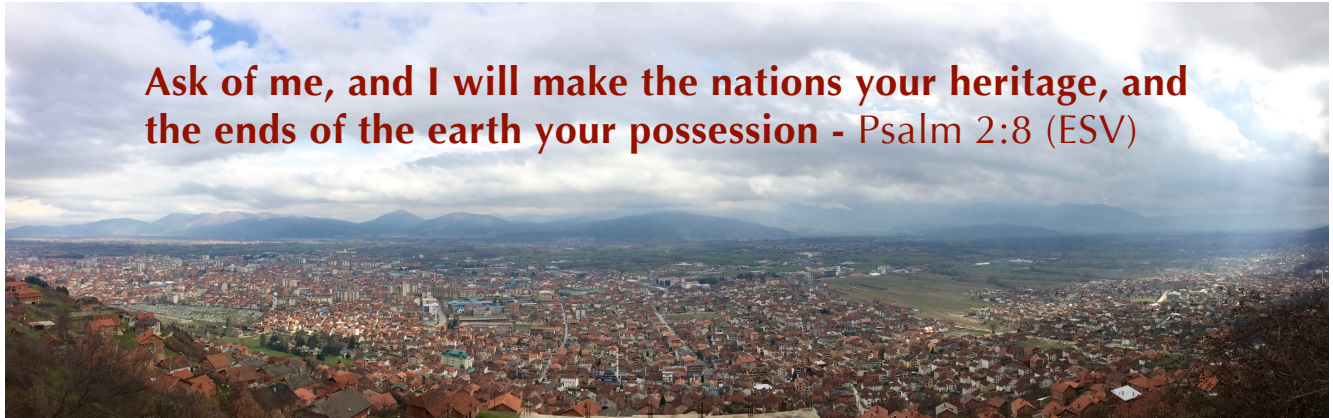

Mengas' News Letter

Tetovo - April 8, 2016



The promise that the Father made to His Messiah is motivating.

As His workmanship in Christ Jesus created for the good works He has prepared for us beforehand, we are to live and move with expectancy.

But at the same time with peace and confidence, not in ourselves, but in Him that makes all to happen in His timing.

God is looking not as much for our skills as for our readiness and availability. All the time, in all circumstances.

We know what He has put a vision in our hearts, but we have no idea how He will take us there. Because He has to take us there. Many a time we think we can figure out the path, and when it does not work our way we get disappointed and disillusioned (and maybe go to some more conferences to learn the secrets of success).

So why not just look for the open doors He puts in front of us? Why not just let the current of His Spirit carry us places we never thought we would go...?

In the end we will eventually see His promises fulfilled but will look back in amazement and realize the journey was part of the purpose, but such that we could never have figured it out ourselves...

Being reminded of these things we are living every day as a new adventure and be joyous about the journey as well as about the end result we pray, hope and await for.

Here are a few things the Father has been taking us to in the last two months or so :

Kela spends time with two ladies both neighbors.

Kela is spending time with two muslim Albanian neighbor ladies. With one she has been able to read the bible and pray in several occasions. Kela hears all the stories they tell about themselves, their family and relatives. The people live in deep darkness and have huge problems of all sorts, that sin generates. Somehow their religion is not helping against greed, lust, envy and all sort of mental torment and physical conditions. *Please pray that God will continue to open doors so we can share the hope that is in the gospel of Christ and that this God News will penetrate the hearts and the minds.*

Monthly Lord's Supper with other Kingdom Workers in Town



This coming Sunday will be the third time that we meet all Kingdom Workers of Tetovo together to participate in the Lord's Supper. Meeting one another, having some time to chat and fellowship beforehand and after, praying, worshiping together and taking the Lord's communion together has been a highlight of the month. Psalm 133 perfectly

puts it words the way we feel about it.

Easter Celebration in Gostivar

Celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord in a place where Easter is not celebrated (and where even the Evangelical Churches celebrate it latter - in May- with the Eastern Orthodox calendar), becomes really something our souls crave for. We are used to have large and numerous events and it is never an intimate time, but this time it was different. We went to Gostivar to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with the team of brothers and sisters and 6 Albanian friends. It tasted so good, like water to a thirsty man. In a spiritually dry environment every song, every prayer and every word from the gospels tastes so good. It was precious to see Kela, Jozef and Benjamin lead worship together.

Fellowship we had also for few hours after service as we took time to barbecue stuff and lot's of fun moments felt precious. We thank God for these special moments and all the new friendships.

Macedonian pastors' prayer, intercession and worship retreat

Gregor and Shkelzen (the team leader in Gostivar) traveled to participate in a three day retreat for leaders aiming to pray for the Balkans. For Gregor this was 2nd time and for Shkelzen a first. A pastor from Eastern Macedonia, brother Venco Nakov organizes these events as the Lord has impressed strongly in his heart that Balkans can be changed by prayer. Very



encouraging and refreshing time in a small remote village called Bogomila. Making new accountancies was one thing for Gregor. Honored getting to know precious brothers that serve the Lord in difficult settings faithfully for years. God is filling our hearts with much love and appreciation for all of them. And one warning from the Lord: If you can't love the brethren but all you are is critical and judgmental, you better leave the country you say you went to serve, because you are no use to the cause of Christ.

Helping with evangelism of Albanians in Skopje

God spoke to Kela and Gregor separately about helping a dear brother and sister from Albania (Dardajan and Rilinda) who faithfully have been sharing the gospels with Albanians in Skopje (capital of Macedonia) for the last seven years without seeing any decision for Christ made yet. Gregor is going once a week to be with them in their evangelism efforts. *Our prayer is that soon we can see the first decision made, and after that first one, many more. Please join in prayer for a breakthrough!*

Evangelism event with Albanians in Vienna Austria and Teaching Conference with New Church in Mödling, Austria.

This is a second time Gregor has been invited to teach a seminar with a new church plant in Modling near Vienna, Austria. This new church is led by Ares and Katherina Kaftalli (Ares an ex member and disciple from church in Shkoder, Albania who happens to be a cousin as well.) It was a long Sunday but very good. Teaching on the Relationship between Grace, Faith and Works in the context of New Covenant, was thrilling. Some things that are basics for new believers come as revelation to old time Christians as well. I was encouraged to hear one of the questions at the end: - When are you coming back?

The night before (Saturday the 2nd of April) I also shared on how to have peace through Christ, with a group of Albanians in Vienna. Adriatik an Albanian brother who has been living in Vienna for the last 16 years has been working in the last 6 months in starting an Albanian Church in Vienna. One of two new ladies attending was from Gostivar, Macedonia. *Pray she will find the peace she needs through finding Christ as Lord and Savior of her life.*

Family

Boys finally got their papers submitted at the police station for their own Macedonian



ID. We are waiting now for police to call for picture taking. *Thanks for all the prayers and please keep on praying to the end of this process.*

Lately we had a special visit from friends from Germany. Hendrik, Silke, and their daughters Jenifer and Alena. We served together in Kosovo for several years but had not seen them in the last 8 years or so. Here down is a picture of our boys with this now

young ladies....

Grateful for you and thanking God for all prayers and other support.

Under Grace

Gregor, Kela, Jozef, Benjamin and Samuel Menga

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