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Prisoners are one of the least-reached groups in the world. They are often cut off from society and left alone to cope with feelings of hopelessness and despair.

The Prisoners Journey



Over 3.000 prisoners over the last years have finished the 8-week course The Prisoners Journey in Albania. We've received many positive responses from prisoners, prison staff and police officers. More important is that people have been changed. From indifferent, tough guys into friendly and interested persons. We share the message of Hope, Acceptance and Rehabilitation. That is never hindered by prison walls and fences.

As one inmate stated what we hear very often in different variations: "My soul aches when I think of what Jesus has done. I have been bad all my life, and only here (in prison) i have understood that I can change for a better life".

[Here's a link](#) to a short video that gives you a brief and very clear insight in the nature of the TPJ program

To much to mention it all

Thanks to many partners, donors, prayers, ambassadors and volunteers Prison Fellowship Albania is active in many areas. Over the years our impact has grown in the lives of inmates, families with a member in prison and in the lives of hundreds of children of prisoners.

Inside the prisons we offer the inmates for example our Chaplaincy Program, The Prisoners Journey and Restorative Justice courses and Discipleship Training.

For our social projects like our Child Sponsor Program, Dream Academy, Winter Project and Diakonia we are looking to employ a Manager for our new ro establish **Social Department**. The purpose of this new department is to bring all our social projects into one department.

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The NEW TPJ group



Summer Camp '22 Fun



We provided the seeds



Active involvement in our courses



Helping him with his business



Proudly completed their Restorative Justice course



And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.



Starting a new Future



Many inmates finish our courses



Our ministry has grown over the years with the coming of so many new colleagues. Great people with passion to serve in the many projects we have.

What energizes me every time again is that we run all these programs and projects with the help of many volunteers and over 60 local churches. In this regards we consider the churches as the family of believers. For many years now, we have a vivid collaboration with the churches and together we

see and celebrate the positive changes that the families have gone through. Our final aim is to help these families to become independant from any form of support.



Running all the projects that we do, for so long, should eventually have it's impact on the composition of our own staff. And it does.

We now have a couple of our staff members that have been participant before in our programs. First of all, they have been selected because of their skills. Secondly, they bring valuable insights and experience in our organization!

At this moment we're looking to hire for 3 more (part-time) chaplains. We eagerly look forward to the selection procedure, as we have ex-offenders amongst the candidates.

To Be Sustainable
Prison Fellowship Albania over the years has been extremely blessed with



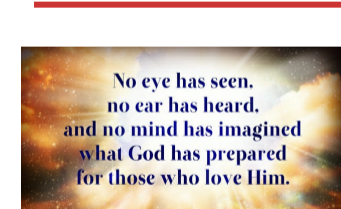
supportive partners to our ministry.

But several grants leave a percentage uncovered, to be financed by ourselves, PF Albania. **Would YOU** help us to cover these percentages?

If you consider donating to Prison Fellowship Albania you can click on the Albanian Flag.

With your contribution we provide many persons a new future!

You Make Changes Possible!



20 Year into Mission

It's our desire to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the people we serve - prisoners and families of prisoners - and to break the circle of poverty and impossibilities. We also aim that our activities are supportive to the local churches. This is our mission.

It's almost every day that I am surprised that our ministry finds open doors in Albania.

* Every day our chaplains and volunteers are allowed into the prisons for whatever program. We do face unnecessary delays and other bureacratc opposition, but mostly we are welcomed to minister to the inmates.

* We have started constructive cooperation with several Albanian municipallitiy services. We find support for families that need to be kept from falling into poverty and criminality, or for families that need protection from an abusive or agressive partner.

* Albanian churches are still very positive to collaborate with us and our projects, even though they have enough issues themselves to deal with. We see that through our cooperation many families have received aid, but also have started to follow Jesus.

* Over the years we have been privileged to be able to do our work. For that, many of our followers are also to thank for. THANK You!

We're looking forward to the FUTURE, with no fear, expecting the blessing to continue. I'd like to close with a quote from a favorite song of mine: the God of angel armies, is always by my side.

May you be blessed

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