# ABI THE ADVANCER

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And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 1 John 5:14

How great it is that we as Christians have a personal relationship with the Creator of the Universe! It is also so meaningful to us the fact that we start and continue this relationship with prayer. We have seen the Lord work in our lives, family, in the ministry, to bring His solution on some problems and be with us through others. We were able to get the paperwork of the building for which we have worked and prayed for a long time. I continue with my prayer ministry for the family, ministry, needs, Christian and country leaders, persecuted church, church and missionaries in Albania. I continue to have His presence and see Him work in me and answer prayer. Truly we have a great God!

#### Pëllumb Ranxha

Prayer before preaching in Saranda



**Preaching and media 7 ministry:** I continue to invest myself in preaching and teaching for Churches. It was a really good time to be with the church in Saranda and enjoyed teaching the youth, leadership team and the whole church. I did preach in two churches in Durrës and Marikaj. Together with media 7, we continue our program; "Discovering the treasure through the pages of the book" on Radio 7. We also have done programs in TV 7. This is another way of teaching but reaching a broader audience, it requires lot of preparations and prayer. You can watch on youtube one of them: Familja 7 – Nuk është mirë që njeriu të jetë vetem

Some of the youth from Holland & Kosovo at ABI



Teaching one seminar in Elbasan





**Hospitality & teaching ministry:** Truly we are very blessed with a great facility at ABI. We believe the Lord has given us the stewardship of this facility. During this time, we have had Christian groups from Holland and Kosovo as a youth camp and I did teach three days for them on topics for the youth. It was good to see them be together as a family. Also, a great time with the group of Bible school students from Bristol, UK helping our church in Durrës. Other guests have been using our facility during these months, I am very thankful for the great work that Manjola is doing to prepare, clean the facility. We are glad we can serve in this way to the church too.

Leadership training and seminars: We have continued the seminars with the church and church leadership in Elbasan. The purpose is to equip the church with some Biblical teaching and topics very much needed for them. Also, as we continue the teaching with the leadership team, we aim to equip them more for their walk with the Lord and how to improve with their part in the ministry life. There have been good times of teaching, questions, fellowship and prayer together. I continue to see this ministry as a priority for ABI as I pray and seek for open doors among churches in need.

**Christian literature:** We were able to reprint in Albanian "Step by Step through NT". I was able to present the book with local pastors in Durrës and with some in other cities. We are thankful for this ministry, our other new book "Disciplines of a godly man" is being used now in Albania and Kosovo. The fruit of using SEAN materials among the churches is encouraging. A new church started a SEAN group in Bathore, we hope and pray for other churches to start as they need it and I have presented pastors with the materials. Radio 7 is doing a quiz and the winners are getting copies of four of our books as a gift from ABI.

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#### THE FAMILY CORNER

Surely, serving as a family team is a blessing for the ministry which the Lord has trusted to us. As you see work with the books being done, editing, making changes in computer, Manjola and the boys have done a great job helping. As we continue to seek and serve the Lord together we grow as well in our faith. Andrea has started to work for the second year in one of the hotels in Durrës at the beach bar. We pray for grace for him and strength on the long hours of work. His contribution in leading worship for the teens and being part of the worship for the church is a real blessing to us as parents.

#### PRAISES:

We praise the Lord for finishing the paperwork to legalize the facility of ABI.

We praise the Lord for making it possible to do all in printing the new book in Albanian.

For the preaching in Durrës, Saranda, Marikaj seminars, leadership training in Elbasan

For the fruit of Christian literature and Media 7 ministry during these months.

For the time with the groups at ABI, from Holland, Kosovo, England, Germany.

For all who pray, for the donors for the needs of ABI and family. He continues to provide

For His provision, protection and all Grace in all the steps of family life and ministry.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

For God's wisdom for the sermons, seminars, leadership training, media 7 ministries.

For the men that study with our book to grow in godly character and stronger testimony.

For the new church and all others that study with SEAN that they will experience spiritual growth

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

That the Lord will bless the project of having our books online and to start the audio book project.

That we as a family will continue to grow with the changes of the summer time for Andrea at work.

For God's provision for a specific financial need for the ministry and the family at this time.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

We are very thankful to the Lord for all the donations for the ministry and family needs. All donations can be sent to:

Calvary Chapel of Olympia 919 Division Street NW Olympia WA 98502 Attn: Missions

Checks should be made payable to Calvary Chapel of Olympia with "ABI" in the memo line

Online donations can be processed through the church website <u>www.calvaryoly.com</u> on the "Give" menu option, selecting Albanian Bible Institute

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.

