

**MINI UPDATE REPORT ON THE MINISTRY AMONG THE ROMA PEOPLE IN
SELITA – ALBANIA
January 2017**

It has just been over a year that we initiated the church plant in Selita, a Roma community on the outskirts of Tirana. Like anything else, we had our moments of discouragements, downheartedness, and wondering if we are on the right place. Looking back now we thank the Lord for gracing us with strength and perseverance to shoulder on amidst all.

We have now two relatively stable ministry focuses in place of which we want to report on.

Children Ministry:

This ministry is going very well. We are now ministering every Saturday to about 15-20 children. This number is our regular attendees with whom we have children Bible studies and activities with. Soon our coworker Alba, who is an English teacher by profession, will have English classes with them. They are very excited about this; The parents are equally excited about this project.

Church:

We are having our main services on a Saturday afternoon. The church, at this time, consist of woman only. Currently we serve between 20-25 regular comers. I believe it is fare to say that a great number placed faith in Christ for their salvation. With these we have regular Wednesday afternoon Bible studies.

Highlights:

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial help.

- Over the Christmas period we were able to handout 35 food parcels to needy families.
- We also had a lovely meal together as a church family.
- The Kids Club children put together a fantastic drama of Joseph and Mary. The first for the Roma children to ever be involve in.
- We received 80 gift shoeboxes. This was a miracle that came at time when thought we will not receive any. The contents in the shoeboxes made many a hearts very happy.

Upcoming Events:

- Five days Kids Bible Club. We believe the numbers will double this summer.
- Beach picnic with mothers and children. The beach picnic was thoroughly enjoyed last year. As result many further contacts were made.
- English club for the children

We trusting in the Lord to raise up people to sponsor a child for the Kids Club as well as for the beach picnic. For more enquiries on this, please see Stan Carey

Thank you for your partnership. In togetherness we can do more.

Every blessing

Stewart and Carol Sampson, together with Mona and Alba (our co-worker)