

## Missions Adventures Newsletter from the Babcock's – March 14, 2022

Dear friends, Greetings from Albania! As the eyes of world anxiously watch Ukraine, we wanted to share some good news. Like many of you, we have been focusing on the war during our family prayer times. One day we received a message from a pastor from Lviv, Ukraine saying, "As a result of the prayers of God's



people, He is fighting our battles. The rockets fired at us are landing without hitting our homes and no one knows where they fell. The invading tanks run out of fuel and Russian forces lose their way. They ask our people for food and about the road. This is definitely God's hand, because we are facing the second largest army in the world. This morning Kyiv and other major cities are still free and here in ours we did not even need to go to the shelters."

Then yesterday at church we met the brother at left. He is from Ukraine's capital, Kyiv. His

name is Vitalij. He drove over mountains and icy roads for several days traveling through Hungary, Serbia and Montenegro to get here. Finally, he arrived in Tirana after sleeping several nights in his vehicle with his wife and three children. The Lord showed great mercy to him, as He has to many others, in response to intercession going up world-wide.



This month we made family trips to visit refugees in North Albania as well as traveling to minister in churches in the south of the country. One Thursday we drove to the seaside city of Shengjin, Albania. We heard that some Afghan refugees were living there, and were sharing space with an Albanian pizzeria in order to start a restaurant. The Afghani people missed their own food. We wondered if we should go? After prayer we decided to pack up the kid's home-school books and go to see what would happen. Several hours later we arrived. We were surprised when the first two people we met as we drove into the city were an Afghani couple named Nelofar and Dost, standing on the sidewalk as if waiting for us (We are together with them in the last photo on the next page). They both spoke English and offered to take us to the restaurant. Within 15 minutes we had put in our order, saying that we want to try a little of everything but just don't make the spice too hot! Samuel took the picture above as we enjoyed our first ever Afghan food. Standing behind us is the 19-year-old who cooks. (Please pray for her and each one we met.)



Just as we received our order, in the door came Pastor Genti, a brother we had not seen in a long time. He was with a young man named Farhad, an Afghani, 18 years old. Although young, he is a leader in their community, very intelligent, with an influence on many. We listened to his story of leaving his country and coming to Albania and shared our testimonies with him. Before saying good-bye he said he would visit us in Tirana. We were happy when two weeks later he came on a Sunday and brought four of his friends to visit Genti's church. Afterwards we had them for a meal together with both our families. (We are going to gain weight if this keeps up!)



During this time together we learned that the ladies near Semi, Tamana, Poqiza, and Medina, taught physics and math, studied business management, and work for Save the Children organization, respectively. Farhad's brother Xhevad (across from Farhad) is a business major. Semi's shared gave them her testimony and we had the opportunity to share in-depth about Jesus and how Muslims can be saved. The love of God was present and Farhad asked us to pray that he would also find inner peace.

We invited them all to our house the next time they come. He messaged us the next day: "Good Evening Pastor Dan! Thank you so much for your presence yesterday. We really enjoyed and experienced something awesome. It was nice to have such a great time. Please deliver my warm greetings to your family. Sincerely, Farhad."

Thank you for your prayers helping us in the variety of ministry here. We appreciate your support. Last week we recorded four radio programs on the war in Ukraine, answering questions about: Where wars come from, God's solution to war, and how to pray about an enemy with an unjust cause? The first program in the series aired two days ago can be heard at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GqglFggS-04&t=2042s>.



The into. begins in the Albanian language but then the English answers to each question can be heard with translation into Albanian.

**Prayer requests:** for Vitaliy's mother, Galena: She lives in a village controlled by the Russian troops near Chernobyl. The villages have food but the cities are in need of food and water. Pray for divisions between the invading army, Putin & his advisors, and Russia & China. Agree for the failure of equipment, missiles and rockets, and for a just peace agreement. See the amazing verses in Psalm 55:1-10 & 46:6-11, words that capture the heart of the situation in Ukraine.



**For the Afghanis in the photos:** Nelofar & Dost (at left), Ferhad, Xhavad, Medina, Tamana, Pokiza and the others we met, and their families -- That God's thoughts, dreams and laborers will come to them and will lead them to take Jesus to be their Savior!

**For Dan's mother:** Helen, 92. She is living in Tennessee with Dan's brother and is suffering with digestive trouble with her GI tract and pancreas.

Thank you and God bless you all! *Dan, Semi, Danielle, Rilinda, Samuel & Catherine Babcock*

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