

Developing and Equipping

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Dear friends, family and interested,

This year, so far was full with huge events. For the 6th time in 9 years we have moved. Sanne is married with Joost and Nienke gave birth to a daughter, Liva. Peter went four times to Albanië. Annemarie joint two times as well. Annemarie has changed her workplace (same employer) and she got a permanent contract. So, altogether we are happy that we passed this year. Now it is time to recover a while.....

In august we organised a summer camp in Lura. Youth from a Dutch church together with youth from an Albanian church worked together in this village in the mountains. We expected a lot of challenges during this trip. But overall it went very well. 60 kids and youth heard in 5 days the gospel and a lot of bible stories. During that time Peter had the possibility to invite six men from Lura to share the Word of God. Then they repeated the words when Peter prayed a sinner's prayer. He asked them if they repeated it for respect and formality or with a conscious heart. Two men were very clear and with emotion they shared that they prayed seriously and invited the Lord in their heart. We pray that the seed fell on good soil.

In spring we decided with the board to support/send out two other missionaries out of our foundation. Two sisters who live and work already for more than fifteen years in Albania. During the summer camp we worked together and further they work on a daily base together with a church in a suburb of Tirana. They are working with children, girls and women. Nellie and Ineke are a real contribution for our team and for the work in Albania.

In September we executed the annual schoolbook project. Several poor families have now again the possibility to send their children to school. And for the second time it was possible for women of the women group to be baptized. It was a great party and an encouragement that after many years of work in Gods kingdom again four women were baptised.

Together with Zenepe it was possible to open a second Christian kindergarten. A lot of repairing and painting, but the school opened just in time before starting the academic year in September. Together with a local foundation in Burrel we construct a new house for a very poor family. It will be finished just for heavy winter starts.

The trainings about autism, we did together with Leo & Mariette, are continuing under their supervision.

Mission statement:
1. Supporting people, disabled or in a weak position in Albania and help the to live a full life.

2. Preaching the gospel and proclaiming in words and deed the life in Jesus Christ.



Baptizing four women in a swimming pool in Tirana.



Seminar in Korça



Two pastors with the FiCM team in Odessa, Oekraïne.

←Seco kinderganen with Zenepe and the foundation Kristal.

Inspection at the project in Burrel. →



To develop and to equip

In October we planned to give two seminars about freedom in Christ. Unfortunately, we had a huge delay at Schiphol airport and when we arrived the first seminar was already finished for hours. Then it was great to hear that the Albanian team had taken over the responsibilities and everything went as planned. During the seminars the FiCM Grace Course (Kursi mbi Hirin) was presented. A few enthusiastic leaders decided immediately to start working with it in their churches. Afterwards we travelled on to Ukraine as requested by FiCM International. In Odessa the response to the Russian FiCM course, during meetings and a presentation for churches was very positive. We knew already one pastor by skype contact. He asked us to lead him through the Steps to freedom in Christ. Which we did with joy.

One of the main tasks for Annemarie within FiCM is the prayer ministry which is the most important part of the ministry. In the Netherlands we had a prayer morning with around 10 people to dedicate the work into God's hands. From each other we heard about the impact of knowing the truth in people's lives. It was very encouraging. Every month Annemarie writes a prayer letter which is sent to around 40 people. Via Zoom (kind of Skype) she leads prayer meetings for the FiCM work throughout Europe.

Annemarie is still at work in her profession to take care for people with disabilities and thus the prayer task within FiCM. Peter is fulltime working within FiCM and Leven in Albanië (Life in Albania).

Besides the familiar *Life in Albania/Leven in Albanië* on top of this letter you have seen the two terms Developing and Equipping. These two terms describe exactly and shortly the existing situation.

Both elements are applicable for Albania;

- still we manage a few *developing* projects.
- and we may *equip* people both on spiritual and professional level.

And in the Netherlands, it is mainly 'equipping'. And of course, we will take care that all material we need will be available in Dutch language.

Praise and Prayers

- give thanks for the sometimes hectic but beautiful year on which we can look back
- give thanks for the work in Albania which just continues at many fronts
- give thanks for the openness for the message of freedom in Christ we all have received
- pray that the second discipleship course (Grace Course) will be well received in the Netherlands
- Continue to pray for wisdom for what we can do from a distance and for which we should travel to Albania.
- Pray for wisdom to organise days to equip people in several regions in the Netherlands and Belgium, how to use the FiCM approach.

I pray for them. for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. Joh. 17: 9,10