

FIER CHURCH OF CHRIST

LOVE God and Love One Another
PEACE with God and with one another.
GRACE from God and for One Another
MERCY From God and for One Another.



OUR WEEKLY CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

- Monday: 10:00 - 11:00 English Bible study. 15:00 - 16:00; 16:00 - 17:00
- Tuesday: 15:00 - 16:00 ; 16:00 - 17:00 English Bible study
- Wednesday: 16:30 - 17:30 Bible Class
- Thursday: 10:00 - 11:00 English Bible study. 15:00 - 16:00 ; 16:00 - 17:00
- Friday: 16:30 - 17:30. Praying Class.
- Saturday: Different Activities with the Church
- Sunday: 10:00 - 11:30 Worship Service



HE IS RISEN

Recently I had a conversation with one of my students which is two years older than me, by the way I will be 35 on November. As we were talking about religion; he was telling me that he comes from a Orthodox family and that was his faith. But when I asked about Resurrection; He was telling me that was only one man that was risen from the dead and is alive and He is Jesus Christ. And trying to convince me no other one has experienced such thing. I said that is sound for my ears. Now that is the gospel Jesus is born, was crucified and was raised from dead. I could not have said any better. It is great starter for conversation and may be later for commitment life to Christ, who knows!?

2019 started cold the same with the weather and people attending, and because we celebrate the new year mostly everyone got a break almost a week or so. My students too, which it seems the joy of doing nothing followed them for a while. January- February were cold months and the pace of how people move was slow.

Spreading the Gospel with the Sphere of Influence.

Since started serving here in Fier, has been one of the strategies on spreading the Gospel. Sometime we want to have results at our own time and desires. But as always God has a plan, He works carefully. When Joel was born, we were asked to move and serve in Vlora. We were unsure because as first time parents we were getting used to with our pediatrician and doctors that need to take care for the baby. For the first year a new born baby has shots every 2 months. So we started our relationship with nurses and taking advices how to take care of the baby. Those that have children understand how scary it is having a baby for the first time which comes without a manual and no explanation what those different crying sounds mean especially at 3:00am in the morning. It took almost 7 years that the nurse who works at the health center to ask for her younger son to come and learn English. And after that I got to meet with her husband and her oldest son. Her oldest son is 29 and works as pharmacist. He has a lot of questions about Bible and God. This family is a hard working family, which value honesty and respect for one another. My point is that you never know when will bear fruit. Just keep up living Jesus every day.

March – April

Sunshine on horizon it seems brought also strength for people to move and decide. Started to have new students basically three young men wanting to study English, two are married and have children, and the other one is single and is older than all of us. Also, we are working with their children to teach them English. It is a small group but is a start.

As we try to build relationships, one thing is for sure you will not see the true fruit immediately. It has been one my deepest desire for the Church that we may grow with couples that have established their life here in Fier. And has not been easy, once we start growing on one relationship, they (the couples) get ready to leave Albania for a better life some where else. And it is understandable that they are being responsible parent to provide for their kids.

I am not concerned for people leaving Fier, as much as I am concerned if they are taking the Lord wherever they are going or not.

It is because we have been for so long here in Fier and have been constant what we claim we believe and we do, we have widened our circle of influence. I am amazed how God works, we have met and continue to meet people that we thought will never meet. But it is because of God's grace has blessed us with such relationships. And as you all know these things needs time, again have been amazed that nonbelievers that I am contact with have claimed God's hand in their lives so many times. But these are great opportunities for conversations starters to evangelize them. A great door of opportunity has been open now that Joel is in school it is almost the end of his first grade now. And I have been trying to get to know the parents of other kids that are in the same class with Joel.



Group from Fier

Annual Retreat 2019

On 18th- 20th of April, we hosted the 9th Annual Retreat for all the churches of Christ here in Albania . For this s year the theme for the Renewal and focused on “Revive me, O LORD, for your name’s sake!” (Psalm 143:11a.). We had invited Bill McDonough of Partners in Progress, who also brought Dominic Dos Santos (the director of Trinidad School of Preaching). Çimi Kafexhiu of Durres also spoke too. Çimi’s wife, there was a special session for the Ladies and Anila Çimi Kafexhiu’s wife, together with Marie*Claire McDonough led this special session on renewal through the life of faith. The same with men had a separate session which was led by Bill and Dominic). The speakers encouraged renewal through God’s Word, evangelism, repentance, prayer, care and fellowship. Also, we had a panel of brothers where they shared about their challenges with renewal; participants included a full-time minister, a vocational minister, a father, a student and a teenager. We had 176 participants, this year we simplified program and it gave us extra time for fellowship.

PRAYER REQUESTS



We are going to have our WEI campaign from July 1st – July 26th . Pray that we have a fruitful Campaign, and we may have enough students for those that going to teach. We are going to have two teams coming from the States.

Pray for the contacts that I am having to be open listen about Jesus.

Pray for our family that we may continue to serve and live the Lord.

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