

Glory to God 2

Demo family working in Albania monthly newsletter

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF IM NEWSLETTER, August 2022

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Sunhill Church: Julia's mother has not yet accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior; her family and all of us pray for her salvation . . .

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Dear Jerry Brian, we thank the Lord, the One who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus, and please know that we are praying for you, that you will continue to follow the pattern of the sound Word, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

ASTIRI CHURCH

Greetings dear brothers and sisters in Christ. We are so grateful to



the Lord for the opportunity He has given us to work together to serve Him. It has been a blessing to continue our regular meetings. During the week, we also have a time of evangelism, where we go out in the neighborhood and meet as many people as possible. Praise the Lord, we have had the opportunity to talk with some of them about Christ. We would appreciate your prayers for two families we have been in contact in deep level. Please pray that they will continue to meet with us and accept Jesus in their heart. This has been a great time for us to be able to share the gospel with people but also a very challenging time for our families. The kids of two of the couples leading the church have been sick, one having to undergo an operation for appendicitis, and the other one with Covid, running a very high temperature. Please pray for their healing.

(Written by Astiri Church Ministers, Altin & Luela Gjini, Alfred & Denisa Kume, Ylli & Arta Bilushi)



INTERNATIONAL BIBLICAL TRAINING CENTER - IBTC

We are very grateful to

the Lord for providing the necessary funds for the first building of IBTC. **We are deeply thankful to brothers and sisters of the body of Christ who have sacrificially blessed this ministry.** IBTC will have 4 buildings; each will have 14 apartments. As of August 24th, God provided the \$260,000 for the first building of IBTC. Please thank the Lord with us for the provision for the first building and pray that He will continue to provide now for the second building.

We are still waiting to obtain the last permit. There is a spiritual battle regarding this permit. This permit is a formal one, which will give way to the construction phase. It looks like they are postponing the final decision as an attempt to bribe us. They know that when they give the last permit there will be no more chances for bribing. We would appreciate your prayers for this. Please pray that the Lord will intervene and move circumstances according to His timing. We want to continue honoring the Lord with our faith in Him and trusting that this whole process will be a testimony that what God initiates, He will complete. Please pray for the families coming from Northern Ghana, near Burkina Faso. The time to welcome them is getting near and we hope all will happen in God's perfect time.

We would also appreciate your prayers for a very important aspect of IBTC which is **homeschooling**. In Albania we do not have experience in homeschooling, and we are trying to build a curriculum which will be a good fit for the families coming to IBTC. We would welcome any suggestions you might have or any connections who will give us some advice on homeschooling. Please pray that the Lord will guide us and help us build a good curriculum which will serve the parents and the kids in the best way possible. We would like you to prayerfully consider before the Lord how to best help with IBTC, as God leads you.

ONLINE GOSPEL SHARING THROUGH ENGLISH LESSONS

Online English gospel-sharing is a project we look forward to starting again in January. There have been 137 Americans paired with 137 Albanians. It has been a huge blessing to our ministry, to the teachers and the students. This time we are praying we will have a larger number joining this program.

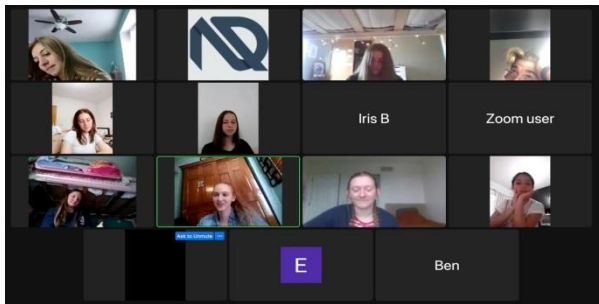


Online English is a great tool to build relationships and share the love of Christ with Albanian non-believers from Albania, Kosovo, Montenegro and North Macedonia. **This project is a ten-week course, one lesson per week. It takes place online and is done through one-to-one conversation. Its curriculum is very easy to follow, paving the way to share the Gospel with the students.** If you want to look at it, you can visit our website at: <https://www.illyricum.org/how-you-can-help>

On January 21st, 2023 at 8 am PST (Pacific Standard Time), we will give training for the program. This is a training for all of our brothers and sisters who have already committed to be part of Online English and also for others who are thinking to join but have not yet decided. Please feel free to join the training whether you want to be involved or not and invite everyone who see this program as an opportunity to serve the Lord. We will be sending a Zoom link in the coming months. We look forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for us all through Online English.

ONLINE TEENAGERS CONNECTION

At the time we are living, technology, especially social media, is playing a huge



role for teenagers. We have seen Online Teenagers Connection be such a great tool in reaching them with the gospel of Christ. **We are starting this project again in January.** We are very thankful that

the Lord has opened doors to enter high schools and present this project. There are to date five churches who have expressed their desire to involve their teenagers in this program and we are very excited to see how the Lord will use them. Please pray with us that more teenagers from America and UK will want to be involved and build a relationship with a peer from Albania, so that they will share the Good News of salvation. We really want to see the seed be planted in the hearts of Albanian youth but at the same time be of encouragement to the youth in America and UK. Please pray for us for wisdom and guidance from the Lord, for the right committed youth that will attend this project.

NEWS FROM EMANUEL FRESKU CHURCH

It has been such a blessing to hear from our home church back in Tirana. They continue to get together every Sunday. It is such a joy that they are fellowshipping and encouraging one another in the Lord. We are very thankful that other pastors from Illyricum Movement churches have been able to preach during the Sunday service. Please pray that the members of Emanuel Church will continue to grow in knowledge and love for Christ. Please also keep in your prayers specifically Angjelina and Sokol and their daughter



Angjelina & Ariela

Ariela. Ariela suffers from an eye problem. She has 25 % eyesight left. Because of what she has been facing, she used to have a lot of anger, denying there was a God and becoming an atheist. It took a long process for Ariela to understand who Jesus is and the love He has for her. It was a long process for her mother Angjelina as well. After hearing the gospel and coming to church every Sunday, both Angjelina and Ariela accepted Christ in their hearts. We would like prayer for Ariela's father, Sokol. He does not seem to accept his daughter's eye problem and is dealing with much anger himself. Please keep him in your prayers. Pray that the Lord will calm the storm inside him and make way to pour His love into Sokol so that he will feel God's peace in his heart and mind.

(Written by Emanuel Church Ministers, Edi and Bona)

NEWS FROM KOSOVO CHURCH

We have finished the second camp with the group age 12-16 years old. About 15 young people have taken part. We have had different activities such as songs,



drama, games, Bible teachings and quality time with each other. It was a very good time. We've looked at three lessons: 1-

Who is God? 2- Who is Man? and 3- The Gospel.

Please pray for their salvation, so that they may understand who God is, who man is, and the need to repent and trust in Him. It was a great blessing finishing both summer camps, and spending time with the youth.

Pray that they will continue to attend our future programs.

On Sundays, we have been meeting as usual. We are studying the Gospel of John.

Pray that the Lord will guide us through the gospel, that we may get to know Him more and strengthen our relationship with Him.

(Written by Kosovo Church Ministers, Xhevat and Valentina)

NEWS FROM SUN HILL BIBLE CHURCH

Greetings in the Lord from Bible Church with love and appreciation for your prayers and commitment in the advance of the gospel in Albania.

During this time, God has guided us through sermons from Matthew 5-7 for a very challenging standard of living.

Therefore, our prayer as a church is that God will help each of us accept a radical reformation of life through the implementation of Christ's commands in the Sermon on the Mount. The sisters have



practiced gathering from house to house. It was a very good time, the afternoon they spent at Julia's house. It was a time of giving love, strengthening each other, prayer, and encouragement. Julia is a sister, who together with her husband have four children aged 8-19. Their constant request before God is "wisdom in parenting" and "the salvation of their children". During this time, Julia went through a difficult period with her mother in the battle with cancer. We thank God that after chemotherapy sessions and a successful operation, her health condition seems good. Since Julia's mother has not yet accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior, her family and all of us pray for her salvation.

(Written by Sun Hill Bible Church Ministers, Saimir and Enkela)

NEWS FROM EKLESIA CHURCH

Dear brothers and sisters!

May the grace of our God be upon you and your families!

For four weeks now, we have been holding Eklesia



Movie Theater, inviting children and adults to the church. Some of the teenagers

of the church have come and we all have seen Christian-themed movies. We have two more weeks to go.



Please pray that God will bring people to His church and open their eyes and hearts to His message of salvation through Jesus Christ, His Son. Pray that God will use us as His instruments to

share His word in Yzberisht.

Very soon, the school will begin. One of the gifts that God gave to me and my wife is teaching math. We are going to organize, once again, math tutoring classes for different ages of students, who live in the area of Eklesia Church.

Please pray that God will lead us in helping the people of this area and the children for the school. Pray that God will bring children to the tutoring classes. Pray that God will strengthen us to show to them His love for every one of these children and teenagers, and His blessings for everyone.

Thank you for your prayers! God bless you!

(Written by Eklesia Church Ministers, Artur and Teuta)

NEWS FROM GOSPEL OF CHRIST CHURCH IN KORCE

Greeting dear God's saints,
I hope this letter finds you well, both
physically and spiritually. We are



supporting us with your prayers. We
continue to serve each other in Christ,
growing stronger in His grace and
knowledge.

Please keep praying for Sunday's service, that non-believers will have an open heart to join the meetings. Also pray for the Bible study group and the women's meeting, which takes place twice a month. Pray that God will use them to share the Gospel with their own families.

Pray for the children that God will guide them in knowing Him through the teachings of the Bible. May God bless you. May your service be fruitful in Christ.



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This is our itinerary:

Jun 23-Jul 15: WA, ID, OR

Jul 15-25: CA, AZ

Jul 25-Aug 1: CO, TX

Aug 1-Aug 8: NC, MD

Aug 8 -18: VA, DC NY

Aug 18-22: PA

Aug 22-Sep 5: OH, MI, IN

Sep 5-16: IL, WI, MN

Sep 16-23: TN, KY

Sep 23-30: GA, AL

Sep 30-Oct 7: FL, SC

*(Written by The Gospel of Christ Church in Korca,
Rodolf and Oli)*

DEMO FAMILY CORNER

As a family, we hope and pray you are doing well. We thank the Lord for knowing and having you alongside us. Our prayer is that the Lord will

continue to bless you and that daily you will make the decision to follow Him no matter what.

While being in USA, we have had the blessing to see a kidney doctor for Bona and we did not receive good news. The doctor said that her Creatinine level is 4.3 and that Bona may need to go on dialysis or kidney transplant at some point. In mid-September we will repeat the lab tests and hopefully receive better results. Please pray the Lord will give us wisdom for any situation. Dealing with such health issues in Albania is not an easy thing to do as the level of corruption is very high.

We are very thankful to the Lord for keeping us in His perfect peace. We are trusting His perfect will. We would really appreciate your prayers for Bona, for healing over her body in God's ways. Please pray for wisdom and direction from the Lord. Deep in our heart we want to honor and give glory to God even in the midst of struggles. We know He is in control.

Dear Jerry Brian, it means so much to us to be able to share with you our lives and ministry. Thank you for being a blessing to us.



With much love and appreciation,
Edi, Bona, Noel, and Sion