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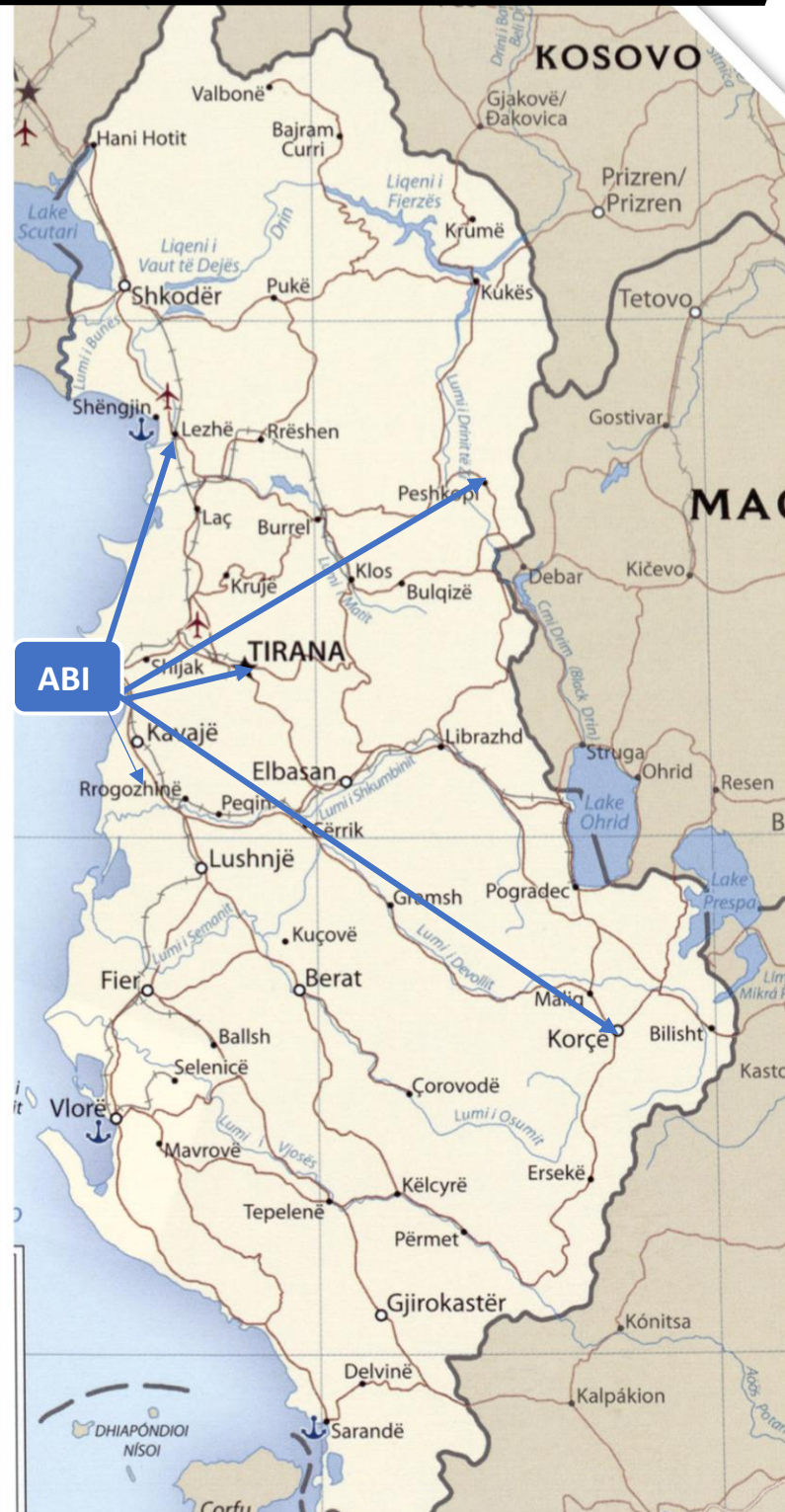
Preaching in Durrës



Preaching in Lezhë



Meriban, now 85 reading the ABI Bible



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

The Director's Report – March 2025

“But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” 1 Corinthians 2:9

We start each new year with prayer, planning, asking and listening from our Lord for new things which we can do for His kingdom, things to improve as well. Yes, new things will be shared here in the coming months. We had a very active three months working with a new book, with a new audio book. I have preached in several churches in Durrës, three times in Lezhë. I have visited a number of churches, ministries for more contacts and enjoyed sharing about our recourses, especially for the online ministry. We have enjoyed the leadership training in Lezhë as it comes to an end. Being together with the pastors of Durrës monthly it is a blessing with contribution from ABI. We have the Bible school weekly here and care for them. Thus, trying to do all needed and most of all keeping our relationship with the Lord in prayer and studying, as the priority in which it all others depend.

May you all be blessed and praise Him as you read through!

Pëllumb Ranxha

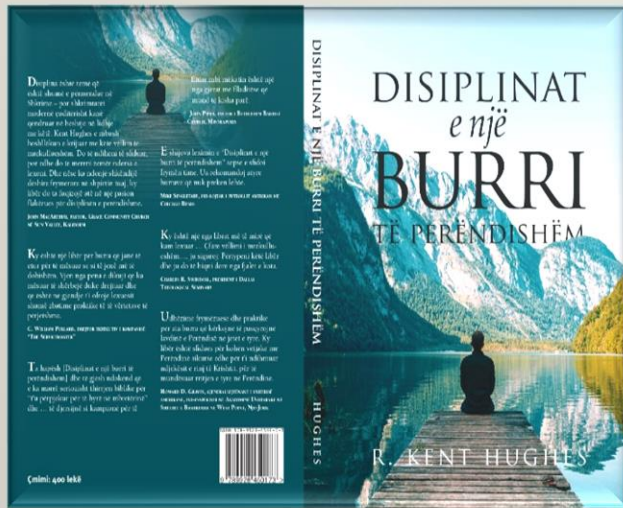
A special visit with Pastor Joe and Michele



A visit of joy, reflection and blessing

We met in 1995 when I was in the last year of high school in Gramsh and now eternity is together. I came to faith and ministry in Christ through the ministry of pastor Joe and am very grateful for it. We continued the ministry in Gramsh after they left till 2007. This visit brought joy, gratefulness for what the Lord has done through the years. We were able to visit the new church plant in Lushnjë by Sajmir and Irma from Gramsh. We had a special time with our home church in Gramsh. Here in Durrës, at ABI we had a night with some friends that came to know Joe and Michele in Gramsh. They met our sons, 23 and 20 now for the first time and so many others special meetings like this. Indeed, we praise our Lord for what was started in Gramsh through pastor Joe and Michele and its fruit. We hope and pray that their hearts will be joyful for what they saw and experienced as they were in Albania!

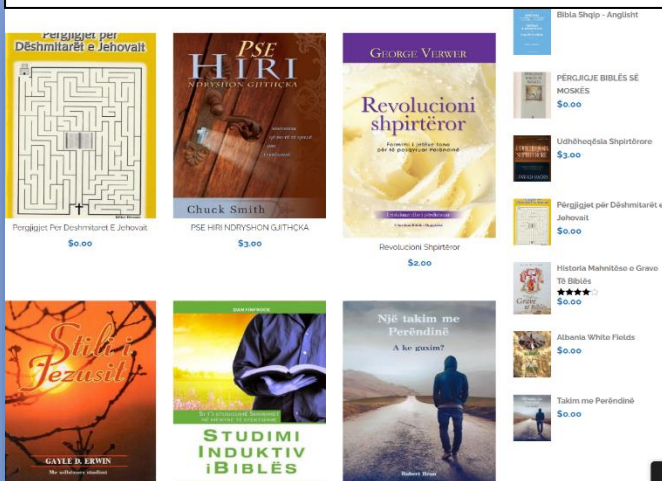
“Disciplines of a godly man” in Albanian



Makus Volker and Pëllumb at ABI with SEAN



Our e and audio books at the ABI website



Meeting the needs of men and leaders in churches

On 2018 after a lot of work for a beginner on printing books, we provided this book for the men in our churches. Little did we know how much impact this book would have. Groups of men and leaders in many churches did study with it, and many were able to listen the audios. The book did finish and we had to print it again for the needs of the church. There are at least 130 men at this time studying with it in different churches. The good feedback and the fruit of its use made us to reprint it. We are grateful to our Lord that our men can study with such a good book and thus have an impact in their life, marriage, family, work, ministry, society. Here is the audio: <https://ibsh.al/disciplinat-e-nje-burri-te-perendishem/>

SEAN ministry and it's impact in Albania

This march we enjoyed a visit of the director of SEAN Markus Volker at our facility which we enjoyed much. We are grateful for what the Lord has done through our materials during the years since it started in Albania. We are encouraged that we have a number of churches across the country and in the prison ministry using SEAN now. We have about 10 courses available and desire to provide more in the future for the needs of the Albanian church. SEAN has proved to be a good material to different churches for discipleship and we are grateful for the fruit and pray the Lord will bring even more. We learn more here: <https://ibsh.al/sean/>

The ministry online reaching the unreachable

It is surely a blessing and an encouragement to meet with people and share about our printing, audios, preaching and seminars. Yet, there is a category we can probably never meet in person but still need our ministry. Through our web, YouTube, Facebook we are reaching the unreachable in another way. Yet, when we meet someone and get some feedback it encourages us to do even more. More than 300 hours people did listen our audios on YouTube and probably even more in our website during these three months. Hundreds were reached by our posts in Facebook, introducing them with our materials, new ones, resources needed for them. Praise the Lord for the fruit so far! May He make it even more fruitful for His Glory!

THE FAMILY CORNER

Pëllumb, Manjola, Andrea, Ildi



This time of the year is very special for our family. This March Andrea turned 23 and Ildi 20 years old, we are so grateful to our Lord for them and His love and care during all these years. We surely enjoyed the time with Joe & Michele for such an event of life together. Manjola works a lot to take care of the family and the facility of ABI for the Bible school. Andrea continues his work and studies with much efforts to succeed. Ildi continues his studies and involvement with CRU. We pray, witness and care for our parents as elderly with their needs. The responsibility is great to witness to them and other family members as they have not come to Christ yet. Would you please join us in prayer for their salvation and for us as we care for them that we will be able to do it well and give glory to God in all!

PRAISES:

For God's revelation, love, faithfulness and protection to our family and ABI.

For being able to reprint "Disciplines of a godly man" and it's fruit among churches.

For the impact of the SEAN ministry during the years and at this time as well.

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

For the facility of ABI as it is a blessing to the ministry, to our family, to the Bible school and the local church. Praise be to the Lord!

Be grateful for the fruit and impact of the ministry online reaching many at this time.

For the believers that continue to encourage, to give heart, to pray, to care and thus to be a blessing to our lives and ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pray that our Lord God will make Himself known to us even more during this year and that we will hear from Him for new things to be done in ministry.

For the health of our parents and their salvation.
For wisdom to share the Gospel with them and take care of them in difficult days.

For wisdom from the Lord for all the ministries.
That we will be able to improve what we do for the churches and the glory of God above all.

For more impact of the ministry; our books, audio books, trainings. We will be able to reach more believers in other countries through our website.

For the Lord's provision for finances during this year for the needs of the ministry and the family.
For new possible donors; churches, individuals, organizations that will support ABI even more.

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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