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Dear Ones,

We so much appreciate your continual prayers for the Bishop family and the ministry here. We have a very special request to ask for you to take to the Lord. Unfortunately, it involves John's family who was the one you prayed for so long as he was unjustly imprisoned. As I type this letter I am weeping for them. John and His wife have three children, a girl and two boys like ours, with ages that are similar. Lucela (19), Danielli (18) and Fjordi (17). They are very close to us and have been growing in the Lord and in leadership in the church. Out of desperation from living in such an oppressive country, in a system where they are continually struggling to find hope, they left the country. Ran away from home, may be a good way to say this, even though their parents knew they were doing it, but had no way of stopping them. They saw no hope in:

- A corrupt education system
- No foreseeable way to help make ends meet for their family
- Suffering of their father from prison and then continual unemployment
- Their family not having enough food on their table
- No possibility to pursue college, as the costs were too high for them
- Little hope of a future in Albania

They left last week trying to reach an uncle in Scotland, but were stopped in Sweden and are requesting Asylum as immigrants, leaving such a horrible situation. The family has not heard from them in about a week and are very worried. We have been devastated by this news as we see so much potential in them. We wept and prayed with John and Flora tonight, trusting them to Christ's care.

We have been inundated with the overwhelming needs of many of our friends and neighbors here. We continue to covet your prayers. We need an increasing trust and to find encouragement in the Plans that He has for His church here in Albania.