



# Mission Possible News

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“...But with God all things are possible” (Matt. 19:26)

“Expect Great Things From God. Attempt Great Things For God” (Missionary: William Carey May 30 1792)

## Dear partner in the Gospel

This prayer and newsletter is being typed whilst we are in the UK waiting on our “D” type visa. We are staying with a dear family, fellow South Africans. We worshiped together at Sharon AOG, Steenberg. They have planted a church in the area where they live, (Banbury), God is indeed blessing their ministry among the people of Banbury. Let us pray for Pastor Sam and his wife Desiree, and their ministry in this community and beyond. We had to leave Albania in order for our application to be processed. The “D” type visa will enable us to stay longer in Albania, and will allow us to apply for our residents permit. I know, it’s all so confusing, but as Christians we are to obey the law of the land. This kind of procedures never happened before, missionaries that entered Albania long before us, had none of such challenges. I believe it is important for us to go through the process so that we are standing on solid ground while in Albania.

## What have we been doing since we arrived in Albania?

Here are some updates:

- We spend the first week mostly driving around town, ably assisted by our team leader, going to different offices with our documents. This was a daunting task, to be honest.
- We visited three churches that were planted by current WEC members. Two of these churches were just started recently, and are showing signs of great potential for growth.



We were also officially welcomed as part of the Albanian WEC team. The welcoming took place over lunch, at a lovely Italian restaurant. (see picture)

We have also started with our language studies. Our private teacher, Zamira, a teacher by profession, is also teaching Albanian at the International Christian school in Tirana. She is also a wonderful committed Christian. We are blessed to have her come to our apartment twice a week. We are challenge to a six hour a day study, divided into, 2hrs theory, 2hrs practical (getting in touch with local Albanians only) and two hrs personal studies.

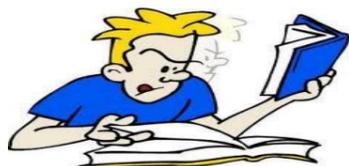
We hope this gives you an idea what we have been up to since arriving in Albania.

## What are our immediate challenges? Two things

### 1. The waiting period.



We cannot begin to tell, because of waiting on (visas, and for various other matters to be cleared), how we constantly have to fight off the spirit of anxiety, and fear, which wants to overwhelm us. There are days that I, personally, am on the brink of losing heart. I cannot be more honest with you, our partner, than what I am right now. However, I can’t end this part of our news letter on this discouraged note. Just the other day our Father spoke into our hearts through two Old Testament Characters, **Moses** in Exodus 14:14 “The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still” and **Abraham** Genesis 15:1b “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” Our hearts are strengthened again to move on in faith.



**2. The language study.** It is not easy to twist, turn, and bending 52/53 year old tongues, sometimes almost chewing it, in order to pronounce the words correctly. But, in all honesty, we are enjoying it.

## Items for prayer

- For grace to rest in the Lord and His promises
- The Lord to gift us with understanding of the language
- For the speedy issue of our “D” type visa, and for our application for residents permit to be successful.
- Pray God’s blessing and favour on the ministry of the team members. The anointing of the Spirit is sure needed.

Thank you for your partnership

Every blessing:

Stewart and Carol Sampson