



Shkëndijë

Happy New Year!

Reaching Albanian Children and helping others to do the same

Blessings to you, your family and church through out 2010

Dear Friends and Partners,

The New Year has arrived. So I will take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year - May God's purposes reign in your life through out 2010.

News

May Mission

Dedicated teams from the UK came out to Albania on the last week in May. Thanks to their hard work in the poor village of Malecaj, (approx 15 miles from Shengjin), children's lives were improved. In just 5 days a play ground built from scratch, the school had some repair work done, plus all 120 children at the school received a needed aid parcel. Also each evening there was a children's outreach with the Missions trailer.



Quotes from the team:

My favourite part of the week was when we decided to go back to the village on our day off and we got to see the kids playing on the playground and running towards our car waving and smiling, it really made it all worthwhile and that image will remain with me. Rachael Bates, Portsmouth.

I found the whole experience amazing! I benefited from it immensely being around mature Christians and it really helped me in my journey with God.

Chloe Hammond, Milton Keynes.

I came back feeling spiritually, emotionally and, believe it or not, physically refreshed. I would happily do it again tomorrow!

Angela Kendall, Milton Keynes.



We plan to do a similar mission again in May. If you want to get involved contact Rachel

Summer Camps were run at the LightForce base in Ishull Lezhe. We had four, 6 day camps; 2 children's, 1 youth and the Malecaj village children's and youth camp. The Malecaj village camp was particularly hard work on the staff but they all came though and gave it there best. Many thanks to all our camp sponsors; Though camps take a huge amount of funds to run, the results always far out weigh the expenses.



We are grateful to God for the many lives changed, transformed and challenged. If you would like to volunteer to help at next year's camps please contact Rachel.

The move to the new centre. In our Easter newsletter we mentioned the need to move. And Praise God ... We have! On the 1st of Oct we signed a 3 year contract for a central Shengjin, 250m² space on the 2nd floor off the pavement. A few moderations were needed to make it into a multi functional community centre. Besides our Children's work we want to use the centre to fulfil needs in the community. Our desire and vision is to eventually buy property.



We have a **new member of staff** now, Nerta, a young lady from Shengjin, that has now graduated from uni in Italy for Finance. She will also run the reception. **English and computer courses** will start up this month.



The children's ministry started back two weeks after moving in and the numbers have risen, averaging around 70 children at our weekly meetings.



Vali continues to do the weekly children's leafleting and visits. Which recently is with the help of the young team. The Children's discipleship also continues.

At the **Children's Christmas outreach** there was a record 107 Children, so as you can imagine it was 'fun and games'!!! Although all had lots of fun, the Christmas message went out clearly and unhindered. We look forward to seeing the fruit this week as we start back the weekly ministry after the holiday break.

Also Christmas week, the team were involved with helping to distribute **14,000 Christmas gift boxes** to children in the Lezhe region. Vali and Nerta were directly handing out at the Shengjin school and kindergarten and the Malecaj village school. Vali was able to do a 'Greatest gift' presentation to each class in both schools.



Youth work in Shengjin. We have been praying for a while for a youth work to spring from our ministry to cater for the older children as they grow out of our children's ministry. At the end of this month we are initially looking to start a monthly meeting. Ines, from our young team, will take a main role. We are seeking for others to help her.

The Shkëndijë web site (see below) is running again now and is semi updated thanks to the help of Bob Panek, Florida and Re-hosted by Arena Church, Notts. It will gradually get re-constructed over the course of these coming months.. Do check out **Short term missions and Gap year opportunities.** Also our director Rachel is on **Facebook** and regularly updates the status for those interested in keeping up with the latest snippets.

Rachel & the team thank you greatly for all your support and prayers over the years. With out you we could not do what we do! Know that we value you greatly. Thank - you!

Prayer Points

- Rachel, Vali & Young team
- Nerta, to settle in quickly
- The new Shkëndijë centre
- Start of the youth ministry
- The right English and computer course teachers
- May project
- Summer ministry

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coming up

- English and Computer Courses -Jan
- Christian Camping Network -March4-5
- Short term Mission at the end of May
- Shengjin beach mission 16th -30th July
- Summer Adventure Camps*
 - Village kids camp 1st - 8th Aug
 - Children's camp 8th - 15th Aug
 - Children's camp 15th - 22nd Aug
 - Youth camp 22nd - 29th Aug
- 'This is your life!' Parent's Outreach

*draft dates

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