Missions Adventures Newsletter from the Babcock's-August 2019



Dear Friends, Greetings from our family here in Albania! Traveling through the beautiful Balkan Mountains for meetings and seminars, we have gone together on three trips since April. The kids love to get ready, excitedly filling their backpacks, taking their books along and doing school wherever we are. There are always interesting conversations in the van as we drive. In Macedonia, we passed through a village called Kosel, well-known for its sulfur water. Samuel suddenly felt sick and said, "Dad, it stinks in this place!" Catherine rolled up the window and said, "It smells like the whole world is smoking!" Rilinda, 13, added, "That smell is the reason all the cars are

driving so fast!" Danielle then informed us that the cars in Tirana go so fast that electricity could be generated from the wheels turning so quickly. "All they would have to do is drive over some kind of a conveyor belt and it would turn so fast it would make tons of it," she said. Later we stopped for lunch. Catherine, 8, said, "This may sound strange, but my carrots taste like olives!" A minute later, taking a look at Samuel's plate of spaghetti she said, "There are so many noodles I thought it was a cat on top of your plate! (See kids news cont'd. side 2)

The Macedonia ministry took us all the way to the Bulgarian and Greek borders on the week-long trip. After



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were two
seminars in
South Albania.
At the beginning of July
we preached
nightly at the

youth camp "We are God's family" in Pogradec, Albania. We returned July 11 to tape four radio broadcasts. At the beginning of this year we sensed the Lord birthing a concern to strengthen marriages and the home. Through God's ordering, a weekly radio program came about. Below we are in the studio with the program moderator.

Today it seems there is so much pressure and attack against the family. European Embassies and American organizations have pushed gay marriage and co-habitation is on the increase here. According to the station manager it was not being addressed as believers are not equipped or afraid of those who push this agenda. We

call the program "Family Today" and want to be just a voice proclaiming the truth in love, without fear of man or governments. Our goal is Jesus being lifted up to save the home. Through it we hope to call hundreds of people together, gathering in the city weekly in united prayer for their families. The program airs Friday and Saturday in both Albania and in Kosovo.

Quotes from the July 19 program: "The family is engaged in a constant warfare because it fulfills many functions in God's plan to prevent evil on



earth. Much confusion has been released regarding the roles of a man and woman, and there is a great warfare against children. We see sin advancing to its completion in our generation, unceasing in its quest to rule the world. Like never before, evil done anywhere on earth can fill your eyes with one mouse click. Parents, know what your

children are reading and looking at. Control what comes into your house. One night I dreamed that wolves were chasing the children, the little lambs. Who is locking the door for them, watching and praying? If the good man of the house had been watching he would not have allowed the thief to spoil all his goods -- his children, marriage and peace. Many are tempted to give up on the youth because they seem so dead toward God and unresponsive. But a father brought his demon possessed son, and a mother pled for her possessed daughter before Jesus. Think of their struggle. In 2 Sam. 21:10, the daughter of Saul stood guard over her dead loved ones until rain came and the King favored them with a proper burial. Did she abandon them in their death and corruption? The thought may come, "what's the use?" But watch how a man stood firm in great opposition, not giving ground: "I positioned men behind the lower parts of the wall at the openings. I set people according to their families with their swords ... and said, 'Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord is great and awesome. Fight for your brothers, sons, daughters, wives and houses... When you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us!" Neh. 4:13, 20. The truth is that if we persevere in prayer He will fight for us. His blood and grace are well able to transform any situation and His authority is with us."

<u>Kids' news cont'd from side 1</u>- One day Catherine proudly presented Mama with a painting. Looking at the colors splashed across the page, Mom studied it carefully and finally said, "Is it a birthday cake?" "No, it's not really anything," came the reply, "I just made it like a Picasso one!" The kids teach English to their friends. One wanted to try out a new word and asked Sam, "Want some water-yellow?" Sam replied, "The word is watermelon, which is much better than yellow water!"



In Ex. 24:8-11 we read that after being sprinkled with the blood of the covenant, the elders and Moses ascended up and saw the God of Israel. Nothing could describe the sight of that glory except what was under his feet. It was as if the stars of heaven and the whole universe were a pavement of sapphires upon which He stood. So let us see the wealth of the world, and all its problems, under His feet, in order that we may realize our seating with Christ in heavenly places.

What a place we have been called to. He has given us a joint-seat in the heavenly regions (Eph. 2:6). We share this place of honor because of His once-forever sacrifice. It has already been accomplished. We have part in His dominion in our warfare on earth. Our call in this body is to share what we have received in the heavenly realm. Ephesians is an epistle all about our involvement in the work of the ascended Lord! Because of our immediate connection with Him the victories and blessings of heaven are brought here through us. This dominion with Him involves us in the stretching forth of the scepter of His might on earth. He will deliver up the kingdom to the Father when all things have been put under His feet (1 Cor. 15:28)! We as His Body must intervene in earthly situations until that victory is finally accomplished. We have the power to do something about what happens here. We are made complete in Him who is the head of all principality and power Col. 2:10. We are citizens of heaven with a battle on earth to win. The eternal prize of victory belongs to the church militant! God is calling us to fight a good fight -- and march forth as a company. We are united to the One going before us --- to shatter the enemy!

<u>Last words</u>: We were very happy that after two years of prayer and search we were able to find this house and move in 8 months ago. It has been an expanding of the ministry with the blessing of an office and a room for children-youth ministry as well as a prayer meeting for pastors and their wives. Lately the landlord, who lives in the USA, has told us that the house is up for sale. Would you pray for us that God will guide his heart regarding the future of this house? Thank you so much and God bless you all! Love, Dan & Semi Babcock

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