If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. (Heb 11:15-16 NIV)

Dear brothers & sisters,

It is a great joy to know that we are on this world yet not of this world! Glory and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ who established his church and called us to become and reflect his glory on earth.

There's no other place for us to return, no other home for us to stay, no other city to enter, no other citizenship to declare, no other God to worship, no other mission to accomplish, no other message to proclaim, no other life to live except CHRIST the hope of our glory!

Fier / Church

As you know 3 years ago I moved from the Adriatik Church in Durres for to help the church of Fier, this was a great challenge for me. On that time Altin & I made a decision to come & help and build up Christ church in Fier. I Thank God for brothers & sisters there! My desire is that they may continue to stay strong in the Lord by being rooted into his word.

Past Thursday it was the last time for me being with the church of Fier. I was encouraged by brothers and sisters there. It's sad but I had to leave Fier and move to live and work with brothers & sisters in Vlora and this gives me a mixture of both sadness and joy.

Altin is continuing the work of God with the church in Fier and with God's grace and power the church might grow more and more.

Moved to the Church in Vlora...

As some of you may know about the situation of the church in Vlora, Virgil & Jackie moved to the States a year ago. The Church has a great respect for Virgil & Jackie who

have been involved with this church for many years! For almost a year from now the church of Vlora faithfully continued to worship and gather together without a preacher.

During this difficult time Tom Bonner helped the church by worshiping and preaching there on Sundays. But they felt the need of a leader to help them and stay with them on a daily basis.

For a month from now I've been coming to preach and see if I & the church can work together. 2 weeks from now the church & I decided to work together for God's glory! This was made possible by the prayers and help of many and many brothers in and out of Albania.

Our brother Tom Bonner & Oltion Mezini has been a great help on this transition and they are still doing that.

The Church in Vlora is so encouraging to me they are still standing and keep gathering together. I'm so positive and joyful to work with them.

Now I'm settled in Vlora and ready to help brothers and sisters here. The church has been very supportive to me and they are ready to work together with me to build up the church of Christ.

I also thank God for two brothers from Italy Stefano & Franco who were here last week to encourage the church; they have been doing this for almost every year.

Please continue to pray for the churches in Albania. Continue to pray also for me so that God's kingdom may be extended and build up also in this City.

In His steps,

- Edi