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Ministering in Albania to Kids from Muslim Backgrounds A Former Troublemaker Becomes Youth Camp Teacher

Wonderful Summer Camp - Highlight of the Year!

Our two-week long children's summer camp went incredibly well. Youth leader Ledia did a tremendous job!

All of the 160 children were from a neighborhood in Bathore, a town close to Tirana, Albania's capital. All of the campers came from very poor families, and most were of Muslim backgrounds.

These children had been attending our two Miracle Clubs, which are Bible groups for children that operate in our Bathore Hope Center.

A team of twenty young boys and girls, members of our Hope Center youth group, were selected and trained by Ledia to be helpers. Alfred was one of them. He gives his enthusiastic report of his surprise assignment in this month's newsletter.

Mission Possible's Ministry Center spreads help and the Gospel to the town of Bathore and reaches out to other territories in Albania.



My name is Alfred. I have been coming to the Hope Center since I was a little child. I always had so much fun in the children's classes, and when I became old enough I joined the youth group.

Everyone called me a troublemaker.

Very often I was a nuisance. I caused trouble at school and agitated my teachers, and at home I irritated my parents.

Hope Center was the only place where people trusted me again and again, even though I caused them grief at times.

I was chosen!

Over the past several months at youth group meetings we talked about and prayed for God's provision for the children's annual summer camp. I prayed that the campers would have



"One...two...three...Jesus sets us free!" The children loved proclaiming these words. Each morning the camp rules and expectations were read, and then all would shout for joy, dancing and singing for the new day in which to celebrate our Creator.



the same experience I used to have as a kid in these camps - and God answered! He is our faithful Provider.

As camp planning began to take place, Ledia read aloud the names of the young people chosen to be helpers at camp, and my name was called! I couldn't believe it. I was surprised and thought Why me? She said,

"Because you are committed and are a true testimony of how God changes people for the better!"

Proud to wear a teacher's t-shirt

I was ready to do anything just to prove that I could be a true help. I was the first to arrive at every meeting where the teachers made decisions and committed the camp and children to the Lord in prayer.

I was so proud to wear the t-shirt that each camp teacher donned. My main responsibilities during camp included serving food, turning on the power generator as there were frequent power outages, guarding the main gate, and helping with lessons and skits.

This year's message: Princes and Princesses of King Jesus

We taught the campers about the Good Shepherd, the talents, the sower, and the prodigal son. The lesson I enjoyed the most, however, was "Jesus loves the little children" because I got to act in the drama skit.

The children were very attentive during each lesson and were able to correctly answer the review questions we posed at the end of each story.

This year we presented the truth



that each child is a prince or princess. The Lord Jesus is the King of the world, so those who receive Him become His sons and daughters, and are therefore princes and princesses.

I think God can use me to change lives as He used others to change mine.

I was so blessed by this camp! At the end, there was a time of reflection and evaluation. We all shared our thoughts, the good things and the areas that could use improvement for next year's camp, should the Lord choose to use it again for His glory.

I am so glad to be a prince, knowing that Jesus Christ is King and He has granted me forgiveness and the privilege to be His son!

Alfred Margjini



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We are grateful to God for the wonderful fruit of Mission Possible's ministry in Albania: Seeing a new generation of committed young Christians grow in the Lord.

During the Communist reign, Albania was one of the most inaccessible countries in the world. Today the political environment is totally different. The Christian church, however, now faces the challenge of spreading the Gospel in predominantly Muslim communities.

Thank you for your prayers and support to Besa and her faithful team!

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