



Rachel & Vali

Dear Friends and Partners,
Easter is upon us and it's a time of remembering our Lord's sacrifice and celebrating the privilege that we have in Jesus every day of the year.

'News!'

January saw the start of the follow up from the Christmas parent's outreach. With the input of Rob & Mira Cook, we ran an **Alpha course**. Although attendance was low, those that came were very interest and open. Follow up will continue with them & several other parents in the form of home visits.

February- Amy, working in Austria with refuge children from Muslim backgrounds, came to shadow our work for a week. Rachel enjoyed having a 'Northerner' and Amy was also able to design and paint our **'Winter Adventure Camp'** stage scenery. ☺



Two weeks later Tim Miles arrived in time for the weekend camp. It's the first time we've ran a winter camp and was a success in starting to break the communist mind set that camps can only be run in July or August.



There were **45 children & youth** who attended and greatly enjoyed & benefited from the weekend.



It was great to have a new Albania member of camp staff on board; Ani from Shkoder. He did a wonderful job, along with all the other volunteers who helped to make it happen.



camp again next year. ☺

In **March** Rachel returned to UK to get her knee operated on. Vali continued to run the Children's ministry in Shengjin with the young team and then came to UK herself this month to raise her support. They both return on the 20th. Thank-you to all who prayed for Vali's visa.

'Update!'

The **Children's ministry** in Shengjin is going well under Vali's supervision with a small amount of input from Rachel. There's a couple of the young team that have really grown up in God this past year. It was great to see Ines leading worship with Robert at the winter camp. The children's weekly outreach, discipleship and visits will continue though to mid June when schools break up for the summer hols

Malecaj, the poor village, approx 15 miles from Shengjin has been visited a number of times. Project plans have now been agreed with the local council and school for the **May Mission's week**, which will see a play ground built, repair work and lesson's at the school, a children's 5 day outreach, plus all 120 children at the school will receive a needed aid parcel



The area for the playground

There are a few spaces left so if you want to get involved in

this mission, don't delay!

As mentioned in the new year's newsletter we will need to **move out of our present rented property** before we start back in September. There are possibilities that we could be asked to leave before the summer season. Our desire and vision is to buy property, sooner rather than later as prices rise and exchange rates drop continually.

The **Shkëndijë web site** will finally get re-created and updated, thanks to Chris Turner of Nottingham.

'News Flash!'

The latest **Shkëndijë DVD** is now out and in circulation. Mark Rose of Portsmouth did an excellent job, many thanks to all involved. If you have not received one and wish to, please don't hesitate to contact us. **Gap year opportunities** starting from this September. If you are interested please contact Rachel.

Prayer Points

- Rachel, Vali & Young team
- Empowerment Effectiveness
- May project- Malecaj village
- New centre for Shkëndijë
- Expansion -More Team
- More Finance
- Rachel's speedy recovery

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coming up

- Christian Camping Network -April 23-25
- Village of Malecaj Mission - May 23-31
- Young Shkëndijë team training-June
- 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
- Team Retreat- Sept
- 'Stars of Shengjin' Parent's Outreach