



Update from the Director
Lee Bradley
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Greetings from Albania!

This is May 1st. For those in America who may not be familiar, this is International Labor Day, and Albanians are outside enjoying the mild, spring temperatures while on holiday from work. The weather feels warm outside. The climate at ABI also feels warm. We are nearing the end of the school year and feelings of satisfaction and joy come to us as we see what God has done here this year. The staff of our school has done a great job this year teaching small classes and connecting with our students personally, spiritually and intellectually. I am proud of them! The students have responded well to our staff and have improved in their academic abilities, Biblical knowledge and ministry skills. It is evident that everyone who has come to ABI has grown spiritually, both students and faculty. After a good year like this one, we are looking forward with even more anticipation to the new school year coming up in September. We have been excited to get several referrals in the last week or so for prospective students this fall.

We praise God that we are also making progress in fundraising for the addition of the third floor dormitory space. **Right now we are only \$18,000 short of our goal.** That is still not as close as we would like to be, but in January we were \$36,000 short of our needs. Without a doubt God is going to supply the rest of the money we need in his timing and in his ways. For those of you who have already given, please accept my thanks for your generous support of our ministry. For those of you who have been thinking about giving, but have not yet done so, please be assured that we still need your help as well. I know there are some churches that are considering whether or not to help us. We still need your help and will continue to need it as we continue building over the next six months.

I want to thank some special people who have gone out of their way to help us in our efforts to raise money for this additional dormitory space. Cynthia Chappel and Sandra Cheek of Eastaboga, Alabama have worked so hard for weeks getting ready for a consignment sale for childrens clothes. This sale was held April 16-20th and raised money for our building fund. I would like to thank all the people who supported this consignment sale by bringing items to be sold or by buying clothes and working in the sale. The volunteerism speaks loudly of your love for missions. Thank you so much!

One of the members of our board of directors, Stuart Rowell, is going to be riding his bicycle across America this summer to raise money for another ministry for which he works. The additional money he raises will go to ABI. If any of you would like to pledge money for each mile he will ride, I am sure he would be encouraged by your support. Riding a bike across America is no easy task for most of us. Stuart is not a professional cyclist and is a member of the 50 plus club. How many people do you know who are willing to do something like this, much less people who are over 50 years old? Riding a bike across America proves to what lengths some will go in order to help our school. Thanks, Stuart, for loving our school like this! If you want to encourage Stuart with a donation for his perseverance on the bicycle, please contact him at rowell@rowell.plus.com.

Some volunteers in the greater Detroit area are holding a softball tournament to raise money for ABI. As far as I know, none of them have ever been to ABI, but they know about our ministry and want to help. They are looking for at least 8 church teams to participate. The tournament will be held at Steffans Park in Fraser, Michigan on May 31. If you want more information, contact Dave Kaynor at mathdude83@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

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