# ABI THE ADVANCER

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conduct seminars, and where churches study with the SEAN materials

#### The Director's Report – March 2019

## But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness Matthew 6:33

Seeking God first and being faithful to the call in His kingdom is what He teaches us, is what characterized the man and women that are mighty used by Him in the Bible, history and in present time. As I am involved with more things in ministry, I learn that it is not easy to keep the priority right, yet what a blessing it is as I press hard to do so. As we describe what the Lord is doing and the fruit that He is bringing for His glory in the life of the Albanian church, may I say that He is working in my life as a believer, husband, father and leader too. We have continued to experience Him, His grace, care, love, direction, protection and gladly rejoice to be part of His kingdom servants in Albania.

in Christ,

Pëllumb Ranxha



Preaching, seminars and radio ministry: It continues to be a blessing for me the opportunity to preach. I had the privilege to preach for the first time in two churches in Durrës and Lushnjë. We continue with our seminars in Elbasan and it is a very good time for them and me. Together with Radio 7 we continue our program; "Discovering the treasure through the pages of the book". In this weekly program I speak about a book, what we learn from it, and encourage the listener to read, study books. I get encouraged by the feedback about it. In all of these things I spend a good amount of time in preparation therefore I am learning much myself.

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#### What do the churches that we help say!

It is a joy and privilege to share about the Biblical courses we have had with ABI, by Pëllumb. The lessons and discussions have made us to seek the Lord more and understand our call as leaders better. We have studied the qualities of a leader, as well as topics for the church life. We have seen examples of godly leaders in the Bible and in history. We have reflected and learned a lot from them all as a church and especially us as leaders. He has encouraged and introduced us with good Christian materials to study and to give to others and we witness that the Lord has used them much. Truly, we want to say thank very much for such commitment, humbleness, and willingness that he has showed to our church and leadership team. We say, "Well done Pëllumb"!

Altin Ago, Elbasan



**Leadership training:** During these months in continue the training with the leadership team in Lushnjë and in Elbasan. This is an important part of our ministry and it is a real need for these leadership teams. We have times of lessons, discussions, questions, sharing life stories, presenting new books, as we speak of these qualities for the life of an Albanian leader and the more I do it, the more I learn myself too. The feedback encourages me to continue as well as to pray for more growth in them. We will start another seminar with the church in Lezhë.



The ministry of Christian literature: A lot of work is done to print the new books, we are very blessed by the fruit. In six churches men are studying with our new book "Disciplines of a godly man" and other leaders across the country. In our yearly meeting with the leaders of the Evangelical churches of the country there was interest on the book as well and for the SEAN materials. I am very encouraged to see that a good number of churches continues to study and some new ones are interested to start as they were presented with them in that meeting. The radio ministry is also helping as I am presenting our books in the program.

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#### THE FAMILY CORNER

For people in ministry it is a challenge to keep a balance between family and ministry, we started saying God first. We continue to grow as a family as we pray and read together. I continue our bible study with the boys even though with their teen years it is not always easy. We want to have a Christ centered family. Andrea continues with worship for the Sunday ministry as well as for teens. This month we celebrated Andrea turning 17 and Ildi 14 years old. We believe we have a great responsibility to show Christ in our marriage and family as me and Manjola are the only believes in our families.

## **PRAISES:**

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

The Lord gave me a very blessed time with Christians for Israel in the forum in Jerusalem with lots of teaching and fellowship as well as in a special tour. I thank the Lord for this.

We praise the Lord for His leading, provision, protection as I have traveled a lot on this time.

For the opportunities of preaching, seminars, leadership training, Christian literature, Radio and training for new missionaries in Albania.

We thank the Lord for all who pray and for the donors for the ministry and family. He has made it all possible for His Glory.

We praise Him for finishing a big part for the documents for the facility.

For wisdom in all preaching, teaching, seminars, leadership training, Radio and Tv ministries.

That the men that are studying with our books with grow in godly character and help others do so.

For the churches that study with SEAN that they will continue to grow and for the ones are interested to start with the study.

For more believers who pray for the ministry and our family in Albania and other countries.

That we as a family will keep God and his kingdom first in our lives.

That God will continue to provide for the financial needs of the ministry and the family.

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# **FINANCIAL SUPPORT:**

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There will be accountability with the money you give, just as we have had in the past. Calvary Chapel of Olympia is a faithful supporter of the ministry of ABI in the last eleven years. Thank you for giving so sacrificially and faithfully to our ministry.





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