

*A messenger couple from Illyricum...  
following in His steps*

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*"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and  
the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." 1 John 1:7*

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**Dear Brethren,**

We hope and pray that you are doing well and everything is going well with you and your loved ones. May our Father's Love, Mercy and Grace continue to be yours.

As servants of the Lord at Adriatic church in Beach Area of Durres city and your fellow brothers in Him, we send our love and gratitude to you and through you to all who think, pray and support our life and service in His Kingdom in Albania. We thank the Lord of you and we long to share with you the things He is doing among us as well as the many blessings we are enjoying because of Him. Here is our August – September 2010 Newsletter.

## **The Work and Life at Adriatic church**

### **1. A new baptism at Adriatic church**

We have a new soul in our family at Adriatic church, praise the Lord! A young man of age 28, named Dorjan Hoxha, was baptized in the water of Adriatic Sea. He stood up in our worship meeting (on August 22, 2010) and confessed his faith in Jesus and responded to His call being repented of his sins and was baptized in His name for remission of them.



**Dorian's baptism in the water of Adriatic Sea**  
**August 22, 2010**



**Joyfully coming out of the water of baptism**  
**August 22, 2010**

Dorjan (or Dorian) comes from a Muslim family. He is a very fine young man and a very hard worker with an enthusiastic spirit. We have studied together with him for a long time, more than one year and a half. He has also attended regularly our entire congregation's life and activities. We are thankful to God who as always brings forth the fruits in His time. We praise Him for leading us where He is working and blessing our efforts. Praise Him and pray for Dorian, please.



Witnesses on Dorian's baptism, August 22, 2010

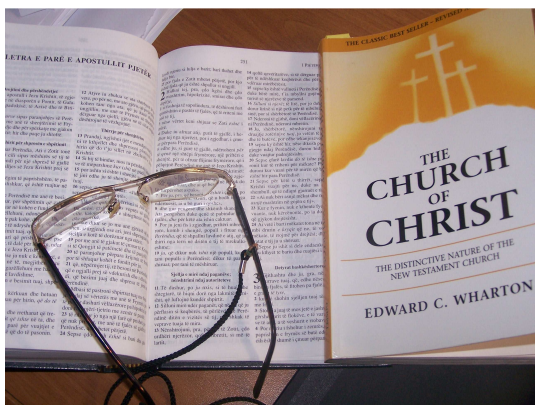


Adults Bible Study at Adriatic church, September 2010

## 2. Growing by God's Grace

Dear friends,

**We are growing physically and spiritually by God's Grace.** He keeps adding new souls to our spiritual family and teaching us His Word. In our Adult Bible Study, we have been studying lessons from the Book of Geneses being focused on the concepts of Godhead, faith and obedience. We are fully convinced that God intends and demands our growth. Let us all grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus!



Edward C. Wharton's book "The Church of Christ"

Joyfully, we inform you the finalization of another project in which Alfred was voluntary involved: **The Translation in Albanian language of Edward C. Wharton's Book, "The Church of Christ"** which contains great lesson on The Distinctive Nature of the New Testament Church. The translation of Edward's book will also be printed in a book format in order to be available to our native brethren for study. We hope the entire process will be finalized soon. This process is being monitored and sponsored from Eastern Europe Mission (EEM) in Wien, Austria. We are so very thankful to them for this project and partnership looking forward of having

more in the future. EEM is helping and assisting Lord's work in Albania through similar projects as well as financially in purchasing Albanian Bibles. May our Lord and Savior be always glorified through this partnership.



## Benevolence Work



Tom Bonner (missioner in Lushnja, left),  
Lodovik Tetaj (an Albanian-American in  
Abilene, TX) and Alfred

As you may remember, North-Western Area of Albania was hit by a very hug flood back in January 2010. Touched and impressed by TV bulletins and news of that time, the Albanian-American Community in Dallas, TX, worked and shipped through Global Samaritan Resources (GSR) in Abilene, TX, a **big container** (40 feet long) **with medical supplies** for the hospitals in that area. The medical supplies are donated by GSR. Brother Tom Bonner, an American missionary in Lushnja city (40 miles – south of Durres city) who works with the local church in that city, was asked to supervise the arrival of medical supplies to the intended destination. The container arrived in Durres Seaport this summer.

Alfred was asked by Brother Tom to assist him going through several government offices in the Ministry of Health, custom offices in Durres and Tirana cities. It took time and efforts to go through all these offices and their bureaucracy, but that was the proper way. I, personally (Alfred), was very glad to get know firsthand that everywhere we went the people working in all government offices were very helpful and respectfully keeping the law.



Container of medical supplies in Durres Port



Unloading the container, September 2010

These medical supplies will go to the destination through a delivery plan of Ministry of Health. Tom and I are glad to get the container and unload it. I am thankful to Tom and I appreciate the time we had together in this benevolence work. May the Lord keep blessing his ministry in Lushnja and Albania. I would also like to thank the Albanian-American Community in Dallas, TX (compound of 7,000 native Albanians living and working in TX) and especially one of them, Lodovik (Luigi) Tetaj, who traveled from States and assisted as we got the container from the port and unloaded it in the house of one of his friends. Thank you, beloved natives. May the Lord continue to bless you as your hearts beat for the needy.

## Our personal Family Life



Diana and Alfred's mother, September 2010

Alfred's mother health is improved and she is having calm days. She likes and enjoys our visits. Thanks a lot for all your prayers. Both our children, Aldi and Yvonne, are still off from school at present and looking forward of starting it in few weeks. Yvonne will go to the State University in Tirana and study to become a mathematical engineer. She is happy because it was her first choice and she won that through a national competition. We are happy too. Aldi will be continuing in his second year of studies in the faculty of economy

of the State University too. We all are healthy and happy. We are so very thankful to the Lord for all His wonderful blessings we are enjoying in our family life.

## Dear Brethren

Concluding this newsletter, we want to thank you for your thoughts, prayers as well as for your confidence and support in our work and family life. We pray that the Lord will keep blessing our partnership. Let us all give Glory to Him in His Church knowing fully that His Love and Grace will be ours forever. Thank you, beloved friends.

Following are several **prayer requests** that we would like for you to add to your prayer list:

1. Adriatic church and its growth (our new brother, Dorian, too)
2. Finalization and printing process of Edward's book
3. Lord's work in Albania and His faithful workers
4. Our work and family life. Thank you.

*Yours in Christ and because of Him,*

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