School has started and is now in full swing. It almost seems like a new year but it is only September. At our CBS's (Children Bible School) the little ones are all around, some getting use to being away from mommy and daddy, others excited to be back with their friends. We just have a few more spots to fill,

"Fall concert tour and Love Albania Banquet"

and we will be at capacity (120). The teachers and drivers are already busy with their duties and the cooks are back preparing meals for all.

Talking about the cooks they are excited because they now have an updated new kitchen. Here is Rudina our new Director in Albania to tell you about it.

Every Nation Belfast team (27 Aug – 3 Sept)

Having the Every Nation Belfast team this summer has been a great blessing in all aspects. It was their first mission trip as a church. They were involved in various ministries, such as youth ministry, community outreach, house / hospital visits, staff devotion and Sunday preaching.



Community Outreach with team



helping give out Food Bags

They raised lots of funds for Albania and they were willing to invest it on our kitchen in changing the old kitchen with a new one, having a new stove and new cabinets etc.... the staff that works at the kitchen is very grateful and so are we.



NEW KITCHEN



Left - Dhurata our cook; Right - Eni our assistant

Beside this they also were involved in many practical works painting and cleaning all four Children Bible School preparing it for the new academic year. Rudina Metani

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RIDE FOR REFUGE

On September 29th we have joined forces with an organization called Ride for Refuge. The Ride for Refuge is a family-friendly cycling and walking fundraiser that helps charities and their supporters raise money and their voices as they rally their communities.

The Ride for Refuge is a chance for communities across Canada to ride/walk and fundraise together in solidarity and support of displaced, vulnerable and exploited kids, woman and families everywhere - and especially here in Canada.

There are 3 ways you could help us at Global Christian Centre Ministries (Love Albania).

1. Create a team in your city from your church, community group etc. and get others to ride with you. If you are interested in heading up a team, please let us know ASAP.

2. Ride for and support Love Albania with another team in your city.

<https://rideforrefuge.org/register>

3. Sponsor Brian Lise, one of the people who are riding.

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=4206424&langPref=en-CA>

This year we are having 4 concerts. Two in Saskatewan and two in Alberta. Here are the places, dates and times. Would love to see you there.

PANFLUTE & ORGAN 2018 Benefit Concert *Featuring*



Andre Knevel
International Master organist
Prinz St. Catharines, Ontario



Liselotte Rokyta
Professor and expert of the
panflute from Czech Republic



Rev. David Penoyer
Missionary to Albania

Rev. Brian Lise
Master of Ceremonies

Free Admission : A special ministry offering will be received.

Wednesday, Oct 24 at 7:30 pm
First Baptist Church
2241 Victoria St. Regina, SK

Thursday Oct 25 at 7:30 pm
Bethel Christian Reformed Church.
Hwy 11 & Township Rd. 381, Saskatoon, SK

Friday Oct 26 at 7:30 pm
Neerlandia Canadian Reformed Church.(north and south.)
Neerlandia, Alberta. T0G 1R0

Saturday Oct 27 at 7:00 pm

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Here is a note from Ledjana: "Yesterday we helped a family. The social service phoned and asked if we could give 3 bag school with materials and some food bags..." see pictures next page
We are called on many times to help families when the government doesn't seem to be able to.



LOVE ALBANIA BANQUET

It is that time of year again for our Annual "Love Albania Banquet" It will be held near the end of November. We are just waiting for confirmation of date and place. Please plan on attending if you live in Calgary and area and if you can help fill the tables we would appreciate it.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise the Lord for those who supplied for our new kitchen. Hundreds will be blessed.
- Brikena has been accepted to go to a Theological College and is needing some support. Pray for and if you would like to help sponsor earmark it "National Student"
- Thank the Lord for the lives that were touched at our Teen Camp this summer.
- 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 various events we are having this fall. The Ride for Refugee, The Benefit Concerts, and the Love Albania Banquet.
- Pray for the finances of the ministry. We need people to give to the General Fund as well as the various projects.
- Pray for our son, Christopher, who is now in Edmonton to take University. Pray that God would draw him close to the Lord, direct him, protect him and supply all he needs.
- 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.

Take Goliath Down

by Max Lucado

Goliaths still roam our world. Debt. Disaster. Dialysis. Danger. Deceit. Disease. Depression. Super-size challenges still swagger and strut, still pilfer sleep and embezzle peace and liposuction joy. But they can't dominate you. You know how to deal with them. You face giants by facing God first.

Focus on giants—you stumble.

Focus on God—your giants tumble.

You know what David knew, and you do what David did. You pick up five stones, and you make five decisions. Ever wonder why David took five stones into battle? Why not two or twenty? Rereading his story reveals five answers. Use your five fingers to remind you of the five stones you need to face down your Goliath. Let your thumb remind you of ...

1. THE STONE OF THE PAST

Goliath jogged David's memory. Elah was a déjà vu. While everyone else quivered, David remembered. God had given him strength to wrestle a lion and strong-arm a bear. Wouldn't he do the same with the giant? A good memory makes heroes.

"Remember His marvelous works which He has done" (1 Chronicles 16:12). Catalog God's successes. Keep a list of his world records. Has he not walked you through high waters? Proven to be faithful? Have you not known his provision? How many nights have you gone to bed hungry? Mornings awakened in the cold? He has made roadkill out of your enemies. Write today's worries in sand. Chisel yesterday's victories in stone. Pick up the stone of the past. Then select ...

2. THE STONE OF PRAYER

Note the valley between your thumb and finger. To pass from one to the next you must go through it. Let it remind you of David's descent. Before going high, David went low; before ascending to fight, David descended to prepare. Don't face your giant without first doing the same. Dedicate time to prayer. Paul, the apostle, wrote, "Prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long" (Eph. 6:18 MSG).

Prayer spawned David's successes. His Brook Besor wisdom grew out of the moment he "strengthened himself in the Lord his God" (1 Sam. 30:6). When Saul's soldiers tried to capture him, David turned toward God: "You have been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble" (Ps. 59:16).

Invite God's help. Pick up the stone of prayer. And don't neglect ...

3. THE STONE OF PRIORITY

Let your tallest finger remind you of your highest priority: God's reputation. David jealously guarded it. No one was going to defame his Lord. David fought so that "all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's" (1 Sam. 17:46-47).

David saw Goliath as a chance for God to show off! Did David know he would exit the battle alive? No. But he was willing to give his life for the reputation of God.

What if you saw your giant in the same manner? Rather than begrudge him, welcome him. Your cancer is God's chance to flex his healing muscles. Your sin is God's opportunity to showcase grace. Your struggling marriage can billboard God's power. See your struggle as God's canvas. On it he will paint his multicolored supremacy. Announce God's name and then reach for ...

4. THE STONE OF PASSION

David ran, not away from, but toward his giant. On one side of the battlefield, Saul and his cowardly army gulped. On the other, Goliath and his skull-splitters scoffed. In the middle, the shepherd boy ran on his spindly legs. Who bet on David? Who put money on the kid from Bethlehem? Not the Philistines. Not the Hebrews. Not David's siblings or David's king. But God did.

And since God did, and since David knew God did, the skinny runt became a blur of pumping knees and a swirling sling.

He ran toward his giant.

Do the same!

Let your ring finger remind you to take up the stone of passion.

One more stone, and finger, remains:

5. THE STONE OF PERSISTENCE

David didn't think one rock would do. He knew Goliath had four behemoth relatives. For all David knew, they'd come running over the hill to defend their kin. David was ready to empty the chamber if that's what it took.

Imitate him. Never give up. One prayer might not be enough. One apology might not do it. One day or month of resolve might not suffice. You may get knocked down a time or two ... but don't quit. Keep loading the rocks. Keep swinging the sling.

David took five stones. He made five decisions. Do likewise. Past. Prayer. Priority. Passion. And persistence.

Next time Goliath wakes you up, reach for a stone. Odds are, he'll be out of the room before you can load your sling.

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

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