

# Regions Beyond Albania

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## ETHIOPIAN MISSIONS



After several years of setbacks, we will officially begin the Go Mission Institute - Ethiopia. We are excited about this opportunity to help train nationals for missionary service. We will be posting more details in the coming months ahead. Please pray, thank you!



## UPCOMING TRAVEL

Over the next several months we will travel to churches in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, PA, Tennessee, Oklahoma and Texas. Internationally we will be in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras as well as Hungary and Ukraine. We would really appreciate your prayers.

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Happy New Year to each of you. We pray you, your families, and your churches had a wonderful and safe Christmas. The year

2023 is complete, and what an incredible year it was. We are so thankful to God for all of the ministry accomplishments. Thank you for your faithful partnership and friendship.

## OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND

It never ceases to amaze me how quickly people forget. In February 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine in an escalation of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict that began in 2014. The invasion was the most significant attack on a European country since World War II. The war was in the news media 24/7 for months, and now, 18 months later, you rarely hear anything about it. People soon forget because they are not there; they no longer hear much about what is happening, "out of sight, out of mind." We have not forgotten. We have seen the devastation, the hopelessness and fear, the suffering and even death. Because we have been there and continue to go back, we are moved to action by what we see and experience. Unless one experiences the needs and sufferings of others, it becomes nearly impossible to relate to them. Jesus expressed it best when He said, "... behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35). We do not have time to have the "out of sight, out of mind" mentality.



Please pray for the people of Ukraine. Please pray for additional finances to help fund food, medical supplies, and Gospel literature production and distribution.

The ministry there is ongoing. If you would like to help, please send your offering marked - **Hope for Ukraine**. We have trips scheduled in April & July. If you would like to come with us on a trip to Ukraine please contact me at 304.995.9284 Thank you!

## GO MISSION INSTITUTE

### Phase Two Update



After nine weeks, our ten appointees finished their classroom instruction and are now doing their rural practicum in a village. These couples and families have shown true commitment to their call to missions; we are so proud of them. At this point, they have completed language and culture acquisition, crisis planning and situational awareness, church planting, and worldviews; each team had to create a five-year church planting plan based on components they learned from all their courses.

After classroom completion on Ministry in a Muslim Context, each of them go to live for eight days with an Albanian Muslim family where they will apply much of what they learned. To best prepare our workers for cross-cultural service, it is necessary for us to take them out of their familiar living and ministry contexts and expose them closer to what they will be experiencing on the field. Over the years, this has proven invaluable for their cultural understanding and long-term effectiveness as church planters

Thank you for your prayers and financial support, we love and appreciate you.

*The Drusts*