

A SUMMER OF UPS AND DOWNS

Like the book of Ecclesiastes this summer has had times of excitement and times of discouragement, times of good-byes and welcomes, times of loss and gain, times of stress and calm, times of hurt and healing, times of success and failure, and times of rejoicing and weeping. The future is very uncertain for our young congregation of international immigrants. **We are preparing for another wave of those escaping Afghanistan. We ask for your prayers and encouragements.**

Let's talk about the Ups and put behind us the downs. On June 27, we had the great joy to baptize 5 new believers. One from India explained that she had waited 7 years to be baptized and she was very happy to be our first convert from Hindu faith. Another couple from Iran explained that four years ago, they were on honeymoon in a neighboring country where they were approached by a team that shared their faith and gave them a memory card with Bible content for their phones. Our Iranian pastor from Liverpool interrupted and said that the ministry team was from his church. The other couple were the newest to faith. The husband suffered from depression and long term effects from torture in Iranian prison. Maria regularly visited them and in a moment prompted by the Holy Spirit, she lead him in a simple prayer of salvation with translation. His countenance changed immediately and he has never been that old person since then. Pray for these babes in Christ that they will grow fully in faith and become lights to their people. Video is for private viewing only. <https://vimeo.com/593702503/9d9b5b4cba>

Five church members survived Covid.

New Albanian FM ministry is taking steps to launch this fall with a wonderful couple from Southeast Albanian city of Korca, Genti and Rona. This has been a long awaited development, and finally, God's timing has made it possible to become a reality. Check out the third article in the FM World Mission's September Heartbeat. Click on this link <https://fmwm.org/september-heartbeat-2021/> Pray for this new beginning, pledge your support, and follow the developments.

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Special Announcement from Kali

Finally, from our daughter's facebook post we are happy to share her announcement:

Maybe you heard a rumour or this is a total surprise for you. But a year ago me and Kian Lukas Rad tied the knot. Yes, we were crazy in love with each other and we decided to elope. Here are a few pictures celebrating our union! ✨

💕 This is the post from our beautiful [Kalisandra Long](#) and her husband [Kian Lukas Rad](#) we love you so much and we are happy for you to the moon and back 💕💕💕💕 from <https://www.facebook.com/marietta.k.long>



