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Thank you for your faithful prayer,
Happy New Year and we are hoping you will sense God's closeness (Emmanuel) this year and we look forward to see how He will reveal more of His plan this year and how He will build His church.

Praises:

- Ida has been growing in her faith and her willingness to share Jesus with others!
- Gjon was able to share many times with several folks the saving power of Jesus during a tough time (below).
- What amazing opportunities to share about Christ as Dec. 21 came and went!!! We've been able to share with several people about trusting in Jesus and the gift through the cross that covers us.
- Mira testified that she is ready to see her Savior if the world ended 12/21.
- The first shipment of Albanian made items left in a suitcase headed for NY on Dec. 23 and three women were semi-employed during December.
- Eva has successfully finished her first semester of college, therefore we are so happy to have her with us!!

Keep praying! He is listening!!!!

More News:

Please pray for Gjon's family!!!! Gjon's father, passed away before Christmas. This is especially hard as the children are still detained in Sweden waiting for the decision about their political asylum, which they say will happen in January.

Please pray for Salime, who comes frequently to pray with Dawn. Ardi, her son who just in Aug. lost his wife, Vera, to cancer. Anxhela and Ledi are his daughters. Salime's brother passed away due to cancer just before Christmas. This opens fresh wounds in their hearts, pray for the healing oil of the Holy Spirit to comfort them and allow this to be when they turn their hearts to Him.

A friend and I returned from a crazy meeting last week at Flora's. Many of you have been praying for Flora (with two boys). Last week I suggested that we come pray for Fabio, her youngest, as he has been sick every winter. She got all excited and said, "Great! We will have the meeting at my house next week, I have a Bible, that's all we need." We arrived last, Albanian style, and began reading the Scripture, then a neighbor came with her baby. So we greeted and chatted with her and then continued to read. As we were starting to pray the neighbor's son arrived and we prayed amongst 4 children carrying on and making all kinds of noise, but the Lord hears our prayers. We prayed in faith for the Lord to take all the sickness out of Flora's home and fill it with His Holy Spirit. Join us! Pray also for Dhurata, the neighbor, as this was her first time to hear scripture and prayer, while her sons attend Burime and have grown in their faith.

Nicole has been working diligently with three women, as they make some hand-knit items that will be shipped to NY and hopefully sold as part of an anti-trafficking work. Please pray for

phase one to be successful, so that this project can continue to help and help more that are at risk. Praise the Lord that this project has opened opportunity to share the gospel with these women and pray with them.

Christmas season was a wonderful time together with our small groups gathering together for a corporate service. While New Years celebrating brings so many opportunities to be in so many people's homes.

How can you be praying in the year ahead?

Can you imagine that we have been in Albanian 8 years this year of 2013? We have scattered many, many seeds (and we will continue). This year we are asking you to pray for these many, many seeds to sprout AND to produce more seeds!! We would ask for your committed prayer in this area to see an Albanian church that is established, growing, healthy and reproducing in the Keneta. We really want to work ourselves out of a job, so we can move to another unreached town or village in Albania, but ONLY in the Lord's perfecting timing.

Eva will be flying back to school on January 13. Pray for safety and renewed passion for the Books!

Your ministry through your prayers in a vital part of what we are doing here! Thanks for pressing on!

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