

ABI THE ADVANCER

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Equipping Albanian Believers for life, ministry and world impact

Praying for the persecuted church in TV 7



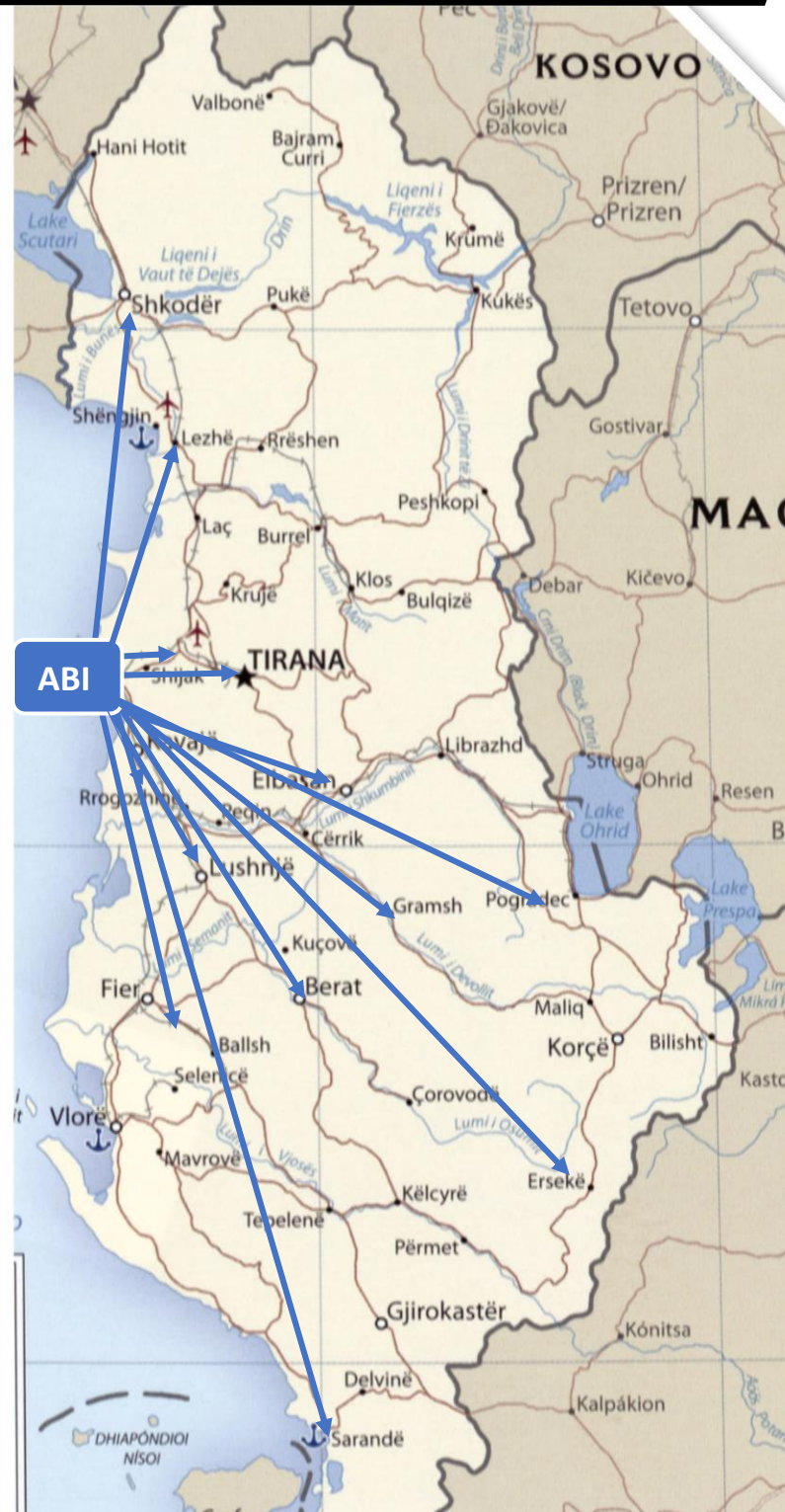
TV 7, ABI ministry after the earthquake



Pastors of Durres at ABI



Praying for pastor Toni



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

The Director's Report – March 2020

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him” 1Cor 2:9

As we live in interesting times and God is sovereign. In life and ministry, we do have plans, prayer requests for what we do desire to accomplish. It is so encouraging to see the Lord answer and it is amazing to see Him do more than what you ask. As we minister to the church and community by our materials, by the teaching on Radio and TV 7, caring for them at our facility, reaching beyond the country borders by these means, we surely see that God is doing more than we planned and expected. Sometimes it comes quick, sometimes years later as I got the privilege to pray for Toni as a pastor in Tirana. We do rejoice and praise Him for this and invite you to praise Him as you read this prayer letter. Your prayers are being answered too.

Pëllumb Ranxha

Pëllumb preaching in Lezhë



Preaching and other responsibilities:

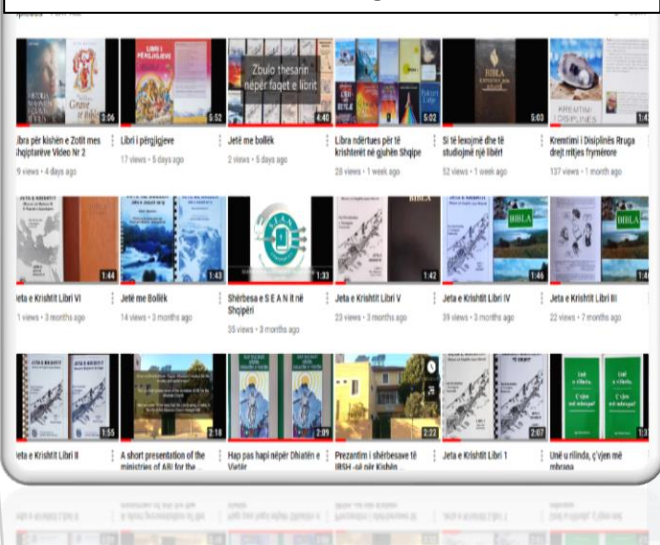
Preaching, reaching to the local church and spending time with their pastors, leaders is important. I enjoyed being with the church in Lezhe, encouraging them to pray for the persecuted church worldwide. The programs with TV 7 on different topics have been welcomed. At this time, we made an informing program on how to pray for the persecuted church in the world. Also, two programs were made about our ministry in reaching out to help after the earthquake. These ones have got more views than I reached by preaching or seminars last year. We desire and will work by His grace for new ones in the future.

Sadik & Lume sharing in Tv 7 about the time at ABI



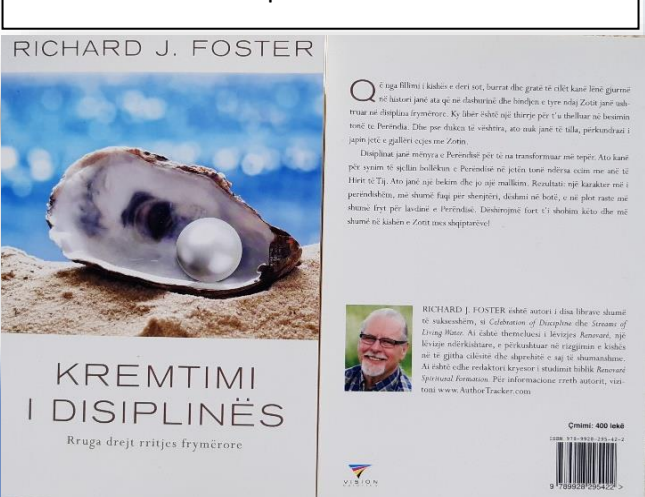
Earthquake Update: We continued our ministry to the families whose homes were severely damaged by the earthquake. Nine people have received shelter at our ministry center. Only three are still here. We are thankful to reach and help them in such difficult time for their life. We have provided shelter, food, some clothing, heating, hygiene needs for them. Sadik and Lume share their story how the Lord saved them and how they found care and love at our facility in this Tv program titled: "I saw death with my eyes" <https://youtu.be/ZIje3D9pTQw> The others have been very grateful for the care they received on these months at ABI. God be glorified!

ABI YouTube channel, serving the church online



The ministry online: I am learning to use the advantage of the online media. During these months I have made and added new videos about books and how to study on our YouTube channel. I am making videos with the programs I make for Radio 7. Also sharing in other social medias. Thus, our books are being introduced to the believers and some teaching too. Here we present the ministries of ABI to the church, other Christian materials published by other ministries. The impact of this ministry goes beyond of what I had expected into reaching Albanian believers out of our country borders. This is a way to be in touch more with our contacts and make new ones.

"Celebration of Discipline" in Albanian



New Christian literature: We do consider it a real blessing to see the impact of the ABI materials in the life of the Albanian Church. On January we published in Albanian "Celebration of Discipline". Our purpose as for the other materials is to see growth in the church life, as leaders, believers commit to spiritual disciplines. The book is welcomed by church leaders. We do continue to have a number of churches study with SEAN materials and are working to see more. Surely, we are glad to see the other books continue to be fruitful among Albanians not only in Albania. I got the chance to present the book to pastors of three cities. It has all been worth of doing as a ministry of literature!

THE FAMILY CORNER



As a family we understand the responsibility to grow in our walk with the Lord and we do enjoy our reading of scripture and prayer together. Also the responsibility to witness to our families as the only believers in both of them. Being able to work together in different things at ABI is fulfilling to me as there are things I can't do or don't have the time to do. We are still working with the library as it was damaged by the quake. We plan to print three other books of the SEAN series and are editing the first. I am very thankful for all that the Lord gives us to do as a family even during these quarantine days at home.

PRAISES:

For publishing "Celebration of Discipline" and the provision of the Lord for the work.

For the ministry with Media 7 and it's impact to many and the encouragement it brings to us

For the care offered to the people with damaged homes living at ABI at this time.

For the prayers and finances for all the needs of the family and ministry, it means much.

For the opportunities to meet with pastors in three cities to present the new book.

For the Grace that was given to us, enabling to accomplish all ministry during this time.

Our son Andrea just turned 18, we thank God for him, his part in the family and church life.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Wisdom as we work to build a website for ABI.

For the Lord's leading and open doors as GZB gives us a chance to reach some other churches.

For all the ministries that study with SEAN that their faith, character and testimony will grow.

For a growing faithful number of praying ones for the ministry and family. It will always be a need.

For wisdom, new ideas for the ministry with Media 7 as the Radio ministry has some legal obstacles.

That the Lord will bring new supporters for the ministry in this year to meet it's needs.

For the Lord's leading for the ministry during the time of isolation because of the virus in our country.

That our time under quarantine will be productive, we will have wisdom to use it in the best way.

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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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
www.calvaryoly.com 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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