

# THE WILSONS IN ALBANIA

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***“Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.”***

***- 1 Chronicles 15:7***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is our joy to write you about the work God is doing here in Albania. The Bible verse above, 1 Chronicles 15:7, explains adequately the burden that He has put in our heart; “...your **work** shall be rewarded.” Let’s continue in our **labor** for His Name and His Glory, striving to lay up treasures in His eternal Heaven.

### **Bible Translation**

Our daily work in the Bible translation is coming along well. We are rechecking our translation of the Albanian New Testament and hope to have it ready for printing by the end of the year. Also, we are making continual progress in the Old Testament. Currently, we have translated Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Psalms, Proverbs, and Isaiah. We are now working on the book of Judges. Please labor with us in prayer over this work.

### **Church Plants**

The Gospel work is continuing at all three church locations: Saranda, Metoq and Delvina. As you can see in one of the photos above, we recently held a baptismal service for the newborn believers. They were baptized in the beautiful waters of the Adriatic Sea. What a joy it has been to watch these grow in faith and love for Christ. Another great highlight was to have a visit from our Pastor, his wife, and the Skyler Williams family. This is the family that moved to Albania for six months while we were on our recent furlough. God used Pastor David mightily in preaching the Bible Jubilee (pictured above).

### **Bible Institute**

As many you know, we have recently started a Bible Institute at the Metoq church plant. On Monday evenings we gather together and pour over the Scriptures. What great times we have enjoyed there in the Lord! On one of our recent exams, we asked the students to write in their own words how these lessons have helped them personally. Our hearts were touched by the response of a young Albanian believer named “Sara”. She was recently saved and baptized. Sara is the first in her family to be born again. She wrote:

*“This lesson has taught me that I’m never alone. Jesus is always with me in my good days, and even in my bad days. In this lesson I have learned to show myself approved before God and how to remove sins from my life. I learned how to control my thoughts, how to be a better friend, how to feed my soul with the Word of God, and how to repent of my sins. I have learned that struggles will always be part of my life, but God will always be there whenever I need Him. I learned how to resist my enemy and focus on the fact that Jesus is with me.”*

Praise the Lord! This is what it’s all about. Believing Jesus! Knowing Jesus! Living in Him! GLORY!!!!

### **New Missionary**

Please be in prayer for an American missionary, Sister Kerrigan Triplett. She has visited us twice in Saranda. The last time, she stayed over a month in training and preparation to live here. Sister Kerrigan is out of Worship Point Baptist Church in Leinor, NC, Pastor Lane Hamby. She will be helping in daily ministry and in each of the church plants. She needs a little more monthly support and also to raise her moving expenses. She has an apartment close by the church in Saranda. Please, if you are considering supporting a missionary, prayerfully consider helping this servant of God get to her mission field.

Finally, we thank you for your prayers and faithful support. We could not do all that we do without the faithful partnership of the churches. We just celebrated nine years of Gospel ministry in Albania. All glory and praise be to our blessed Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ!!! Amen!!!

Prayers in Christ,  
The Wilson Family



 **WORLDHARVEST**  
BAPTIST MISSIONS

*“look on the fields... they are white already to harvest” John 4:35*

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- The Wilson Family: Aaron, Candi, Abigail, Addison, Karyce, Cherish, Besim and Esther
- Albanian Bible Translation
- 4.5 Million Souls to be Saved
- Blero (the young preacher)
- Sister Kerrigan Triplett

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