

Dear Friends and Partners,

Festive greetings to you at this special time of year, where we celebrate Jesus' birth and look to the great plans that God has for us in the New Year. Enjoy our winter newsletter & celebrate with us.

In September Rachel was in the UK for a 'Missions Weekend' at Milton Keynes Christian Centre. She said it was great to see the church get involved and to meet with other missionaries from around the world working in partnership with 'LightForce', the mission's arm of MKCC. Unfortunately the British Embassy messed up Valentina's visitor visa application so she wasn't able to attend as planned, but she hopes to visit friends & supporters in April or June.

During the month of October Shkëndijë had several visitors for the UK inc. Marian Rashleigh, Mark Rose and Susan Sutherland. From helping to co-ordinate a national prayer conference and running a 'List-ening' conference,



to filming a range of Shkëndijë activities for DVD & Internet promotional material. Shkëndijë is stretched to the limit and can not grow much further to fulfil the vision with out expanding team and finances, hence the need to promote. It was an intense month with a lot to fit in but of great value. (Watch out for Facebook clip too)

Children's ministry in Shengjin is going well. Valentina is the main hands on children's leader in Shengjin with the young team. We've seen a slight increase in numbers this season. Also-



Team chilling after kids meeting

-10 children made first time commits to follow Jesus and will be joining a weekly discipleship class in the new season next week.

Malecaj (Malet'sai) is a very poor village approx. 15 miles from Shengjin. Rachel has visited the village several times now and met with the local council and other key people of that zone, to do an evaluation, so to see how Shkëndijë can help and get involved. At the same time we have a small fund which we can use towards a project that helps build relationship with the children with the aim of making a selection for summer camp; where we will run an extra week especially for village children.



Malecaj - poor village; X communist prison cells for homes

On Sunday the 21st Dec. Shkëndijë had its **Christmas Parents Outreach** here in Shengjin. 70 people were invited and 65 of them attended, so it was a full house, "Praise God". The outreach consisted



of a full program inc. the gospel, followed by finger cocktails in the restaurant upstairs where conversations continued and parents were invited to attend a type of 'Alpha' course, which will start in January and run for 8 weeks

Update on: 'Shkëndijë' Christian Community Centre; We're convinced in the Lord that our time in the present building is coming to a close and are eagerly seeking the next step for Shkëndijë regarding this.

Update continued:

The Army camp; Rachel has stepped back from these negotiations due to it coming to her attention in August that another 'Christian' organisation has 'pulled the rug' from under her feet!! Knowingly or unknowingly is unclear, but she felt that she was not ready to invest time and energy in to a 'cut throat, business style' battle. God is quite able to supply Shkëndijë's camp needs in other ways. Just this month LightForce have announced their re-opening of their camp/retreat complex where we have our camp dates already fixed.

Coming up:

- Jan-Feb :Parents 'Alfa' course
- Jan-Children's shoes boxes to all Children at Malecaj School.
- Feb -'Return to the Adventure' Weekend Children's/ Youth Camp.
- March / April -Visit to the UK

Short term opportunities:

- Malecaj Mission (May 23-31) practical project & children's outreach
- Summer Adventure Camps
- Children's camp 19th - 26th July
- Children's camp 26th - 2nd Aug
- Youth camp 2nd - 9th Aug
- Village kids camp 9th - 16th Aug

Vali - "I'm encouraged at the 10 children that made a commitment to the Lord recently and are doing a new believers course at the moment. Also at seeing some of the lives of the children how they are living testimonies. Unfortunately I still don't have even half of my monthly financial support but I'm very thankful for the way the Lord supplies. Please continue to pray for me and my ministry amongst the children in Shengjin."



Rachel - "Thank you for all your support and encouragement over the year. Know that I appreciate you and thank God for you. Its a huge vision...much bigger than me.. but with God's help and your partnership with us on this journey, It is possible!!

Health, Happiness and Fruitfulness throughout 2009.

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UK gift aid forms can be down loaded from the web site

Prayer Points

- Rachel, Vali & young team
- Attendance on 'Alfa' course
- Feb's Adventure weekend
- May's projects.
- Malecaj Village
- New centre for Shkëndijë
- Expansion -More Team
-More Finance
- Rach's knee-meniscus tear

Personnel Needed:

As we move towards the next step we need to expand on all fronts

-Prayer Warriors

-People Power on the ground:

Office administrator,
English teacher,
Children's worker,
Youth worker.

-Financial Supporters

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