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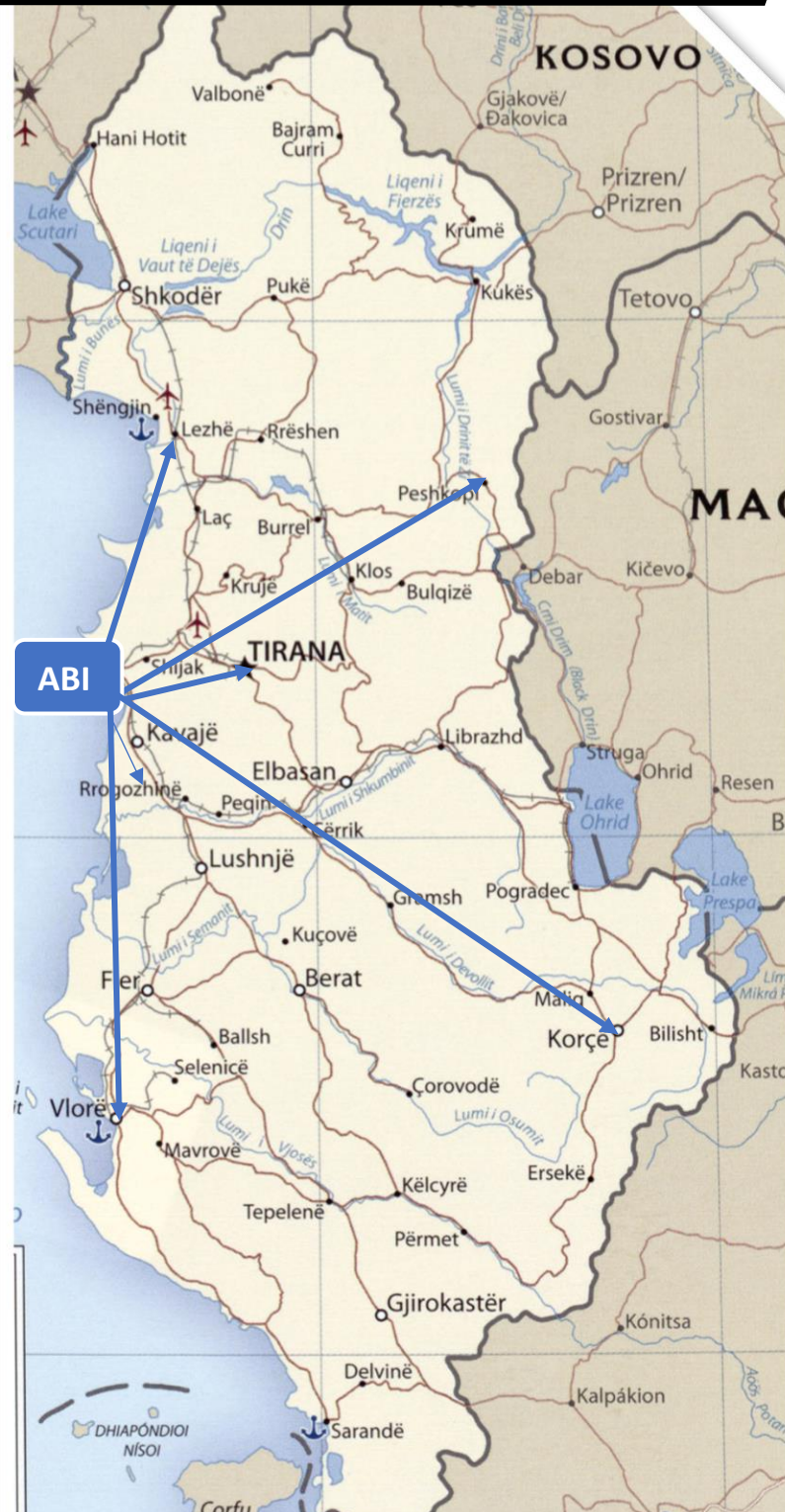
Preaching in Durrës at our church



Mondi & Asim, leaders, former students ABI



Presenting resources from ABI to the church



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

The Director's Report – December 2024

"Always giving thanks to God, the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20

Another year is coming to an end and as we look back, we are filled with gratitude. We give thanks for His revelation to and through us, for the personal relationship with our Father. For His love, care, protection and provision all through the year. Three more months of ministry went by very fast. GZB ministry did get 300 large print Bibles for 15 churches, our hearts rejoice to see more people be blessed with God's word through ABI. In our effort to keep a balance among all things to be done, we are grateful that we managed it by His grace, strength and provision to accomplish more than we thought. We give thanks, we ask you to give thanks, we pray and ask you to pray for the next year so that the Lord will continue to reveal Himself in and through our lives and the ministry of ABI to do even more than this year.

May you all be filled with gratitude as you read and praise Him in all!

Pëllumb Ranxha

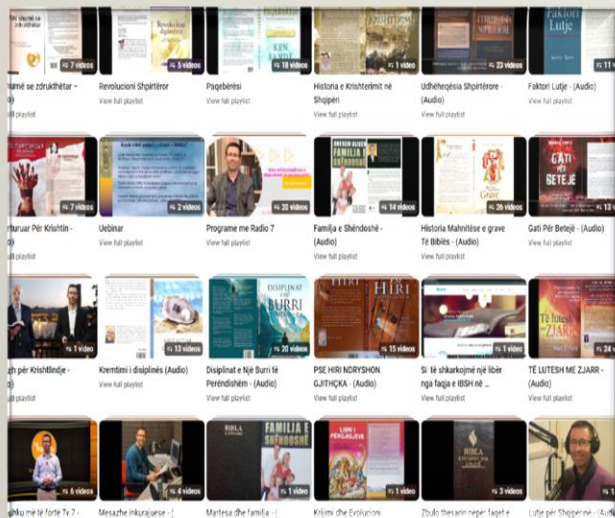
Preaching in Shijak for the first time



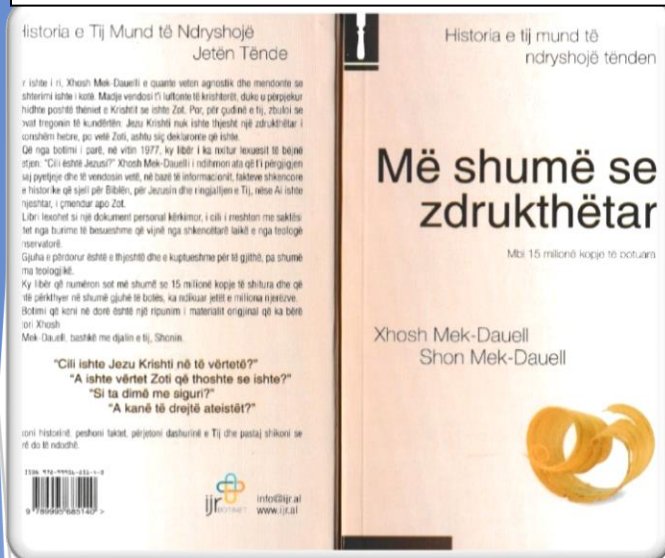
Preaching, teaching and leadership training

This is another period of traveling to preach, to present our materials, to be with other leaders. During these months I did preach in Durrës, Shijak, Hamallaj, Lezhë, Laç and enjoyed them all. I had a chance to visit for the first time the churches in Shijak and Hamallaj. I had an opportunity through GZB to share about our resources for the Albanian church with a number of church leaders and Bible school students, especially for the leadership books, and the new audio books. Some churches got some SEAN books in the national conference of pastors. Some churches of AG have 80 men studying with "Disciplines of a godly man", another church in Tirana has 50 men studying with it and others are using other books of ABI. Some learned for the first time for all these resources for them and their churches in the national conference. I did teach and present our resources with a group of believers online, thus ABI is making more impact in other countries

Programs and audio books on our YouTube



“More than a Carpenter” audio in Albanian



Pëllumb with the leadership team in Lezhë studying Spiritual Leadership & fellowship.



Helping the Albanian Church online even more

Albanian believers are now in different countries of the world. We are trying to meet their spiritual needs with the audio books, e books, articles on our web. This year people did listen about 800 hours of audio books in Youtube. Hundreds of hours in our website, many did get e books and several thousand of readings for our articles. It is amazing and humbling to see what can be done from our office through technology. We continue to work to provide new audio books next year and other needed materials for the needs of the church. Prayer and finances are needed for all of this. We trust it all to our Lord so that He will guide and provide for His Glory and take care of the spiritual needs for the believers.

A new AUDIO book on apologetics for the churches

The person, work and Gospel of Christ are attacked. Are we ready to teach others and defend the divinity of Christ? Do we know how the Bible was written and defend its inerrancy? Do we have resources for those who want to learn about these issues? “More Than a Carpenter” is an excellent book that is now audio. It’s almost 1000 people who went to listen the book at our web. Leaders, church members, students, sceptics, people from other religions have good answers and a tool that can be shared now provided by ABI with the permission of CRU. We pray for more fruit for this work, to convince the sceptics and give glory to God!
<https://ibsh.al/me-shume-se-zdrukthetar-audio/>

What do the others say about ABI?

During this year our church has had excellent cooperation with ABI. It consisted of three very important things of our life. One Sunday per month, pastor Pëllumb preaches, bringing a living, encouraging and edifying message for us. This has been helpful for me as well, to get some rest, but it has also been good for the church not to have the same person preaching every Sunday. ABI has helped in the training of church leaders through the study that Pastor Pellumb did with the book Spiritual Leadership. I want to mention the wonderful work of providing different books and large print bibles that he has provided for the church. We are grateful to God who continues to use ABI to influence the spiritual growth and strengthening of the church. **Edmond Palucaj, Pastor of the Good News Church in Lezhë.**

THE FAMILY CORNER

Andrea leading worship for an international conference in Durrës.



We are doing well as family at this time, grateful to our Lord for this year. Manjola continues to take care of the facility of ABI, to edit new books, articles and take a great care of three men at home. Andrea works and started his masters, thus being very busy. Ildi continues his second year of college and continues to be involved with CRU student ministry. Our parents have had health issues, Manjola's mother was in hospital for days and needs prayer. Being the only son for Pëllumb and the only daughter for Manjola brings responsibilities for us in caring for our parents. The Lord has walked with us through some very difficult days this year, He has led, protected and met our needs even when they were more than we could do. We praise Him for all and are thankful to all of you for the prayers and care.

PRAISES:

For His revelation, love, care, protection, faithfulness on our lives and ministry.

For the fruit of the ministry during this time and the whole year as we rejoice in Him.

For the new audio book "More than a Carpenter" and the impact it already has.

For His provision for our family and the ministry of ABI even though with challenges.

For the facility of ABI as it is a blessing to the ministry, to our family, for the Bible school and the local church in Durrës. Praise Him!

Thank God for our sons, as they walk with the Lord in a hostile world, support the local church and are studying and working hard.

Thank the Lord for 300 Bibles the churches did receive through ABI. Praise Him for all the other books churches have received.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

That we come to know God more with a stronger faith and experience His presence and leading. Will seek His kingdom and righteousness first of all.

For our relatives and neighbors which will receive calendars, devotions for Christmas, to use them and come to know the Lord through these materials.

For healing for Manjola's mother and her salvation as well as for Pëllumb's parents. For wisdom to share the Gospel with them and their open hearts.

Wisdom from above for all the ministries. We will be able to hear from the Lord for new things on the coming year to serve Him and the Albanian church.

For even more impact, fruit of our books, audio books, trainings. We will be able to reach more believers in other countries with the online materials

For the Lord's provision for finances on the coming year for the ministry and the family. For new donors; churches, individuals, organizations.

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
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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