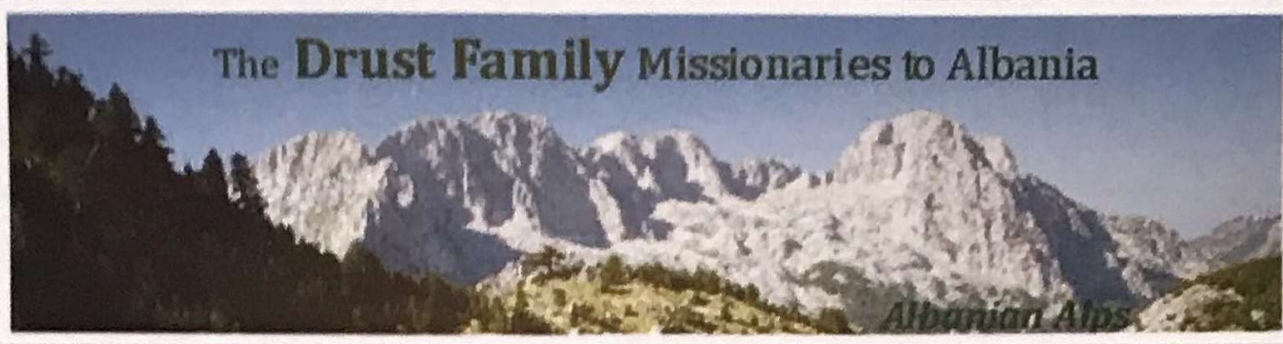


The Drust Family Missionaries to Albania



Albanian Alps

WINTER 2019



Our furlough has come to an end, what an amazing year! We were able to report to most of our supporting churches with opportunities to present in several new churches. God greatly blessed the meetings with wonderful results. It was such a blessing to see many of you, and to share all that God is doing as a result of our partnership together.

Please pray as we prepare to head back to Albania.

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A NEW YEAR - BE ENCOURAGED

On the first day of the new year we wish each other a "Happy New Year!" it is the same in Albania. But as we begin we need more than hopeful greetings, we need to listen to God. As Joshua was about to lead God's people into the promised land, he had reason to be afraid. He had an enormous task ahead of him, and he was well aware of the dangers that he and the people would be facing. He needed God's encouragement. A new year brings lots of questions and many challenges. "Don't be afraid; don't be discouraged." What happens in this coming year is not left to chance. God is in charge, and he promises to stay close: **"...Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."** That's the reason we can wish each other a "Happy New Year!"



GO MISSION INSTITUTE



God has blessed us with a unique national training platform. Several years ago we were contacted by some Central American pastors that heard about the work we were doing training nationals for missionary service to the Muslim world. They needed our help facilitating an up stream missionary program to not only train and mentor their candidates, but also to help mobilize them to their perspective fields of service through our sending agency. In addition to training Albanians, we have also graduated our second group of Central American missionaries. To date we have trained sixteen, nine of which hope to be on the field by spring of 2019. **Please pray for these servants and their families as they pursue Gods will and direction.**

UNDER THE SHADOW OF ISLAM



What happened to Aysia? Many of you have asked about Aysia and her family. You may remember that some years ago she began attending our youth services. She was very interested in the gospel and a few months later she accepted Christ. She faithfully attended church and then suddenly she stopped coming. It was during her absence that we learned she was the daughter of a Muslim Cleric at the local mosque. Weeks later she showed up with bruises on her arm and face. She told us she could no longer attend the church, if she did there would be serious consequences. She explained that in her heart she would worship God always and read her Bible in secret. Later we learned that her father moved the family to Syria so he could fight with ISIS. We never heard from her or the family again. **Please pray for the safety of Aysia and her brother, Ramon.** In the Muslim world persecution happens every day among believers in Christ.

ADVANCING THE GOSPEL



We were able to negotiate a good price on the micro-SD cards at \$6 each. If you would like to help get the gospel to the refugees, please send your gift marked **"Advancing the Gospel!"**, and mail it to: First Baptist Church, Ranson, WV. Thank you!

Albania for Christ,

The Drust Family

Acts 26:18