

-These are transition times that we all are facing due to systems shakings, and our prayer for



you and your family to be and feel safe. We have been facing lots of joys and challenges lately and we are glad to be able to share them with you. Elsa is doing well, and kids are growing in stature and with God. Emmanuel has almost finished his 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Abigail her 6<sup>th</sup> grade. They do enjoy school a lot. God has been teaching us about rest and withdrawal for quality time with God. As we enter the new season of summer, our worship service has been moved to Saturday evenings. We enjoyed now and then taking time to **rest and recharge**. This is not always easy but it's good when we do this.



**TEAMS:** Lately we have hosted 3 teams from bible schools that we are in contact. Teams that visited, brought lots of joy and passion. We believe is great time to be able to work together for the harvest. Teams who visited came each with a different project. One came to work with the refugees, the other with prisoner's ministry and another for a church children camps and evangelism. Last May on a pastors' conference we received a **new direction from God that he would like us to get involved and proclaim the gospel also among the people in the Army**. We received this with open hearts and have started to get involved in prison ministry. We are a young church each team brings a puzzle in the mosaic of building up his kingdom in people hearts.



**Adrian's Story:** Adrian has been in prison for 8 years. When I first meet with him 3 months ago, he always stayed in the last row of the room. He was one of 40 prisoners that would come in our worship service. I asked him to join bible study group together with 10 other men. Adrian is serving the drinks on the 3<sup>rd</sup> picture. He participated regularly for 10 weeks. He told us; I felt outside of Christianity most of my life but now not only Christianity is part of me, but I also want to bring this hope of faith to the others. Together, we have started now a second bible study group where he serves with bible reading, prayer and sharing testimonies. God brought joy in my heart to see the gospel being received and giving it's effects on transforming lives.



**Unity with other pastors** is what we pray and long for. We have seen this growing lately as we were part of few retreats and pastoral conferences. These times of intense worship and fellowship bring lots of encouragement for the ministry. There is a deep prayer and longing to see God's kingdom grow in Albania. We do pray regularly once a month on our church service for each of the churches in our city. Besides meeting with other pastors, I try to have regular meetings also with catholic priests. Please pray with to keep this peace and unity. Please pray for protection and wisdom which is so much needed on this matter of unity and collaboration as we live in a very segregated world and mindset in these days.

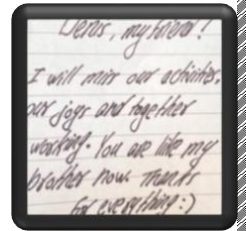


**- ALBANIA - Prayer Focus**

- Please pray for our **fellowship time with Pastors**. We do share great joy to share stories from ministry and to enjoy some good friendship. (First picture is from our regular meetings with pastors)

- Please pray for young people like **Adrian to grow in God's word** and be able to start discipleship with others in the prison.

- Please pray for the **Afghan refugees that their hearts would be open for Jesus**. Please read out the note from and Afghan friend who moved to USA. Last picture is from Afghan meetings sharing testimonies and worshipping Jesus together.



- Please pray for new labors for the harvest especially a **couple who would serve alongside full time with us**. 2<sup>nd</sup> picture is from second group that visited



**Praise and Thanksgiving:**

- We thank God on ministry partners abroad and here in Albania to be able to serve together.

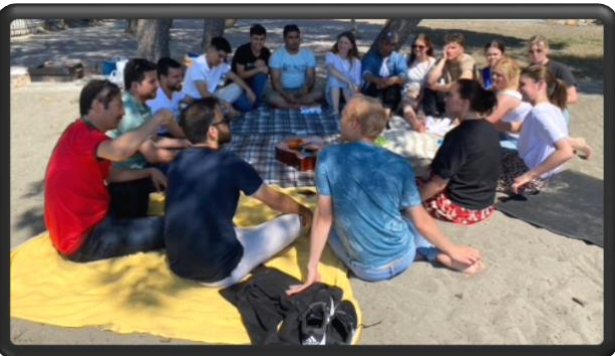
- We thank God for the kid's camp. 3<sup>rd</sup> picture is from the kids camp we had with the team. We have seen lives being transformed with kids and refugees and prisoners.

- Please pray for protection in health on our family.
- Please pray for the transition in the new neighborhood. It has been 3 years since we moved but for children it is still difficult to make new friends since it is very busy area with traffic.

- Please pray as we need a new church facility. **We have a renting contract**, but we have started the process of praying and doing assessment and preparing for a church building project to buy a new church facility or rent a larger space until the end of this year.

- Please pray for wisdom and unity on the ministry leadership team and especially on the church summer camps, food project, and church staff retreat.

- Please pray for the new prison ministry that we have started, for the disciples and the new church plant that we are working currently in the prison.



- Please pray to have a **Partnership trip**. Now that **Covid restrictions are over** we would love to be able to visit our friends and family abroad.

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