

## ~ Albanian Prison Ministry Update ~

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Over 3.000 Albanian inmates have finished The Prisoners Journey over the past years

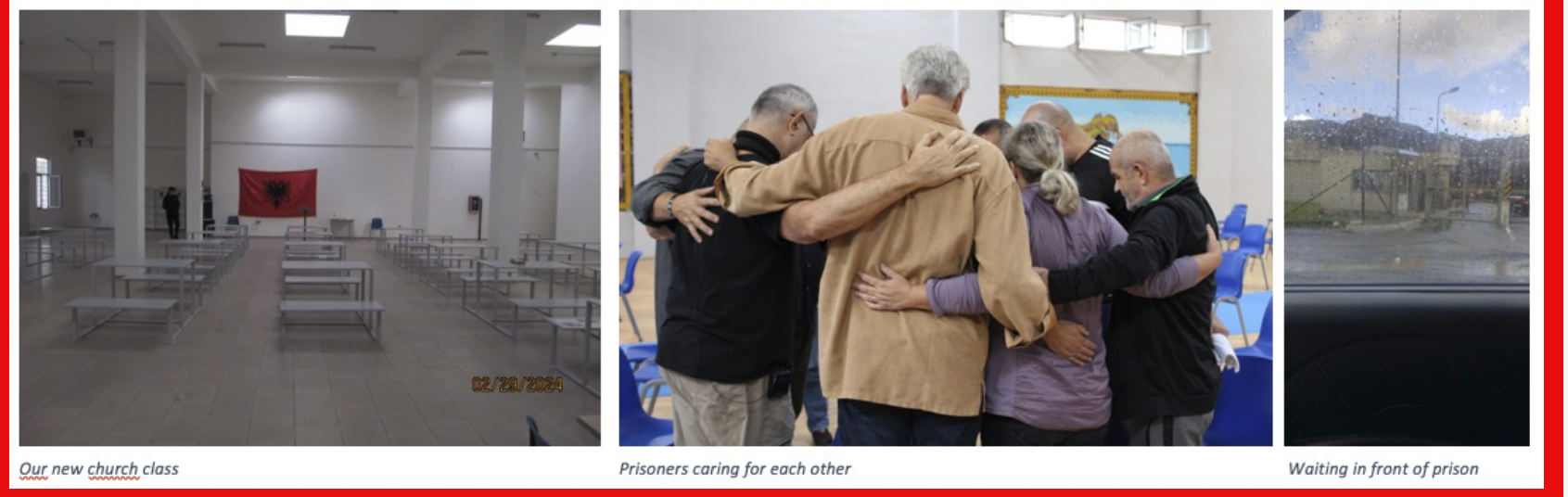
### ... I'm grateful to God that I got arrested ...

The first time Eraldo joins us, he only arrives after we've already started. He is shy and prefers to sit at the back. A grown man, with a friendly demeanor, but clearly affected by the fact that he is in prison.

Over the course of several meetings, we see him relax and gradually participate in our conversations. During one of those conversations, he says: "I thank God that I was arrested, and the timing of when it happened. I would not have been alive the next day."

He is glad that through our Christian courses he has learned how to give God a place in his life. His cellmates are full of praise for him, how he is a support and refuge for many, in his humble way. One day, the social worker tells us that Eraldo has been released. Great news for him of course! But I think we will miss him.

The following Sunday in church, I feel a hand on my shoulder and turn around. "Do you still know me? "Eraldo!!



The prison security system does not always align with our objective where we provide care and attention to our incarcerated fellow human beings. It is not uncommon for this to lead to waiting and cancellations of our activities.

For example, last week our Prisoners Journey coordinator had to wait almost 2 hours before he was finally allowed inside. The guards had already told him - better go home, it's not going to happen today.

He had indeed considered that, but decided otherwise: 'I have prepared, I have asked God for guidance and I definitely want to meet the men and let them know they have not been forgotten.' Finally he was allowed in, and to his great delight there were almost 3 times as many men as usual that time!

In another prison, our chaplain was asked to leave 'our' church space. We had just renovated it and at first it felt unfair.

Until we were offered a new space - much larger, and even better suited for our activities where large groups of prisoners regularly participate.

Matthew 6:25 -31 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry ...  
For your heavenly Father knows ..."



### We Don't Need Millions ...

If you have a positive view towards our work, this project is a great opportunity to share with your friends and social network.

[Link to the fundraiser.](#)

With the proceeds from this fundraiser, we create the ability to take direct action when we encounter dire situations in our daily work.

### Together for a greater impact!

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### We're hiring a new Executive Director.

Are you open for ministry, did God make you think about Albania? Check this opportunity to serve with one of the finest organizations: Shkbsh Prison Fellowship Albania

[Link to the vacancy](#)

ps - Send us your motivation letter before April 1.

Even if you think you need more time, we would still like to hear about your interest.

## Thank you!

Our prison ministry is blessed with people, churches and organizations that support us in many ways. Thanks to this support we can continue "the good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (Ef.2:10).

On behalf of all staff of Shkbsh PFA, I wish you prosperity and good health, and may God's face shine upon you.

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