

CALL TO Prayer

JUNE 2017

A Special Name

BY BEN AND JESSICA VREELAND, AN ALLIANCE WORKER COUPLE IN KOSOVO

The day after our baby girl, Shiloh, was born, the doctor asked, “What does her name mean?” We replied, “Shiloh is the promise of God for the Messiah, who brings everlasting hope, peace, and life to those who believe in Him. His name is Jesus.” And thus began a deep conversation about our faith, the Bible, religion, our relationship with Jesus, and the gospel.



The next day while still at the hospital, we presented the doctor with a Bible in his language. We talked with him more about his own religion and what Jesus offers him instead. We encouraged him to read the Bible and pray, asking God to show him the truth. What amazing opportunities we have to share our faith when we are open and watching, even when it involves a tired three days in the hospital, a new baby, and a special name.

Many other doors for evangelism have opened since we moved to another city in Kosovo. Recently, we spoke with some of our neighbors over coffee about the meaning of Easter and who Jesus is. We have been blessed to have an influence in the life of a new friend who comes to visit from another town as well.

We continue to be a part of the believers' fellowship and have seen their

faith grow as we connect with their lives and spend time in worship, prayer, and the Word. Upon the birth of our girl, we received this sweet prayer from one of the believers:

“Welcome, princess. You come to us as a disciple in the family of our Lord Jesus. The Lord bless you with a healthy life. Thank you so much that you bring us this good news of her birth!”

Pray for the doctor's eyes to be open to the truth of God's Word as revealed in the Bible and to understand that it is through Christ alone we are saved. Pray that the believers with whom we fellowship will continue to seek after God and grow in their faith. Pray also for more opportunities to be gospel witnesses for Him!

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BY AN ALLIANCE WORKER COUPLE SERVING IN
WEST AFRICA

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After several visits by the pastor and the evangelism team, which comprised pastors and lay leaders from the city church, a few people started to show interest in the gospel. A recent outreach sponsored by the Hospital for Women and Children, a ministry of Alliance international workers, was a big step in demonstrating the validity of the Alliance church. While hospital staff conducted health teachings, a team of pastors prayed for people, asking God to move in the village.

That evening several individuals received Christ. The C&MA churches' district leadership sent a group of pastors to stay for a week to disciple these new believers and answer the questions of others, who have expressed interest in the good news.

Praise God! A piece of land has been promised for a future church site, and the district plans to install a student pastor.

Pray for the successful discipleship of those who received Jesus and that seekers will come to faith.

King of Heaven, Come

BY AN ALLIANCE WORKER SERVING IN URUGUAY

In previous months, my wife and I have hosted 10–15 gatherings in our home, including team meetings, worship and Bible study, and dinners. God is teaching us daily about how to be hosts—not just by welcoming people into our house but also by being hosts of His presence. His Spirit continues to lead us in prayer, guiding us as we walk in our gifts.

Recent breakthroughs:

- We see spiritual hunger slowly developing in the hearts of friends.
- Our team's worship and Bible study gatherings have been well-attended; participants are engaging well.
- In just one week, a new acquaintance began pursuing God with my wife.
- An agnostic Jew has started to pray to God and has seen his prayers answered.

Please keep praying! There are daily spiritual battles, but we have begun to see them as opportunities to gain new ground. Specifically, our team is praying for a location for a ministry center—a symbol of the Kingdom's permanence here and a professional gateway between our team and the community. On paper, what we are asking for is financially out of reach. Will you pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we wait expectantly to see how much bigger His imagination is than ours?

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