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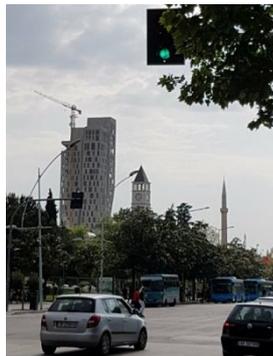
## ALBANIA MISSION TRIP



I returned to Albania on my usual missionary trip. My main objectives were to get things in order for the arrival of the team from Wichita, Kansas to help with our upcoming VBS at the end of June, and to make final arrangements for the printing of "**How to Talk to Your Muslim Friends**," the book by **John Troyer**. You can see



the wide contrast that exists in modern Albania in the pictures – brand new buildings and sparkling mosques paid for with money from Arab nations. The most common meat is lamb, that is, young sheep, and chicken – you find chickens wandering around everywhere ( even in cities and inside homes.)





As usual, I taught a number of lessons – see the picture on the left. Right now, at Shelg, we use a much more convenient location, and above all, safer – given what happened at Christmas – because the landlord works hard to control access. The book will be printed this week, and we are anxious to start using it for evangelism. We will also be sending it to Kosovo. We are thinking of setting up a TV campaign to advertise the book in October and November. In that case, maybe we will invite John Troyer to come to Albania. We'll see..

## "Teaching English Using the Bible" with the "Let's Start Talking" Program



The same day that I got back from Albania, April 21, the first of three teams that are coming to take turns running the **Let's Start Talking** program got here: **Jean Anderson Kevil, Kris Thompson and Ardy Cramer.** This is Jean's third trip to Lecce – we now count her as a "leccese" ("leh – ch ch – eh – seh"). It's Kris and Ardy's second visit. The lessons are a trip through the Bible and are going quite well. We have a very diverse group of students: lawyers, doctors, university students, architects and psychologists. We have a lady from Romania, another from Poland and an Afghan. It's a beautiful opportunity to testify about Jesus, the Anointed One, and His words to people who have NEVER IN THEIR LIVES read God's word. We will host a party for all of the students on Wednesday, May 2, giving them an opportunity to meet, mingle and develop some new relationships. **We pray for these students** that the Lord will enlighten them and that they will see the need to turn to and trust Jesus.



**Some of our Students**

Our teachers work with the students one-on-one to build a working rhythm and a personal relationship . . . and maybe even a friendship.



The program starts with a study of the Gospel of Luke, and then it continues with the Gospel of John and Acts of the Apostles. Jean, Kris and Ardy will leave on Saturday, May 5, and a new group will come in from Fort Worth Texas: **Cecilia Morgan, and BZ and Weldon Roberts.**

### Quick Notes

- **I made a some quick trips to teach in a some small, isolated churches.** These are communities built around a single family who have a desparate need for someone to come preach and teach the word of God. In spite of the fatigue and cost, these trips enrich my life and build by faith and comfort in Christ!!!
- **Every month I preach in Francavilla Fontana in the afternoon** after preaching in the morning in Lecce.
- **May 8, I will sign a "Protocol of Intent" with the mayor of Lecce on behalf of the Chiesa di Cristo.** This is a great event, since it will be the first time we will be officially recognized as a "church." This resolves many long-standing issues like where to conduct funerals and affect burials, since cemetaries are "sacred" locations which were, up until now, the reserved for the Catholic Church.

**Remember to Pray! Pray! Pray!**