

Mission Possible News

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

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

Dear partner in the Gospel.

October 16th 2013 was a memorable day for Carol, Deylin and I, as it was exactly a year ago since we arrived in Albania. The Scripture comes to mind in (1 Samuel 7:12) “.....Thus far/Hitherto has the Lord helped us.” I ask you today to raise your banner of thanksgiving with us in thanking God for his help and grace throughout the year.

One year later, what happened ever since?

- We have settled in quite well in our 5th floor apartment. This was quite an adjustment for us, having lived all our lives in a normal house.
- Language and culture, the number one priority for long term workers. The Albanian culture is challenging, but we have adapted fairly well. What helped us towards adjusting well was to shelf away our own culture and simply emerge our self in this new culture.
- Though we made steady progress with the language; little by little we gaining confidence as we practice with our tutor and involving ourselves in the community, the language, however, still remains a challenge, but nothing the Lord and us can't overcome.
- We have also experienced miraculous answers to prayer during this year, ranging from healing in the body; more close contacts with local friends. We are praying for them regularly. God gave us tremendous opportunities to share the Gospel with them, though be it in broken Albanian; we believe they got the message. This experience also boosted our confidence in the language.
- We have also attended our first WEC Balkan Field Conference in Macedonia. This was a wonderful experience for us, as we got more acquainted with the vision and getting to know the team members on a more personal level.
- This was not only a year of great blessings, and answers to many of our prayers, but also a year of failures on our part, failing and disappointing God in our disobedience to Him and His word. God, on the other hand, God remained absolutely faithful; this is so humbling and has caused me many times to fall prostrate before him in worship and praise.

An added blessing, in our eyes, as we celebrated our first year on the field, was a visit from Pastor Albert and Doreen Wiggins from South Africa. Pastor Albert serves on the Missions Board of the Assemblies of God Association in the Western Cape, and spearheads the foreign wing of this department. Their presence here with Carol, Deylin, and I was special and very inspiring. Pastor Albert also ministered and shared in a local church here, and also shared at the AOG Bible College, as well as in the WEC Team Ministries. God's people were greatly encouraged. (See pictures below)

We were also blessed with a visit of our SA WEC Sending Base Leaders; June Domingo and Denise Nunn. (see pictures below) They visited us after attending the Eurocon Conference in Rome. We were so encouraged during their stay with us. So, we were spoiled with visits from our home front that will long be remembered.

Now we are one month and more into our second year on the field, what can we expect as we commit ourselves to God in order to enjoy a closer walk with Him? What can we expect as we focus stronger on language studies? What can we expect as we commit ourselves to a revolution of love and balance in Team life? I am sure we can expect great blessings from God, and many answers to our prayers, but we do not want to be naïve, we can also expect greater onslaught from the enemy, greater attacks on every level, and we can also expect the powers of hell to break lose upon us. Are we to lose heart; Are we to fear? Are we to back off? NO! Because the ONE that we serve has conquered the works of the enemy, and Satan is a defeated foul. Jesus conquered all his work on Calvary's cross. Let us therefore pray more earnestly for one another. And let continue to walk in the victory of the cross. To God be all the glory great things he has done, and great things he will still do.

Thank you for your prayers, your partnership in every way, God richly bless you.

Pictures:

June and Denise



Sis Doreen and Pst Albert



Pst Albert preaching



Fellowship over coffee

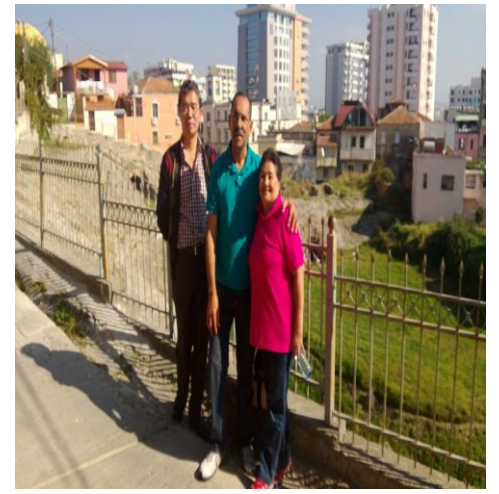




Fellowship time over coffee after ministry



Curry and rice and fellowship



Durres amphitheatre (Where it is widely believe, Titus, Apostle Paul's co-worker was beheaded)



Carol, Denise, and June



By bus on our outing around Tirana: Carol, Denise, and June



Just as they are



AOG Bible College (Principle Kurt Plagenhoef)



Lunch with Jaijin and Keumhee in Skodra – Our acting field leaders



Doreen, Stewart, and (Juman (Ministry leader)

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