

Albania Trip 2017

Dear friends,

Thanks to those who have assured me of their prayers for this trip. It is a “raw” time for me preparing and getting ready. I have not been able to concentrate my mind on the subject of “Revival from Scripture and examples from Church History” although I have been reading Scripture on the subject. I have found these recent days difficult not having Barbara to consult about simple things. But God is faithful and it is not difficult to trust Him for all that is past and all that is to come. Praise God! We have a wonderful Lord.

I leave tomorrow morning at 10:35 am with Turkish Airlines; stopping off at Istanbul and arriving at Tirana, Albania at 8.00 pm.

I stay with Erisi, Nila and their 5 year old daughter Era. Erisi is pastor of the church and suggests the subject of our teaching each year. At the end of the teaching programme each person receives a certificate for completing another module (almost every member of the church attends – from 10 year olds to elderly grandmas). To see young teenagers taking notes is quite amazing. To see old ladies eager to hear despite the fact that they probably understand little of what I say but give me beautiful smiles!

The teaching programme usually consists of evening meetings, followed by workshops. Saturdays are spent with the family. Sunday preaching and hospitality. I have time with the leaders – last time half my teaching programme was devoted to them.

I return on Wednesday, 10th May.

Matters for immediate prayer:

1. Final preparations and check in tomorrow at Birmingham.
2. Travelling “mercies”- safety, transfer at Istanbul airport (who likes airports?)
3. Blessings on the home in which I stay.
4. The Lord’s blessing on the teaching and on those who attend.
5. That the Lord will move in people’s lives – especially in the young people.
6. The general quickening of the Holy Spirit in the church.
7. The time of fellowship with the leaders of the church and guidance for the future.

Thank you so much for your loving encouragement and for your prayers.

Much Love in the Lord Jesus,

Derrick.