# ABI THE ADVANCER

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Equipping Albanian Believers for life, ministry and world impact





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

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

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow 1Cor 3:6

This passage is a reminder of God's sovereign work as we minister to Him and the church. Yes we do plant, but indeed it is He that brings forth fruit. The olive tree in the first picture is planted by my father three years ago, soon we expect fruit. As I look the fruit of the ministry of ABI in Albania and beyond, others planted before me, i am planting and by His Grace we are able to see fruit. I rejoice for it and work harder to see more done as we abide in Him, grow in faithfulness so the He may be praised. The Lord is using our lives, this ministry, opens new doors. May you enjoy and praise His Name as you read!

#### Pëllumb Ranxha



Preaching and Radio 7 ministry: The Lord has given me opportunities to preach His Word in Durrës, in Spitallë, in Gramsh and I consider this a big privilege and responsibility. My aim is to help small churches but not only and to assist their leadership especially lonely or needy pastors in different parts of the country. I do continue the ministry with Radio 7, it is a special opportunity to speak to many about Christian books in Albanian. In this way I aim to encourage reading, studying; the use of other spiritual disciplines and through these to cause real growth in their life.



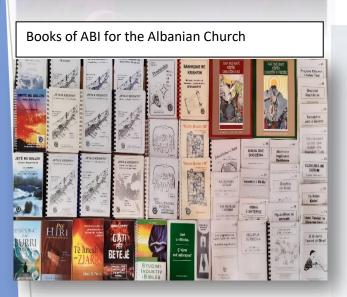
YouTube channel and others: Using media for good purposes is now a tool of ministry. This summer I created a YouTube channel for ABI in Albanian and worked much to make short videos to present to the viewer a short summary of our books and different ministries of ABI. As you take a look, only one video is in English, the one about the ministries of ABI. A google page was created some time ago too. We aim that these efforts will make the books more known to the reader and to have more readers study. YouTube Instituti Biblik i Shqipërisë IBSH

#### Celebrating hope with Will Graham in Tirana



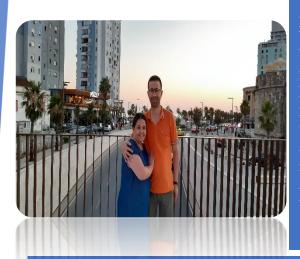
#### **Celebrating hope with Will Graham:**

The Lord has given to His church the responsibility to proclaim the Gospel. On 30-th of August we had a big outreach meeting in Tirana with Will Graham. Many prayed and prepared for this meeting. I had a part with some other brothers to oversee and assist the counselors that would share the gospel with the ones that came upfront to put their faith in Christ as Will called them. I enjoyed this meeting; it was long ago since I have partaken in such a national ministry and my heart rejoiced to see many come to faith in Christ.



Christian literature: We are thankful to the Lord for all the books that ABI has published in Albanian. Again, others started and I continue with new ones. SEAN materials continue to be used by a number of churches and we are reaching new ones. The radio 7 ministry, YouTube channel, facebook page and personal contacts are making the books more known and used. We give a good number of them for free. One man from Saranda got copy of "Fit for Battle", he wrote and thanked me for the good things he learned. Another man got one here at ABI and a month later came for another copy, as he said; "a friend took my book, he liked it very much". I was encouraged by these two testimonies

#### THE FAMILY CORNER



What is accomplished so far in ministry, would not be possible if we did not work together as a family!

We do things at office as we edit and work with the books, taking care of the facility for the hospitality ministry and others. I am very thankful for the family the Lord has given us. Manjola continues the lessons with the missionaries learning Albanian. Andrea finished the hard work all this summer and both with Ildi just started school. Andrea is in the last year of high school and Ildi in the ninth grade; an important time for both.

As we read, pray together we want to use this opportunity to grow as a family in our walk with the Lord.

#### **PRAISES:**

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

For all the Grace, strength, protection, wisdom, the fruit and open doors in ministry

For the preaching in two churches in Durrës and in Gramsh and assistance to pastors

For the impact of ABI Christian literature among many believers and churches.

For all the ones that pray, for the donors for the needs of ABI and of family.

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

For **Celebrating Hope** event with Will Graham and all that was accomplished

For the new way using media to make known the ministries and the books of ABI

For His Grace in taking more steps for the facility papers, it's still some work to be done

## If Paul the apostle asked for prayer we need it much more: 1Thess 5:25

For continuing wisdom for the sermons, seminars, leadership training, media 7, the ministry with GZB

For all the churches and prison ministry that study with SEAN that they will continue to grow

For persisting ones who pray for the ministry, our family as well. We truly need and appreciate it.

That the Lord will lead the project for our books online and the start of the audio book project.

That we as a family will grow in our faith and for wisdom and zeal for the boys at school on this year

For God's provision for a specific financial need for the ministry and the family that remains.

For all who gave their lives to Christ at Will Graham preaching, that they will continue to grow in faith.

### **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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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 <a href="https://www.calvaryoly.com">www.calvaryoly.com</a> 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. This is so before the Lord, to the ABI board and the Albanian government.

Calvary Chapel of Olympia is a faithful supporter of the ministry in Albania in many years. Thank you for giving so sacrificially and faithfully to Lord's ministry.





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