

News from Albania

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Greetings Brothers,

Four months have passed since we sent our news letter so we have many things to share.



Departure of Mirela and Matias

Our sister, Mirela, and her son, Matias (members of our church) departed for Greece at the end of March. This was a temporary change. After staying there for three months, they moved to Trieste, Italy with Kosta (Mirela's husband) where they are now working. She has called us on many occasions to let us stay in touch. We ask for your prayers that Mirela can find a church where she can be a part of the congregation. This would give her security and peace in the middle of so many changes in their lives

Herbert and Ana Villanueva's Visit

The last week of April and the first days of May, we had the blessing to receive the visit of our friends and brothers, Herbert and Ana Villanueva. We enjoyed this time very much. They shared a little time with the brethren of our church and with Migena's parents. They expressed the wish to come and serve in this country. We look forward (with excitement and expectation) to seeing what our God will do. We are praying that He will be glorified through this process and will bring them here according to His will. Please join us in praying for this family and their future ministry.



Baptisms



On July 6, we travelled to the Port of Durres where we had the blessing of **eight public acts of faith in our Savior Jesus Christ**. In the picture is Albano, a young believer that received Christ during last year's summer camp. He was giving testimony of this step of faith in his personal life. With me is Sandri, an Albanian believer with whom we are sharing leadership.



Albano is expressing his joy of having been baptized!



The Brethren that were Baptized (left to right):

Yeton

Megi

Albano

Jergina

Sidita

Dea

Mirela

Ildi

Please pray for these brothers (based on the words the Apostle Paul wrote to the churches in *Philippi* and *Colosse*) that they will “hold fast to the Word of Life” and “walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith” (*Philippians 2:16, Colossians 2:6-7*).

Departure of the Livingston's

With laughter and tears, we said goodbye to our brothers, sisters, friends and co-workers Douglas, Gloria, Maria and Victor (*absent from picture*) Livingston. There was laughter because we all remembered much of the good times and how we enjoyed them. There were tears because it is always difficult to say goodbye after so many years together. Concerning the future, we are encouraged when we envision many families leaving to go to the mission field in Albania and its surroundings that were motivated by the ministry of this family. We ask your prayers for the Livingstons; that they will hear God's voice and that He will direct their energy, efforts and ministry with other people.



Prayer Requests

1. Wisdom and complete dependence on our Lord in this new stage of our life as a family; facing the privilege and responsibility of what He wants us to be and do here in Albania.
2. Health and strength for our families here in Albania and Guatemala; especially for my sister, Anabella, who is in the recovering process of chemotherapy and radiation.

In Christ,

Giovanni, Migena, Naomi and Nikol Najera