

THE NAJERA FAMILY

News from Albania

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A TIME OF CHANGES



NAOMI IS REALLY ENJOYING HER LITTLE SISTER!

This year began with many changes for us. At the beginning of the year, we gave up the place that we have been renting for our church meetings and other activities. We then began the search for a new place to meet where the church could rent and pay from their own budget.

On February 12, Nikol came into our family! She was 20 inches long and weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. This has brought many changes to our schedule and daily life, but what a joy she is to us!

We moved out of our office that our team had used for the past nine years. This called for a lot of extra work. We now know how to take apart and put together many types of furniture. *(We've developed arm and back muscles without paying to attend a gym!)*

Thank God *(with much work on the part of the believers of our church)* we found a new place to meet in the area where we were looking. It is big enough for our current needs and the church can afford to pay the rent without outside help. It may seem simple but it was quite a process for them to do most of the work themselves. It is great to see the sense of ownership that they have as a result.



In the same place that the church is meeting, there is a room that we can use for our office, which is another answer to prayer.

We have had many team meetings to discuss changes that are ahead for our team. Our co-workers, Douglas and Gloria Livingston, will be going on a one-year furlough. Until now, they have only had summer furloughs so this is a big change for them to be gone a year. It has been at times a difficult, tiring process, but God has shown us ways to move forward.

We have had changes in our finances. The financial crisis that has affected the world has also affected some of our faithful supporters. This has caused our income to go down by almost 20%.

In the near future, we will have several other changes. The other members of our team, Alan and Ann Bryant, will have a less active role in the coming year. This will bring more responsibility for us.

CHANGES ALWAYS BRING CHALLENGES AND BLESSINGS!

- Change in the church venue brought a greater sense of unity and ownership.
- Having a new voice in our home (Nikol) is a blessing, as is the life of Naomi.
- With the Livingstons leaving, the believers are taking on more responsibility.
- Financial needs cause us to turn more fully to depend on our Father.
- Additional ministry responsibilities urge us to draw nearer to the Lord and grow.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support in this time of change. Please continue as God works in us and as we make disciples here in Albania.

Serving in Albania,

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