

Dear brothers and sisters,

Thank you so much for everything you have done for us in all of these years you are part of everything that is happening here in Albania. Has been a big blessing to have you beside us in everything that is happening here. The Step of Faith Ministry is playing a great part in our ministry. The bondless of love has blessed the lives of people in need.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Therefore we will not fear...Psalm 46:1-2

In the last 2 years since the Step of Faith was involved in Albania with food distribution, first with the Covid-19 situation and lately with economical and energy crises in Europe. The food that we are giving to the family in need is like cold water in the dry land. What blessings you have brought to those families in need, in times like these, it is especially important to remember God's promise to be with us. And has been a great opportunity to be salt and light for the community around the Maliq area. He who made us, and gave his own Son for the salvation of the world, will not leave his children in this time of need.

Let me tell you about Kujtim Zekolli. Kujtim has gone through a lot of trouble in his life. He started a normal family like all people. But one day his wife decided to divorce him. She sold everything the house, the land, took all the money, and left Kujtim for another man, she left him outside with his son in the middle of the street. In the middle of winter, he and the boy slept on a bench in the yard of an apartment. Someone from the church took them in and brought them to the Church. His son Juli was totally addicted to drugs because of the despair in which he had fallen. Juli gave his life to God and every day is changing more and more. They now have a room to sleep in and The Bondless of Love project is delivering food every month and providing for them.

Thank you for everything you are doing for Kujtim and Juli's family. We have had the opportunity to share the gospel with them. Kujtim is reading the Bible, pray to make a decision to follow Christ. Pray that they will find a house in which to live, in the last 10 years their life has been betels, and Kujtim suffer from a lot of illness he can't work anymore. What we give to them is vital for surviving. Pray for them.



Kujtim Zekolli

Please join us in praying for those suffering from this economical crisis, and all others who serve in these times. Pray for our team from Libonik Church that help with this project. Pray for Niko, Xhoni, Rezi, Jana and me to get the right words and that life will be changed by God's grace. Has been very emotional to meet people in difficult situations and not to have tears. As you are able, consider how God might be calling you to listen to others or speak a comforting word, to help provide food or necessities to those who are lacking, or to share other blessings with those who are struggling.

In this time of crisis, each of God's people might ask themselves, "How is God calling me to serve?" There will be many tangible needs in our communities. Prior to loneliness and isolation were serious problems in our nation. As Christians, we need to reach out in tangible ways to let our neighbors know that they are not alone. God is calling his people to be a blessing and, most importantly, to provide hope to those who are fearful.

Some months before our evangelical team was sharing the gospel in the village called Symis. Three children from the same family came to our children's program in that village. We saw that the children were not dressed properly for a cold time. They did not even have shoes on their feet. Later we learned their story. The mother Vjonila Drizaj was divorced, the father had left without giving an address and the mother had to raise three small children on her own.

Their house was in a miserable condition. We bought clothes and shoes for the kids and we are helping with the food boxes every month. Their lives have changed, it is a pleasure to watch the children in the children's program to have joy and shine faces when they see us. Pray for mom that God opens her heart and change. We pray with them when we visit them that God may be with them in these difficult times. Pray for children it seems they don't understand why father left, there are hearts are broken. We sow one day the daughter cry because she didn't have any answer for that.



Vjonila Drizaj with three children and her house in terrible condition

There will be many inconveniences, challenges, and frustrations in times like these. God grant us a spirit to see these as an opportunity of service to others. God is at work in each of us. He is our refuge and strength...therefore we will not fear.

One day the social service called me and told me that a man lives in a hut. He lived in terrible conditions, in deep despair. His name was Dule Beqiraj and he lives in Maliq.

One day his two sons removed him from his home along with his wife. His heart was very touched by this. They found a hut and as husband and wife stayed there. But due to bad conditions, the woman died.

He remained abandoned and lonely. Neither sisters nor brothers approach or visit him. He often finds himself in tears and despair, we are the only one who visits him and he wants us to stay and talk to him. It is lonely in this world. And the food we send is the only food he has in a month with no other income. Pray that God will heal the wounds in his heart.



Dule Beqiraj abandoned

As I am telling you this story, to see how much God has done through the Step of Faith Ministry. Drithas is another village, where the poverty is so big.

A woman named Ajrie Mici lived in terrible poverty with her two daughters. The husband divorced her and she could not raise her children, because she fell into deep depression and physical inability to work. We found her in terrible conditions the kids and she had days they were not fed. Children have also started coming to the Day Care Center for Children and the children's program, pray for the mother to get over this depression and take care of the children. She is struggling every day with depression. Pray to win this battle for herself and the children. Pray to know God as her only hope.



Ajrie Mici and one of her little daughters

Thank you so much for been part of this wonderful project. God is drying the tears of this people. We were able that through this project to help more then 26 family each months. God is great! Thank you for your heart and support. You are part of everything that is happening here.
God blessings upon you!

With love,
Denis Meko
Project Coordinator