

# ABI THE ADVANCER

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*Equipping Albanian Believers for life, ministry and world impact*

Praching in Durrës



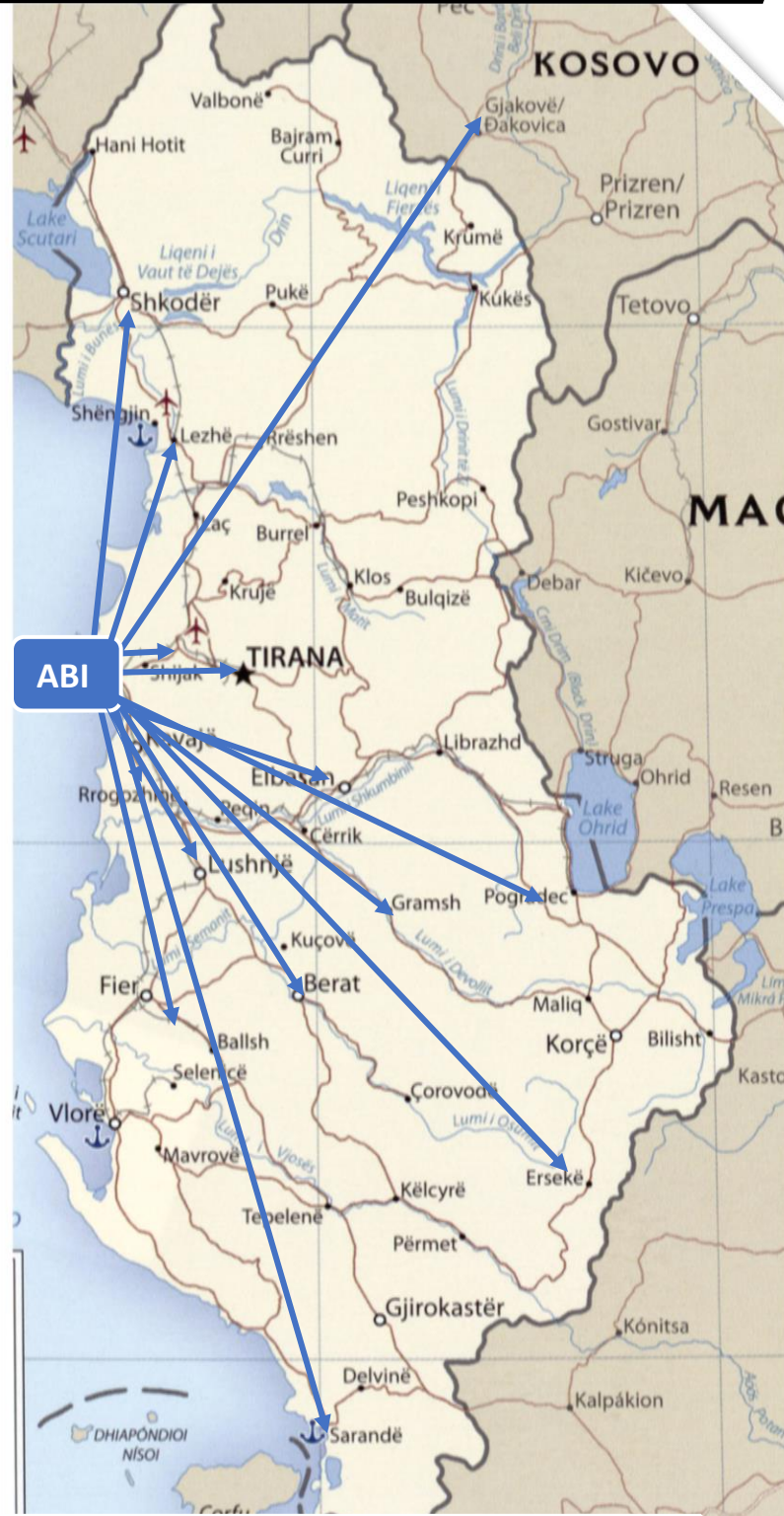
The ceremony of Armando and Arlinda



Preaching in Lushnjë



Albanian Church History in TV 7



The blue lines show the places where we preach, conduct seminars, and where churches study with the SEAN materials

## The Director's Report – December 2019

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And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose: Romans 8:28

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**There are times in our lives and ministry that this Scripture has a great meaning, surely it is so for us at this time. The Lord has given us opportunities to preach, to be with other leaders, to see books be a blessing. To help others in difficulty, to pray with leaders in hardship. To experience a destructive earthquake, to see the devastation around us, as never in my life. But also, to do a wedding ceremony, celebrate Christmas and rejoice in what He is and has promised. Truly, only with God are we able to go through these situations and be strong, hopeful, loving, serving and see things work for good. Thank you for all the lifted prayers and encouragement! It means much, it helps go forward.**

**Pëllumb Ranxha**

Pëllumb preaching in Bathore



**Preaching and Media 7 ministry:** I continue to enjoy preaching in different churches. I have been in Lushnjë, Bathore, Durrës to preach, I have had a good time with the pastors too. The ministry with Media 7 continues as I present a Christian book every week. We made a program in Tv about church history in Albania. They came at ABI to do another program about our ministry to the people that are affected by the earthquake. Interviewed some of the 7 people we are taking care at our facility in these hard days for them. This is a mixture of things and only by His Grace we go forward. May the Lord be honored in all!



Our neighbor's stuff after the earthquake at ABI



Christmas message in Bathore



Books of ABI for the Albanian Church



**Earthquake: On 26/11** Albania was hit by an earthquake, the strongest perhaps in 50 years, epicenter in Durrës, 23 were dead here alone, many more hurt and hundreds of homes destroyed. The Lord was gracious to us and ABI, we stayed in Durrës even during the first difficult days to help. The picture here is of the stuff our neighbors whose homes in front of ABI were badly damaged. We have 7 people at ABI which we are hosting as their homes are ruined and have no shelter. Many more are in such a situation. This time has been a challenge, yet an opportunity to serve to many and bring the Gospel of Hope to them. May they find Christ in such a time!

**Christmas in difficult times:** It's a time of celebration, joy and hope. We had an opportunity not only to celebrate with our church, but the churches of Durrës in the city square and I got to present the program. Also, I had the privilege to preach in Bathore for this Christmas on 22. In spite of the change of shift for some things because of the earthquake, we believe that especially in such times we are here to present a message of hope. I am working hard to keep a balance of my priorities in life and ministry as other things have come in and we need to respond to the needs of the ones around us.

**Christian literature:** The Lord has given ABI a special role to help in the life of the leaders and the church. SEAN is a blessing as we see it go forward with churches that continue and the new ones that are interested. The other books we have published in these recent years continue to be a good contribution in the life of the church as we try to promote them to the ones that are not aware of them. Surely, it is a good instrument of discipleship to many as they receive a good book to read. We get very encouraged as we hear of individuals and groups of believers studying with our materials in Albania. Truly, a year of fruit of the hard work.

## THE FAMILY CORNER



As we look back for what is accomplished, we are thankful to the Lord for His Grace to us. We are sure that such a work would not be done if we did not work as a family. Manjola has had a lot to help for the people that stay at ABI and in sometimes the boys have been helping too. Andrea continues his ministry with the worship team. We enjoy the times that we spend together reading the scripture, discussing, praying. We all witness the hand of the Lord upon us as a family during this whole year, especially during the hard days of the earthquake. Truly the faithfulness of the Lord is great!

### PRAISES:

For all the Grace, mercy, protection, wisdom, the fruit of these months and this whole year

For the preaching opportunities in Durrës, Lushnjë, Bathore and assistance to pastors

For the help that ABI is by the Christian literature to many in the Albanian Church.

For the prayers, encouragement and money sent after the earthquake, it means a lot

For the provision of a family and ministry car, an answer of prayer for us in a long time.

For the ministry with Media 7 and the growing impact to the listeners and viewers

For all the Grace that has enabled us to do our ministry and help others during these months.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

For all needed wisdom for sermons, seminars, leadership training, media 7 and other things

For the Lord's leading for the ministry with GZB as a new thing, starting next year in details.

For all the churches and prison ministry that study with SEAN that their faith and testimony grows.

For grace, wisdom, provision for the people living at ABI, that the nonbelievers will come to Christ.

For a growing number of praying ones for the ministry and family. It is always needed.

That the Lord will open doors for our books online and the audio book project, it's not done this year.

We as a family desire to grow in our faith, testimony and faithfulness to our Lord, this is our prayer.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

We are very thankful to our Lord for all the donations for the ministry in Albania.  
All donations for the Albanian Bible Institute can be sent to:

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