

UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Greetings from Albanian Bible Institute!

I am sitting in my office this morning with gratitude in my heart for all that God has been doing among us over the last several months. The students are learning and staying committed to their studies. Everyone has made progress thus far. We have just finished the first half of this semester and are now on a two week break. All of us are amazed at how quickly the school year has passed. Before we know it we will be announcing to you that our school year has ended and we are going on summer break.

One of the reasons I am filled with gratitude this day is because God has given me a great staff to carry out his mission at ABI. Adam Roseboom, David Hellsten and Pellumb Ranxha are doing a great job teaching their classes. They are making an impact on our students both academically and personally. Jerry and Sandy Luginbill, as well as Adam Roseboom, invest time each week discipling students one on one. This makes an impact on our students' character and spiritual formation.

Our household staff, Rubia and Hyrija, have been with us for ten years and still enjoy working here. Ornela, our office manager, does much more than just the office duties. She spends a lot of time with our students, encouraging and helping them. They have a great rapport with her. She and Jerry have spent a lot of time this month working on documents for the tax office, a tedious and time consuming job that has to be done every year. Luka, our maintenance man, does a multitude of jobs that keep our building functioning well: painting, electrical work, plumbing, mechanical repairs and generator maintenance. He runs many errands for us and in the last year has made countless trips to city hall on our behalf to submit documents, talk to officials and check on our building permit. This would have eaten a lot of my time if I had to do it. I can concentrate on more important matters because Luka does these jobs.

All of these people are important to me, not only for what they can do, but for who they are. God knew what he was doing when he sent each of these people to serve at ABI. They contribute not only their service, but more importantly, their hearts. I am thankful for each of them. Few schools have the kind of atmosphere and heart that exists at Albanian Bible Institute.

In addition to my gratitude for the staff, I am grateful to you who support our school. Many of you support us through prayer, with some of you praying each day for us. This year our financial support for the ongoing ministry of the school has been encouraging. In a time when we hear daily about an economic recession that should discourage giving, people show even greater generosity to us. Our building fund campaign is progressing well. Today we are only \$24,000 short of our goal, but we are confident God will bring that long to us in his own timing.

The support you give to ABI is making an impact on our students. They are growing in their abilities to preach and to lead small group Bible studies and chronological Bible lessons. They are also improving in their Biblical knowledge and ability to interpret scripture. These are skills they will use for the rest of their ministries. Your investment is making this possible. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
LEE BRADLEY