

Thibault Newsletter Winter 2016

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Kosova! We have had a year full of blessings and we hope and pray the same has been true for you! From the birth of Aria on January 4, to the graduation of Megan from high school in May, to our move to a different town in Kosovo, 2016 has been a year full of wonderful changes for us and we are so grateful for God's faithfulness each step of the way.



In the spring, we started a Nazarene Compassionate Ministries project called the Kosovo Greenhouse

Project. In this project, we give greenhouses to families in need so that they have an opportunity to produce food for their family and bring income into their household through the sale of produce. As part of this project, families also give to other local families in need and give part of their profits back to the project to work toward long-term self-sustainability of the project. This year, we will complete 5 greenhouses in the villages surrounding Suhareka. Our project manager recently shared a story about one of the greenhouse recipients. The husband and wife in this family were very desperate and feeling hopeless about life. Every time the project manager went to visit this family, the wife would complain about how hard her life was. However, this family's outlook on life has completely changed since receiving a greenhouse. They now have hope and a sense of purpose in their lives; they are so grateful to have a meaningful way to provide for their family. Since receiving the greenhouse, whenever the project manager visits, the wife no longer complains, but simply shares her thanksgiving and gratefulness for having meaningful work.

This project has also given us many opportunities to share with individuals about the love of a God who cares for them deeply. If you are interested in learning more about this project or financially supporting it, please visit <http://ps.ncm.org/project/127124>.



Project manager and us looking at a greenhouse



One of the families who has received a greenhouse

We had a full and exciting summer traveling around the States, sharing about how God is working in Kosovo. We had some great times connecting with family and friends. We also got to participate in camps and church services. We were so grateful for that time and were blessed beyond measure.

When we returned from the States, we moved to a new town an hour away from Prishtina, where we had lived for 5 years. Our ministry focus has shifted to Suhareka, although we still continue to be involved in various ministries in Prishtina. One of the most exciting things that has started in Suhareka is English classes. We currently have 80 students enrolled in English classes, which are being held at our church. English classes have been a very fruitful ministry in the past and we are praying that God will work in the lives of the current students and give us opportunities to build meaningful and trusting relationships with them. We have also had many opportunities to host people from the community in our home and we pray that these times of breaking bread together will allow us to begin forming deep relationships with our neighbors and friends.



Malachi at camp this summer

Gil continues to coordinate Theological Education for the district and Sarah has also started offering individual counseling services. The Lord is blessing us with meaningful work and full lives. We are grateful.



← English class

Hosting friends in our home →

English class ↓



Megan is in her freshman year studying social work at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville and is doing well. Malachi fills his days with American homeschooling, Kosovar public school, and lots of drawing, reading, and playing Legos. Aria charms everybody in town with her blue eyes and beautiful smile. She brings us all great joy.



← Home group

↓ Playing after church



As Specialized Assignment missionaries with the Church of the Nazarene, we continue to raise almost all of our own financial support. We are so grateful for your love, prayers, and financial support of our ministry in Kosovo. If you'd like to give, please go to www.thibaultsinkosovo.wordpress.com and click on "Support the Thibaults" for information about how to give. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

We pray that you will have a blessed Christmas celebrating our Savior's love for us! Here are a few things you can be praying for us about:

- The Prishtina Ministry Center is slowly being built. Pray for the project to be finished quickly so the Prishtina congregation can move into their new home.
- Our relationships in Suhareka. That God will use us to be a light and share his hope to the people around us.
- The Greenhouse Project and other compassionate ministry opportunities in Suhareka.
- The children, teens, and adults impacted by the English classes.
- Theological Education. For the men and women taking these classes, as well as those teaching.

Dear Wollaston Church
 We are so grateful for your partnership in sharing the Gospel
 making disciples in Kosovo. We are blessed In Him,
 beyond measure by your love & faithful prayers for us!
 Lil + Sarah