

Building Redemptive Relationships that Get Stronger as an Olive Tree

A Little History for an Olive Tree

Olive trees are very hardy, drought-, disease- and fire-resistant, and can live for a very long time. Its root system is very robust and capable of regenerating the tree even if the above-ground structure is destroyed. The older an olive tree is; the broader and more gnarled its trunk appears. Many olive trees in the groves around the Mediterranean are said to be several centuries old, and in some cases this has been verified scientifically.

An olive tree in [Algarve, Portugal](#), is 2000 years old, according to [radiocarbon dating](#).^[16] [Pliny the Elder](#) told of a sacred [Greek](#) olive tree that was 1,600 years old. Several trees in the [Garden of Gethsemane](#) (from the Hebrew words "gat shemanim" or olive press) in Jerusalem are claimed to date back to the time of [Jesus](#).^[17] Some Italian olive trees are believed to date back to Roman times, although identifying progenitor trees in ancient sources is difficult.



One olive tree in [Bar, Montenegro](#), is claimed to be over 2,000 years old.^[18]

This Weekend I went at my parents and spent some time with them, it was great on being able to spent some time with them. My father has planted some olive trees, it is a good example on seeing those trees on growing, and an olive tree needs at least 5 years to be ready to give fruits, but went it starts it goes like forever! The same with us as we plant the seed of God on the hearts of people it needs time and we know for sure that there are olive trees here in Fier that once that begin to give fruit they will not stop.

But we need to find the good soil and to plant the seed of God on their heart, for centuries have been people and there are people that testify that God's word is powerful. And to this day we are doing this by building redemptive relationships. We meet their needs with our God given capabilities in every situations, mechanics, electrics, and electronics. Whatever the need is we will do our best to meet the need. With this idea we clean the soil from every bad weed, because on the mind and the heart of that person there are lot of questions marks that wait for answer. How a person helps me for no charge and at the end buys me a coffee!?? We are very pleased with the relationship that we have build with Klodi he is very good young man and we are coming bit by bit to know him better.

Wednesday Bible Class

Edi is on his series of lessons about “**Holiness**” one more time we have been challenged to be “Holy” God is Holy and calls us to be holy through Jesus Christ.

Sunday Worship Service

We gathered as always to celebrate the Lord’s Day For He is raised and we are blessed and full of hope to be with the Lord. Edi shared with us from Psalm 92:12-13. The righteous will be like palm tree even in the difficulties we will be strong because our strength comes from the Lord.

Prayer Requests

Pray for the Petraq, he is lost his job, pray that he will be strong and that God will provide for his family needs.

Pray for Ketj, we are concerned for her spiritual realm now because she is not attending anymore.

Pray also for Esi (Esmeralda) she is going to have a surgery on 5th of July.

Pray for us as come in contact with people to plant the seed of God as build redemptive relationships.

In His Service

Altin & Edi