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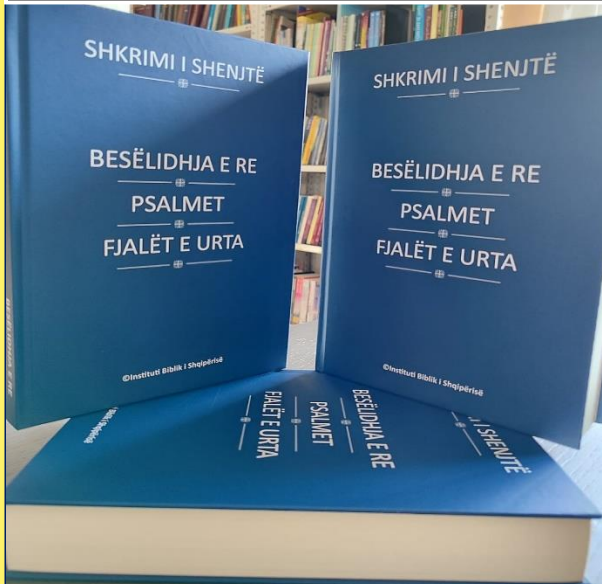
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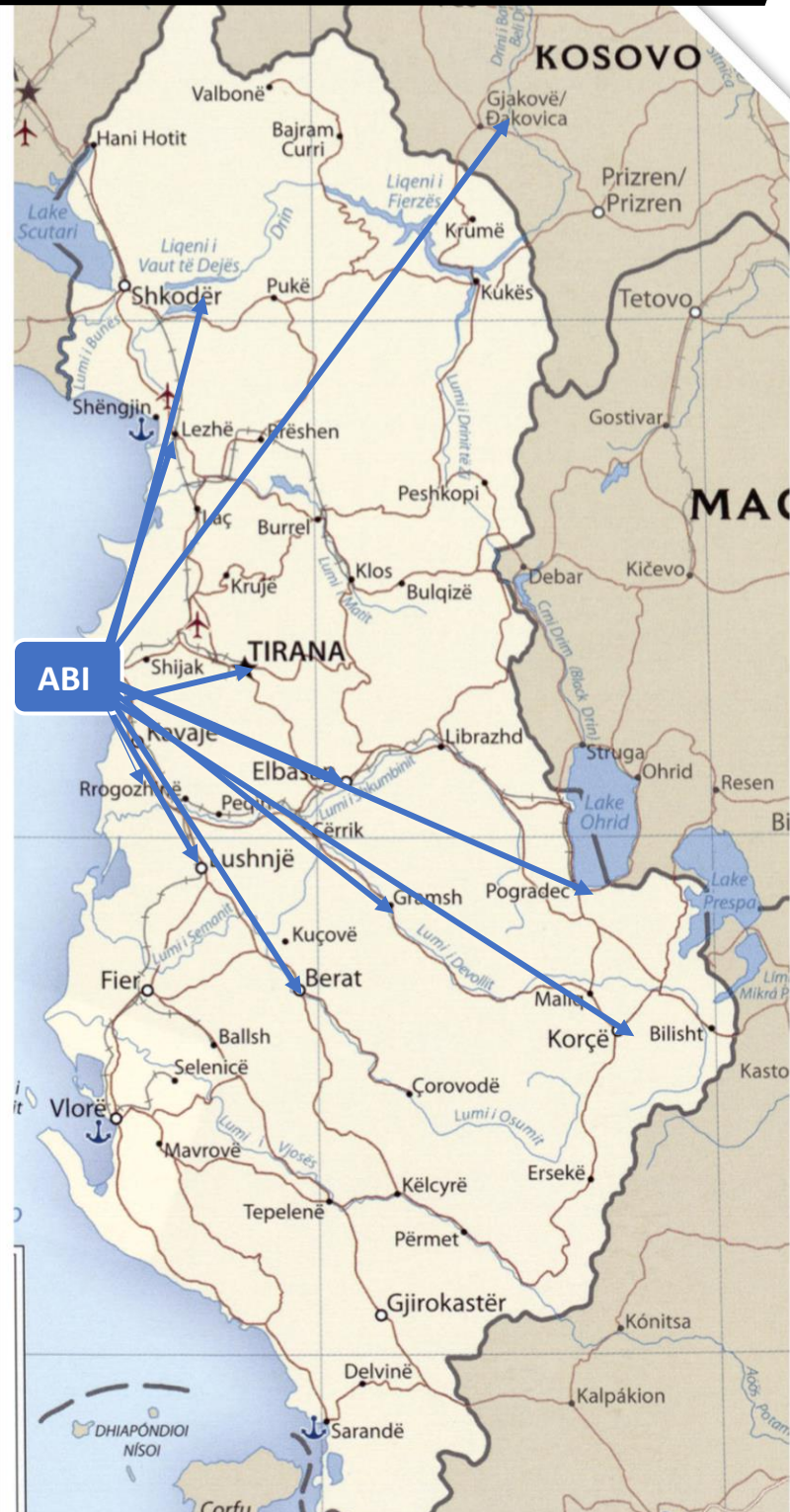
A new program on TV 7



The large print Bible, a blessing for many



Andrea in an interview and song at Radio 7



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

The Director's Report – March 2024

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened”. Matthew 7:7-8

Every new year starts with prayer, planning, asking from our Lord for new things, for more that we can do for His kingdom, most of all for more of Him in our lives and ministry. Therefore, new things are happening and you will learn in this letter and in the coming ones. We are grateful and humbled to see how the Lord is our lives and ABI. Not only Evangelical but also the Orthodox and Catholic Church has got copies of the large print Bible we printed. Someone did get some books from our web and wrote to us:

“Today by chance I got to learn for ABI visiting your Facebook and later the web and YouTube. The books I found, articles and audiobooks made my day beautiful and gave me food for the coming days. I pray that others with a hunger for the Lord will find these resources. Thank you so much for such a noble work you do for God's kingdom!”

We thank God for such messages and pray that more like her will be blessed during this year in and through the ministry of ABI.

Pëllumb Ranxha

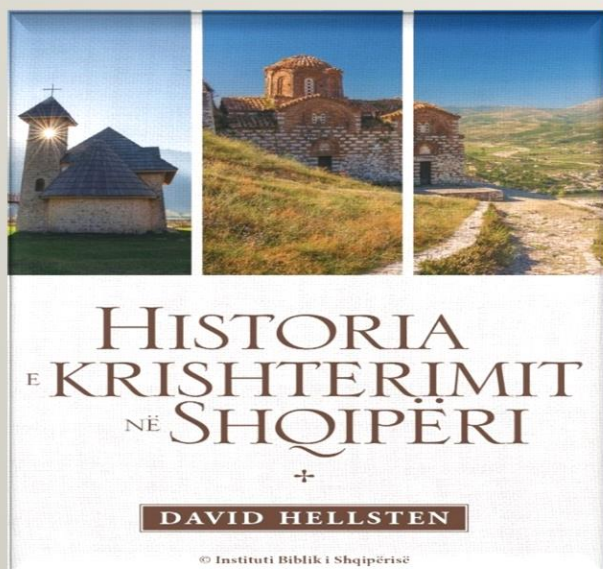
Preaching in Lezhë



Preaching, teaching and leadership training

It has been and it is an important part our ministry preaching and teaching, thus being in touch with the local church. I have enjoyed the preaching in Durrës and Lezhë. For several months now we are doing a study with the leadership and worship team using “Spiritual leadership” which we published in Albanian. We discuss truths, issues of our church life and plans for the future. We also pray together and I enjoy such time, because it helps to grow while I prepare the study. We have now some new articles in our website reaching out believers into other countries. The times of prayer with some pastors who visit us at ABI are a blessing, helping them out and being helped as well.

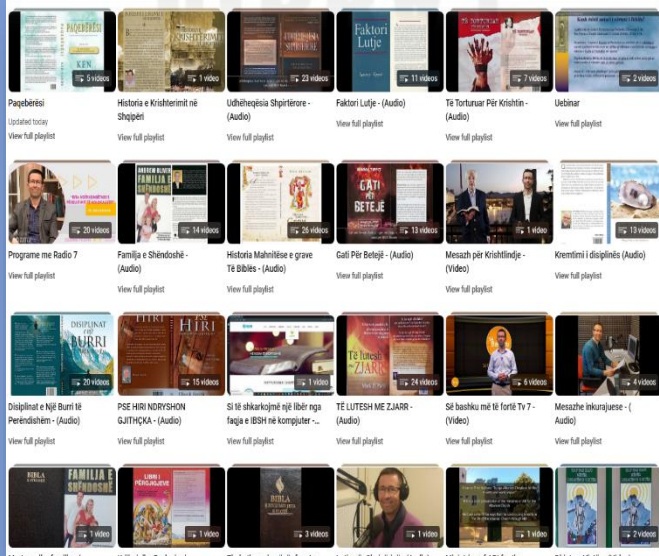
The History of Christianity in Albania



The Peacemaker now audio in Albanian



ABI YouTube channel with a new audio book



A new book printed for the Albanian Church

Church history is special, it does not only tell us what has happened and who did, but most of all it shows the work of God in people and nations. I like Church history in spite of the things I wish did not happen in it. This February we printed for the needs of the Albanian church, Bible schools, leaders “Church History in Albania” by David Hellsten, one of the former teachers at ABI. Last year we did make the same book audio and it has now more than 15.000 people who listened to it. We pray and as for your prayers that this new work of ABI will be a blessing for the church in Albania, to learn from the past as we go forward in the calling of the Lord for each one of us.

A new AUDIO book for the Albanian Church

After printing the “Peacemaker” by Ken Sande last year we started the work to make the audio version of it. This book is now the 12-th audio book ABI has provided for the needs of the Albanian church. The book is uploaded at our web, YouTube and Facebook chapter by chapter. We continue to be encouraged by the growing number of views but also for the fact that the believers which live in other countries can listen our good materials audio and for free. We are grateful to our Lord for His provision for all this great work for His kingdom among Albanians. The audio book is: <https://ibsh.al/pageberesi/> https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWiG1BF07Ez2BeCQbkB7Sb89K3B6pss_j&feature=shared

What do the others say about ABI?

In the spring of 1992, I visited Albania for the first time. Little did I know then, many visits were made over the years. I did represent my mission to help build ABI alongside others and as a co-founder as well. Our goal was to provide quality biblical instruction, train pastors for the churches and missions. As we receive the updates from Pëllumb, ABI still fulfills these purposes. It reaches out the local church for leadership training. It helps Bible schools in Albania by the printed books, the web, e and audio books. Praise be to our God for all! What a joy it's for me and others to see this work continue many years after that start and give such a fruit for God's glory!

Dr. Glenn T. Collard, honorary board member, USA

THE FAMILY CORNER

Pëllumb & Manjola



We are well as a family. The Lord has allowed us to go through some challenges in our broad family and yet has given us a lot of grace. March is a special month for our family, Andrea turns 22 on 23-rd and Ildi 19 on 27-th. We are so grateful to our Lord for our sons, in a world so hostile to our faith and with many traps for them as young men, they continue to walk and serve to the Lord. Manjola continues to take care of the facility as the Bible School continues here weekly. She also helps much with a number of books as we edit and make them ready for print or reprint and that is a great help to the ministry, unseen to many. We are grateful for the prayers and the care of our Lord for our family. We want to continue to be used for His glory.

PRAISES:

For His love, care, grace, provision and protection we have enjoyed during this time.

For the all the large print Bibles distributed to the elderly and prison ministry.

Be thankful for the ones that faithfully pray for us and take care of the financial needs.

For the new audio book "The Peacemaker".
For the new printed book on church history.

Be thankful for all the fruit of the ministry during these months and the new work.

For the facility of ABI which is a blessing to the ministry, to our family and the local church in Durrës.

For the encouraging messages we have received as a insurance that the ministry is reaching out and is a blessing.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

More people will desire to get copies of the large print Bible and pastors will have more interest.

Wisdom for Pëllumb for all the ministries, especially for the leadership training in Lezhë. For new opportunities of leadership training in Albania.

That we will continue to seek first His kingdom and the Lord will provide for the family and ministry.

For the salvation of Pëllumb's parents and Manjola's mother and healing as they have health issues.

Wisdom and financial provision for a new book which we started to translate this year.

The impact of the ministry will grow with the new printed and audio book we have recently made.

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

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:

Calvary Chapel of Olympia
919 Division Street NW
P.O Box 13397
Olympia WA 98508
Attn: Missions

1. Checks should be made payable to Calvary Chapel of Olympia with "ABI" in the memo line
2. Online donations can be processed through the church website www.calvaryoly.com on the "Give" menu option, selecting Albanian Bible Institute
3. Online donations from other countries can also be given at the ABI website: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/ibshshqiperi>

*There will be accountability with the money you give, just as we have had in the past.
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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