



# Calvary Chapel Kosovo

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August 2011 Newsletter

Hello Everyone,

We hope this update find you all well and being refreshed in Christ. First, thank you so much for your continued prayers and support of the ministry at Calvary Chapel Prishtina here in Kosovo. We greatly appreciate and are honored by your partnership. Our beautiful daughter turned 4 on July 30<sup>th</sup>. We had a Birthday party at the park to celebrate her birthday with her friends. We all had a wonderful time celebrating her birth. Isabella does not cease to bring much joy into our lives and we really thank God for such a precious gift!!



**Isabella's 4th Birthday Party!**

This summer 2011 has been a relatively quiet summer with nothing major going on as far as outreach teams and events like we had in the spring. But nevertheless God is at work and we are planning for our second annual summer camp for CC Prishtina on August 5-6 which will be in a beautiful location called Rugova Valley in the western mountains of Kosovo. We plan to have several Bible Studies and times of worship and prayer as well as some recreational activities including hiking. Several of those who are attending are unbelievers so please pray that God will work in their hearts and reveal himself to them. During the camp we are planning to baptize a member of our fellowship. His name is Besim, and has been attending our fellowship for several years. It has been a blessing to see the work that God has been doing in Besim's life who began attending our fellowship out of curiosity. That curiosity turned into interest and that interest turned into faith in Christ. So please pray for God's blessing to be upon our time and experience in Rugova Valley.

On August 13<sup>th</sup> we will be driving up to Austria to attend the annual mission's conference in Millstatt. Again we are looking forward to a spiritually and physically refreshing time as we gather with a couple hundred others who are serving throughout Europe. Celeste's parents will be coming to meet us at the conference and then we will spend an extra week after the conference with them before we return to Kosovo. Pray for God's blessing to be upon the conference and for a fresh touch from the Lord upon our lives that we might be further strengthened for his work.

We have been blessed by our Sunday morning study in 1 Thessalonians; looking at Christian living in light of Christ's return. For our Thursday Bible study we are coming to the end of our study in 2 Chronicles and will soon be looking at Ezra and Nehemiah which we are also excited about. Lirak continues to grow and develop in his teaching skills as he teaches every other Thursday. Pray that he continues this growth and development process in training for church leadership. Niti, our worship leader, continues to grow and develop with his guitar and worship skills. He is still looking for a job so please that the Lord will lead him to one. Pray that God will really strengthen the members of our fellowship that their lives would have an impact upon others around them.



Celeste's Women's Group continues to go very well. For the summer they are now meeting on Wednesday s at a play center so the kids can have some fun. Also her English lessons at the Widows center here in Prishtina continue to go well. They will be taking a break in August and will start up again in September.

Pray also for the US soldiers here in Kosovo that we continue to reach out to. Unfortunately the Bible Study that we had planned to start at NATO HQ had to be cancelled. Those that were interested had ended their tour. But we trust that the Lord will open the door in his timing. We do have a group of soldiers coming from Camp Bondsteel to join us for our Sunday service periodically who are serving with the New Mexico National Guard. One of them knows Celeste from a church she used to attend in Santa Fe.

We have a desire for Celeste to attend the Pastor's Wives Conference in Germany, which will be taking place in September. This conference has not taken place for a few years. The speakers will be Karen Johnson and Janie Alfred. Please pray for the provision for Celeste to go.

That is it for now... Thanks again for your prayers and support. Hope you all really enjoy your summer. Keep in touch and God bless you.

By His Grace,  
Mark, Celeste, and Isabella

## Prayer Requests

- **For unbelievers attending the CC Prishtina Summer Camp to come to know Jesus**
- **Provision for Celeste to attend the Pastor's Wives Conference in September**
- **Growth and spiritual protection for church member Besim who is being baptized**
- **God's blessing on the conference in Austria, that many will be encouraged and strengthened there**
- **Strength for the members of our fellowship that their lives would have an impact upon others around them**
- **God to provide an open door for ministering to U.S. soldiers serving in Kosovo**

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