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Eurasia Region



Albania

The Church of the Nazarene began work in Albania in 1993. It is currently part of the Central Europe Field on the Eurasia Region. Albania is primarily an agricultural and rural nation. It suffers from some economic challenges, leading many to seek employment outside the country. Such high amounts of emigration often remove youth and young families from communities and churches. This can make it difficult to develop leaders over the course of many years. There are new missions opportunities in areas such as Sharre, Peze, and Bubullime. Rural, underserved communities that struggle economically are eager for services such as youth work, children's programs, and small business training. The official language of Albania is Albanian with a population of around 2,872,934 individuals.



289 Members



4 Organized
Churches and 3
Church Plants



5 Ordained or Locally Licensed Ministers



2 Missionaries Serving

PRAYER

- Pray for the Holy Spirit's anointing for unity, love, respect, and humility in the Albanian Body of Christ.
- Pray for healing and restoration from traumatic events such as the 2019 earthquakes and COVID-19.
- Pray for God to provide a worship space for the Kombinat Church.
- Pray for God's protection, peace, and strength for pastors and their families, and for God's continual financial provision.
- Pray for wisdom and guidance for fresh and creative ways to provide servant training, allowing more to be equipped, no matter their social or economic status.
- Pray for the new areas and contacts, specifically in Peze and Bubullime, and for God's plans for the area of Krutje.



PRAISE

- We thank God for the new work being done across the Eurasia Region and in the country of Albania.
- We thank God for the 7 churches ministering and reaching the lost.
- We thank God for the calling He is placing on some teenagers and young people to remain in their communities. Putting trust in the fact that He will meet their needs as they invest in their church and community around them.

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Alabaster Story

The Church of the Nazarene in Gorre, Albania, worships in an old community center built as a lunch space for laborers. Pastor Ermal remembers eating meals with his father there when he was a child. Today, it is used as the church building and meets the needs of the community around them. This church now owns the building they worship in thanks to Alabaster offerings. As beneficiaries of Alabaster offerings in the past, the Gorre Church now gives generously every year to Alabaster so others can have buildings and property to reach their communities. To read the full story, click here.

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