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ALBANIA / BALKAN FUTURE MINISTRY

Prayer

November

- Family Thanksgiving Trip to Oklahoma - Pray for our travel as we drive the 800 miles (one way) there and back to see Shelly's family.
- My wife Shelly - pray for her as she is 2+ years into this new role at our home church in Milwaukee (pastor of Discipleship) and carries a heavy load of the hearts and experiences of a number of people.
- Our son Kameron - prayers for safety, confidence and influence as a new flight attendant with Spirit Airlines.

December

- Christmas/Holiday celebrations with Family and friends.

January

- Training events at Calvary Baptist, Easton, PA - facilitating both STML (Short Term Mission Leader) Workshop and SCP (Sister Church Partnership) Orientation there.

Praises

- NEW Gateway Partnership opportunities - especially in Balkan countries (Albania, Macedonia) and Central Europe.
- NAB Mission Advisory Team meetings in Auburn, CA - blessed now to include Tanya Gericke and Lyndell Campbell-Réquia.
- Blue Ocean Cohort in Vancouver, BC - always incredible networking and discussion; blessed to have my wife Shelly there with me as well.

For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and as far around as Illyricum I have fully proclaimed the good news of Christ.

ROMANS 15:18-19

In my 19+ years of service with NAB Gateway, I've definitely learned what it means to be adaptable and versatile when it comes to ministering in different cultures around the world. This 'learning' has been put to work yet again just

this past month as I went to Albania for the first time. NAB Gateway has been involved in Central Europe for many years and for much of the past decade this has been through the developing ministry of Ron and Jean Seck and the CHE



EuroNet. CHE (Community Health Evangelism) has been a strategy and an emerging network focused largely on marginalized peoples (i.e., Roma/Gypsy) by the Secks (and NAB national missionaries the Darozci-Csuhai's and Marijana Czimanski) in Central Europe and south of this region throughout Balkan countries like Albania.

In October, I attended the CHE EuroNet conference in Albania where 8+ countries were represented by national and missionary leaders using the CHE strategy. As in other CHE-influenced areas like Serbia and Hungary where NAB Gateway has helped North American churches develop Sister Church Partnerships (SCPs), I had the opportunity to make more



Randy and Ron Seck talk on the shores of the Adriatic Sea in 'Illyricum' or 'Albania' as it's known in 2019 (see Romans 15:18-19).

connections for new ministry opportunities; not only for churches in Albania, but also in Macedonia, Kosovo, and other countries in this region as well.



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NAB Gateway's involvement in this part of the world has definitely gained a foothold through churches like Hillside Baptist, Dickinson, ND, but we have many new opportunities for churches to develop SCPs in a variety of countries among a variety of new friends who are reaching out with the Gospel of the Kingdom among marginalized people such as the Roma (Gypsies) who are present and in significant holistic need in every one of these countries.

For my part, as the Director of NAB Gateway, I'm being asked to provide more leadership, guidance and direction, not only to NAB Gateway's ministry in Central Europe and the Balkans (e.g., Albania), but also to NAB's overall international mission strategy in this region. Thank you for your prayers as I seek wisdom from the Holy Spirit in leading NAB and NAB Gateway well in this regard.

For the Kingdom, Randy Schmor



A 15+ year old story of holistic transformation through the Gospel of the Kingdom; a Roma church community gathers in a neighborhood in Tirana, Albania.

