

## UC Europe

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### **Albania and Kosovo – catch the Holy Spirit and share the Truth !**

#### **Witness and attend a European Five Day Workshop**

**Dates: November 28<sup>th</sup> – December 2<sup>nd</sup>, December 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, January 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Testimony from Anne who returned after 2 weeks in Durres, Albania (attached)**

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Dear National and City Leaders,

Please inform all your membership of a wonderful opportunity to respond to True Mother's call to witness and connect to the Holy Spirit and Truth.



Brothers and Sisters in Albania and Kosovo are witnessing very actively to give love and spiritual life to their guests and bring them to attend regular Five Day Workshop to be held in our Albanian Workshop Centre (see dates below).

YOU CAN WITNESS WITH THEM AND EXPERIENCE THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK - this can bring spiritual life to others and revive your heart and love ('lose your life to gain your life!')

### **See the attached testimony from Anne who just spent two weeks in Durres, Albania**

#### **Albania and Kosovo – Witnessing Opportunity**

- Each centre has the possibility to receive several Western members to join their witnessing activities.
- They will need to pay their travel costs and 50Euros per week to cover the cost of their stay in the centre.
- Travel to Albania can be direct to Tirana or you can explore other possibilities which may be cheaper (flying via Italy or to Thessaloniki in Greece and taking road transport into Albania – or travelling to Bari in Italy and taking the Ferry to Durres in Albania)
- Why not make a witnessing pair or team from your community/nation!!
- Applicants will need a recommendation from their National/Community leader on their registration form

#### **European Five Day Workshops in Albania**

You can then join the 5 Day WS to support the many new guests attending and for your own spiritual refreshment. Lectures will cover the whole Divine Principle and be in Albanian Language (in certain WSs when many attend from Europe, the lectures will be in English with a simultaneous translation for Albanian speakers).

Dates for Workshops in November, December and January:

- **November 28<sup>th</sup> – December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012**
- **December 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2012**
- **January 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 2013**
  
- The Workshop Fee for Western Members will be 40 Euros (members from the Balkan Region 20 Euros).
- Please use the attached registration form to apply to participate.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Miller and Peter Staudinger

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**Registration Form**  
**Witnessing Opportunity and 5 Day WS in Albania**  
 Please send to [euHQ@uc-eu.org](mailto:euHQ@uc-eu.org)

<b>Family Name:</b>					
<b>Given Name:</b>					
<b>Date of Birth:</b>		<b>Gender:</b>			
<b>Blessing</b>					
<b>Community:</b>					
<b>Arrival Date:</b>		<b>Arrival Time:</b>		<b>Flight Nr.:</b>	
<b>Departure Date:</b>		<b>Departure Time:</b>		<b>Flight Nr.:</b>	
<b>Recommendation from Community or National Leader</b>					

<b>Approval of Community Leader or National Leader</b>	<b>Date</b>	
	<b>Name</b>	
	<b>Mission</b>	
	<b>Organization</b>	

## Reflection on my 2 weeks in Durres – Albania

*28 October – 12 November 2012*

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I heard our True Mother firmly encouraging our membership to 'revive' the spirit of the early days when we witnessed to give truth love and new life. I wanted to do something about it and heard that Albania has a good organization for teaching and taking care of the guests.

My first concern was not to fulfill a number, but to share God's love and the DP truth with members and guests. I just wanted to make an offering of my time and love (and money!) to HF and TP in preparation to Foundation Day. I didn't know what the result would be in the end - I left it in God's Hands.

I felt the Spirit World working very much! First the National leader Gani and the Durres leader Entela were at the airport and could 'recognize' me in the midst of the travelers, without ever seeing my photo!

In Durres, I was welcome immediately. The members in Albania are very affectionate. It seems to be the nature of Albanian people in general. I felt at ease very quickly. At my age I was also wondering how young people would feel to have an old lady with them, but for them straight away I was like a mother or grandmother in their eyes.

My motivation was witnessing and my focus was on that the whole time... only 2 weeks anyway. From Tuesday 30th October, I went to the street and approached the young people asking them if they speak English, which most of the time was 'no'. Therefore one of the sisters with me took over the conversation in Albanian. Eva and Denisa have been very great - I am so grateful for their help and heart.

I consider: 1) To be on the street, hesitating and looking around is a waste of time. If I witness, I witness, I focus. It is better to go witnessing for a short time, happily, than to go many hours out and be space out on the street. 2) I am not too 'picking' about who I stop as nobody can be sure who is prepared by God and who is not. 3) This is my responsibility to stop people and share what we have, to give them a chance. Their response is their responsibility. If they refuse, they hopefully will respond later. 4) I believe in the blessed ancestors' help. Therefore I stopped many people.

After few days, I wanted to try alone with few sentences translated in Albanian by our brother Mateo. And with that, I could approach people who don't speak English (and there are many - but it will change in the coming years as many are learning English now). I could even bring one or 2 to the center by myself. But of course most of the time it was with the great help of the sisters, Eva, Denisa, and once Entela and Martha. The guests received lectures from Entela, Denisa or Eva who poured out their whole heart in them.

My husband supported me to come and he prayed every day for this mission and I contacted him several times during my stay here. Blessed couples have to balance the responsibility of mission and their family. It is not one or the other. Young couples particularly need time together, even if they

have a full time mission. One cannot be sacrificed for the other. Mission and couple's life are both couple's responsibility from the Blessing time onward.

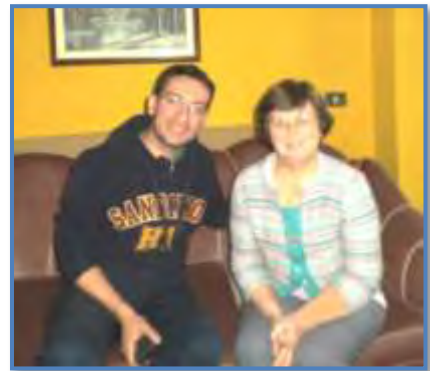
During the second week, in one day 6 or 7 guests came to the center. Later I find out that they were all my guests. When it was nice to hear, at the same time I felt unease. That blessing came from the help of my sisters too. Therefore, I thought "I have to help them too". The following day, a strong thought came to my mind (the SW again probably): "When a boy/girl approaches, invite one of the sisters to stop him/her, and don't do it yourself." I thought the sisters need to be encouraged by a personal result too. And they want to find spiritual children too. Therefore for a couple of hours, I encouraged them all the time, one after the other to stop the potential guests approaching us. If they didn't want to do it and it was not too late to stop the person passing by, I would do it myself. Then the sister following me would come to my rescue with their Albanian explanation.

Here in Duress I found a very serious and also very joyful atmosphere. We had a happy time together with lot of jokes and laughter. God likes to laugh as well. I believe that we should be more happy and more joyful to belong to this great family of True Parents.

I hope that the West can become less materialistic and be opened to our True Parents. That is not easy. Albanians! believe that you have a prosperous country if the people respond to Heaven's call, which seems to happen here in Duress.

Thank you to have me with so much love and joy. I feel so young with you all!

HF and TP love you!



Thank you Duress. Thank you Entela, Eva, Denisa, Mateo, Martha and Becko. 🎵🌹😊

You will stay in my prayer for long time.

**Anne (10th November 2012)**