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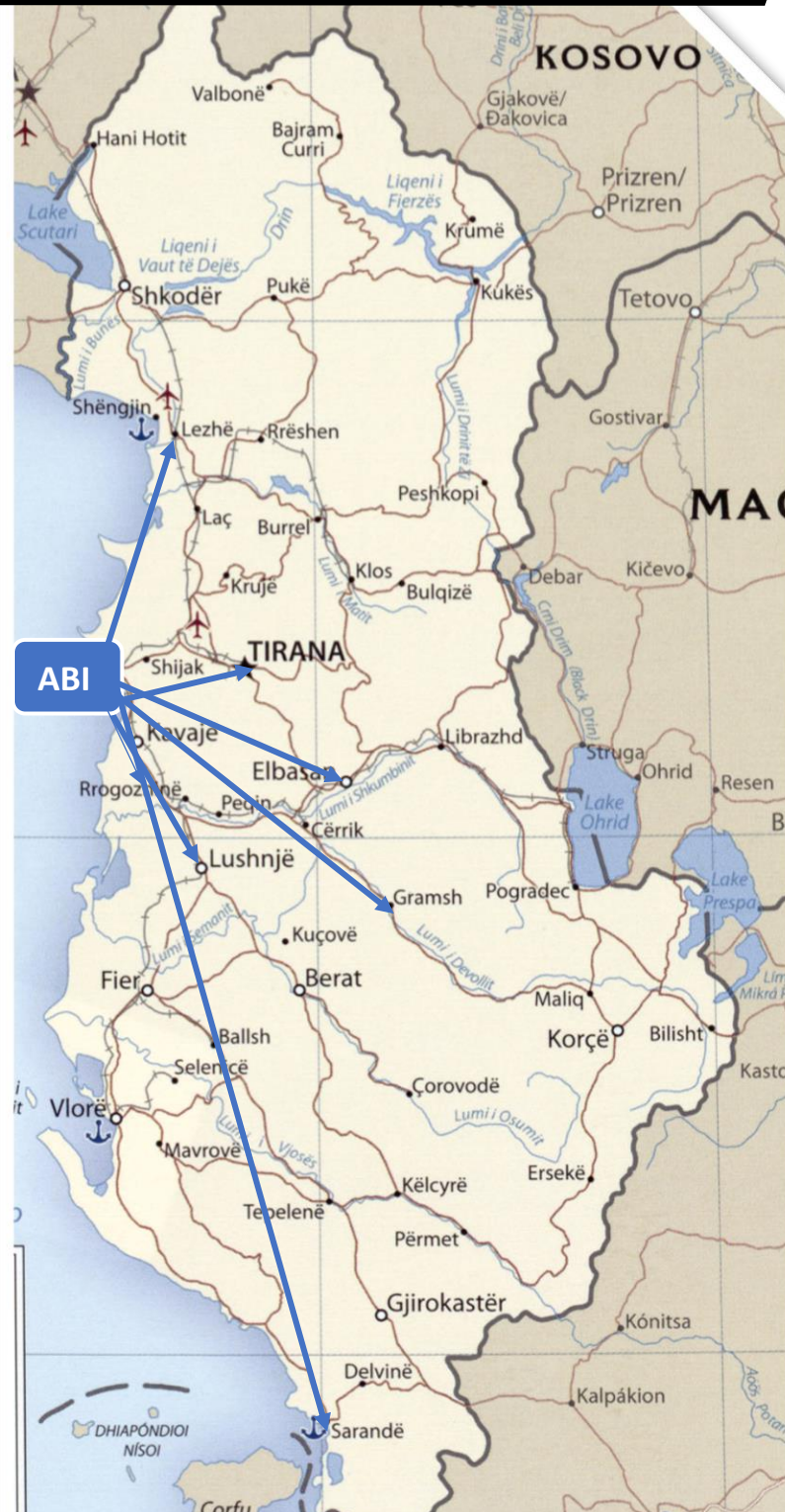
Preaching in Durrës at our church



Pastors and leaders of Durrës at ABI



Great visit with Lee Bradley at ABI



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

The Director's Report – June 2024

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us”. Ephesians 3:20

Each time I sit to prepare the prayer letter, I am humbled by the Lord as we see how much is done in three months. Truly our God is good and faithful as we walk with Him, serving Him, His church and our society. *Two men from Durrës, authors of books, visited us and were very impressed with our ministry. They got some books and wrote a message on the city newspaper about our books, library, first time such event for ABI.* This time has been busy with preachings, traveling but also making some new contacts, working with the new books, audio ones, with the new sermons and all others. *60 more ladies received a large print Bible for free in the prison of Tirana through ABI.* As we commit to all this work daily, weekly, monthly we can truly see the hand of the Lord leading, blessing, using, protecting, providing and among all receiving glory. Hallelujah!

May you all be very blessed and encouraged as you read through!

Pëllumb Ranxha

Preaching at our home church in Gramsh



Preaching, teaching and leadership training

As I learn about the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul, he had a passion to preach the Gospel to all that needed it. It has been my privilege to preach much at this time in: Durrës, Lezhë, Gramsh. I enjoyed being to the Roma church on Saturday and the other church on Sunday in Saranda. Also, it's a blessing to hear of the impact our books have among these churches. We continue the leadership training with the church in Lezhë monthly as I preach there as well. I really enjoy these relationships, as I am able to see the fruit of ABI investing through the years for churches that needed our help. The Lord has had His hand of provision and protection as I travel. In Saranda we traveled with my sons and enjoyed the fellowship together. We are so grateful for all our Lord accomplishes in and through us for His Glory to edify His Church.

“The Prayer Factor” printed in Albanian



A new book printed for the Albanian Church

All of us have a book or books that have impacted our lives and ministries. In my first steps of my walk with the Lord in 1996 I got a copy of the Prayer Factor by Sammy Tippit and has blessed me much ever since. The prayer life and ministry of brother Sammy has blessed many across the world and it continues in Albania. ABI reprinted this book for the Albanian church while earlier we provided an audio copy for the believers. We pray the leaders and the churches will grow in prayer in such a time as darkness gets stronger around us. We are encouraged by the feedback for the book and hope many more who have not had it now will do and will benefit from such a classic in prayer, revival and evangelism. The audio book is here: <https://ibsh.al/faktori-lutje/>

“I chose to Forgive” now audio in Albanian



Një rruqetim intim me Perëndinë

A new AUDIO book for the Albanian Church

How blessed are we as Christians to be forgiven by our merciful God and from each other as well. However, a number of broken relationships suffer much because of unforgiveness. ABI provided an audio version of the book “I chose to forgive” by Dianne Collard, printed by AEM. There is so much to learn from her forgiving heart of what happened to her family which bring inspiration for many to obey the Lord and forgive others and experience His blessing. The book has more than 1200 listeners in our website and the feedback is good from the listeners. Thank you, Dianne Collard, for such a work! The book is can be listened free at: <https://ibsh.al/une-zgjedh-te-fal/>

Barth and Mathilde from Holland



What do the others say about ABI?

The ABI is as a living body. It grows older and more mature. It changes with the need of the changing Albanian nation and its Church. ABI was a result of co-operation and listening to God. First prayers and talks were in 1992. Training in the country instead of seeing students leave. God called in Albania Frans Blok and others. They were people with experience in teaching in a Bible school. God gave the right people, always as ABI developed with clear steps. A traveling, a resident school, a publisher. Thus, it has impacted many leaders in the past and it continues to do in the church at the present with its new ways. I am curious about the next steps the Lord will lead ABI. **Barth Companjen, co-founder and former board member of ABI.**

THE FAMILY CORNER

Pëllumb & Manjola



Our family is doing well at this time. Andrea continues to work while Ildi finished his first year of college. We are blessed to see their walk with the Lord. Ildi did help with CRU leading the national conference with the students. He is working for the Summer at Big Sky resort MT, USA. We will have the first time when he is gone more than three months. As the Bible school finished in June, Manjola has been taking care of the facility for them and other guests here. We continue to pray and witness to our relatives as we continue to be the only believers in both of our big families. We are grateful for the Lord's care for our daily needs and the way He continues to use our lives in our ministry, church, neighbors, relatives and friends. We praise Him!

PRAISES:

For His high call on our lives to serve the Lord and His church in Albania. For His leading for us as we serve Him.

For the fact that the Lord continues to make Himself known unto us as the greatest need.

For the new audio book "I chose to forgive", and for the printed one "The prayer factor".

Be grateful for the Lord's provision for our family and the ministry of ABI.

For the facility of ABI and the blessing it is to the ministry, to our family, the Bible school and the local church in Durrës.

Thank God for our sons, as they walk with the Lord, support the local church and are working at the summer time.

Thank the Lord for the Bibles the ladies in prison did receive through ABI.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

We will be better equipped for our call and for a stronger walk with the Lord daily. ***That we will pray faithfully and enough, in spite much work around.***

More believers will learn and use our audio and printed books for their spiritual needs.

Wisdom for Pëllumb for all the ministries, that I will keep a good balance in all that is asked from me

For the salvation of Pëllumb's parents and Manjola's mother and healing for the continuing health issues.

For a growing impact in the life of the Albanian church for those things we can help. For new ways to reach out, for a lasting fruit of the ministry.

For spiritual strength for us, for faith, commitment to our Lord and the work He has entrusted to us.

The Lord will lead, bless Ildi at his new work and that he will find a good church for the summer.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

We are very thankful to our Lord for all the donations for the ministry in Albania.
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This is done 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 in times of need!*

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