

Dear Friends,

After 50 days in Tirana I think I should write you some news.



By now I am having my own internet access which makes it so easy to keep in touch and let you know what's going on. In the moment I am teaching the Gospel of John and I love it. School is great. My students are working hard and they even enjoy the classes.

In Tirana and nearby we have four churches which I got to know already. Three of them are in villages or suburbs of Tirana. As typical for me, I love the village churches the most. Therefore I am planning to get involved in those churches. The main church in the Centre of Tirana is going well and has enough workers anyway.

### **Today about Barthorë:**

In Germany we had a very nice women's cell group, I loved it so much that I planned to start one in Tirana as well. But then I went to the church in Barthorë. This church is visited by about 100 women, no men are seen there. The people living in Barthorë are coming from the North of Albania, have a strong Islamic background and therefore don't go to church. The men allow there women to go, because they are poor and hope to get some help. The church was planted by a help organization and given over to the Church of God. Sajmirë and Dori, a young couple (24 years) are taking care for this church. It is a great opportunity to evangelize those women, but it is also a great challenge for them. I decided to help them and so we thought on having different small bible study groups. Some women are already believers but others know very little about God, so we will divide them to be able to teach according to everyone's stage.



Last week we were ministering to the youth of that village. Jimmy Hong from Germany was visiting and offered a program for the youth in the afternoons. Next to games and fun we had creative devotions. Jimmy had a good conversation with two of the unchurched boys and they also wanted prayer. At the last day there were 20 young people (the other days 5-8), we told them how Jesus changed our lives and explained the gospel to them. One of the boys of our Tirana Church is working with the youth in Barthorë and was happy for that change.

Sajmirë (picture) and his wife Dori are asking for prayer. Often they feel overstrained and too young in their ministry. A church with 100 women is not the easiest task. Who doesn't understand Paul (women have to be quiet in church), should come to see our church in Barthorë. Please pray also for the women, that they may find Jesus while seeking material help. Pray also for their husbands, who allow them to come. Pray that they will still allow their wives to come after they gave their lives to Jesus.



Thank you so much for your prayers, e-mails and financial support.

God bless you richly.

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