



1 Peter 1:24-25

²⁴ For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever."

Warm greetings to you from Vali, Era and our son Daniel. It is such a great joy for us that we have the chance to share with you what God is doing in our life and our ministry, even though we feel very bad because we don't do this very often and you get newsletters from us rarely during the year, so sorry about that (writing in English and having a very busy life and ministry are some of our problems). But now we are here and we will share with you a few things from us and our ministry.

As you have seen on the top of the page, we have written two verses from 1 Peter.

We have been studying during this year 1 Peter and those verses are so meaningful for us every day. "The word of the Lord endures forever." how powerful and life changing is to know that everything on earth will end on day, but God's word not, His word will endure forever and so will we. We will live forever with him, in His presence and see his glory. And where we find this truth? In His Word. So grateful to Him that we have His Word part of our life.

As you can see in the pictures Daniel it's growing up so fast. In the beginning of June he finished the preschool.

Now that he has finished the Preschool, in September he will start the school for the first time. Finding a good school for him it's a challenge for us. Public schools have so much kids in it and for Daniel it will be a problem (knowing that he is having social skills therapy for that issue) he will need a class with a good teacher and not too many kids in the class. Private schools are good but they are very expensive and it will be hard for us to pay for it and also is not easy to access them. Era and I are in prayer before God so we can find the best school for Daniel. Please be in prayer for Daniel and the process of finding a school for him.

Also in June he got the yellow belt on Taekwondo. We are so happy he can practice some sport with a Christian Trainer. He enjoys a lot going on taekwondo.

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¹⁴How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?¹ And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

(Era writing)

On April 9th-15th, together with a group of 13 people from cru Albania I had the opportunity to see closely how is to share the gospel in a place where it has a difficulty in the freedom to share your Christian faith. It can be felt the Muslim culture as soon as you touch the ground of Istanbul, Turkey. The country is filled with many mosques around the city. As you talk to students, you need to be careful so they do not understand the real purpose why you are there. The way we talked to them was, we were saying, "We are tourists and we are curious to learn more about how student life is here in Istanbul and to know more about your culture as well. At the end of conversations with them, we got their contact number and invited them to come to a program named the English Club. Almost all Students were interested in taking part in English Club and meeting with the Albanian group that works there long-term.

I have enjoyed my time during that week with the students. Every day every one from our group has met at least one Turkish student. The Cru Albanian team that serves there long-term, after we left has the purpose to meet again the students we have met and leaving them a gift from us. This is to strengthen the relationships and to have the opportunity to meet again with them.

Our hope is that every student who has met with us has the opportunity to hear the gospel again and to be part of the ministry there so they will learn more about God. The Turks are lost without God, and it seems He is smoothing the situation, and more and more seems to be making it easier than it was before to share the Gospel. God has a plan for the Turkish people, and I was so happy to be there for one week.

An open door for the gospel

During May I have been working intensively with the reconstruction of one of the halls in our office. Most of the reconstructions have been made from three people: from Selami, his brother Sula and their nephew Haxhi. They come from a Muslim culture but not practicing it. I have been praying to God that He will open a door so I can talk with them about Him. Almost every day I was spending time with them during their break time and have a coffee together. This way we become very good friends together. During the days I started to talk little by little about my faith and I started explaining to them about God's plan for humans, from the beginning of time.

Selami was more interested than the others

to talk about this topics.

One day He was at my office and there I have a picture of the map of the World with a verse in English from Psalm 67:4 "Let the nations be glad"! He asked me what was the meaning, and I started to explain to him the meaning of the verse. Every time, I really enjoy my conversations with him. We did not had enough time to discuss many things that day, but I can see that he is interested on knowing more about God. My desire is to share the gospel with him in a clear way and I'm in prayer for him that he will be ready to accept Jesus in his life. Please be in prayer with me for him.

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We have one year and a half that we serve with operations team and we have a lot of thing to do, but still we have the chance to help with students ministry also. In February I was helping one of our University students team here in Tirana with e program named: Effective Study. Is a program that helps Students to be more effective on their study's. I was one of the professors on one of the days of the program. The reason why we do this program it's to connect with students in a way they will feel we are helping them in the academic way, and after that we can have a stronger relationship with them so we can share the gospel with them.

In July 21st-28th, Era and I will be in a English camp for one week with students coming from Macedonia to Albania. That is another great opportunity for us to impact in students life with the gospel. The students in the English camp are expected to be having a strong Muslim tradition so we are praying that God will use this camp in their life so they can know the true God. Please be in prayer for them with us.

A New ministry in our Church

Era and I attend the Cornerstone Church in Tirana. We have many people that we know there, but during the years (thanks God) the number of the people it's growing up in our Church and together with that it's growing up also the number of young couples. This year together with two other couples of our church we have started a new ministry, the ministry of couples. Until now have had two large meetings and we bill have another one on this month (June). Our desire it's to help couples of our church grow up in their relationship with God, relationship with each

other, and relationship with their kids, so their (and our) family's will reflect God in the way how we live our life's as Christian couples and Christian families. Even though we have ben 11 years married we consider ourselves a young couple and in need to learn more and more how to live our daily life's in Gods will, we have a big desire to help others with all we have so they will give glory to God with their life's and family's. This is part of discipleship, and we love doing discipleship.



Prayer request's.

1. Please pray for Era and I and for our daily walk with the Lord. Pray for Daniel that Lord will lead us to find a very good school for him.
2. Please pray for the students that Era and here group have meet, that God will give them the opportunity to hear the gospel again and that God will open their hearts so they can know Him.
3. Please pray for me that I will have again the opportunity to talk about God with Selami, his brother and his nephew, a special pray for Selami that he will have an open mind and heart so he can know God, and that he can impact his family.
4. Please pray for our Student ministry and the summer camps we are going to have during July, pray that God will impact in many people's life with the gospel during this time by using us and the groups that com from U.S. and Switzerland.