

# PASHO PRAYER UPDATE

(MINISTRY UPDATES FROM ALBAN & DORJANA PASHO WITH CRU IN ALBANIA & KOSOVO)



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*Dear Friends*

*What a pleasure to partner with you, as God changes lives here in Albania. Your prayers & gifts are touching lives like the students on this special Newsletter. We asked to some of the students believers & non believers to write a few sentences for what they are thankful for the past months & how this ministry has helped them to know God and grow in faith. Enjoy!*



**Brikena (new believer):** I

have learned a lot professionally with the webinars that Cru Albania has organized and the change that has happened to me is that I have known God. I was a person who did not believe

in God. After receiving Christ into my life I was spiritually resurrected and I felt a spiritual peace that I had never experienced before. There is nothing more beautiful than when you are part of a community in which only love, kindness, benevolence and faith in God prevail.



**Nadiela (has several years as a believer):** As

a student, their ministry has helped me to keep the flame of faith burning so as not to die in every challenge that accompanied me this year and to find the

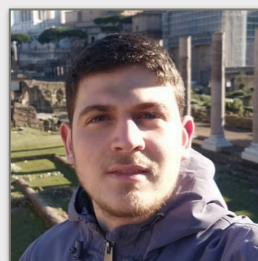
love of Christ among them, to feel part of the great family of God! And I am thankful to God that I see that there are people who diligently serve our Father of lights and that God gives us grace, mercy, love and strength to stay physically strong, and this ministry to nourish us spiritually with the Holy Word.



**Klisjana (non-believer):**

This team has helped me in almost every aspect of my life. For the first time I met people who do not judge or show prejudice and I felt very good giving 100% of myself to

show how I am and not to restrain myself. I have known very good people with big hearts who always encourage you to reach higher and higher. I respect Christians and appreciate the fact that they believe so beautifully and so purely in Jesus. I respect them...and I think they are much more organized people believing in God in the principles that guide them. I like the fact that they know and have fun intertwining the 2 together.



**Marko (he will be a full time missionary in**

**Kosovo):** God has used Cru to raise me through Bible studies, time with each other, and travel. I am

thankful for the grace and love you show and the opportunity you gave me to get to know you.



**Zajnil (non-believer):**

Personally I come from a family with a Muslim tradition (not very devoted) and I knew nothing about the

Christian faith. But in my

involvement with Cru I started searching for more about Jesus and I am still looking to know more. Thank you.



**Tilda (new believer):**

This year I had the great pleasure to get involved with the Cru movement. I prefer to call it a family, for various reasons. I learned

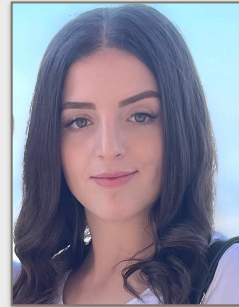
how to put God first, to grow spiritually, to walk humbly with God, and to love God. I shared my experiences and learned from other people as well. I am grateful to God that i had the opportunity to be part of this movement, to know some amazing people, to grow and to pass different challenges without trouble with God by my side.



**Sarah** *(new believer who lost her father last year and her grandmother this year):* He [God] made me think that there is always

hope for bad situations and good ones in life. When I look up I always remember that I am never alone in this long path of mine. These past months I had some really sad situations but I found peace when I thought about him

and his plan for me. At that point I knew I wasn't alone and I had his hand right up to protect me, my family, and my loved ones. He made my perspective go wider at the point of looking up at special things in life.



**Blerta (new believer) -**

This has been by far one of my best lifetime experiences, having the opportunity to know this amazing hardworking team of Cru! It means a lot to me being

part of it! When I first heard about it , it was strange for me and kind of unknown. A thing I wouldn't make one of my priorities of daily life, happiness. Learning about the Bible, God, Jesus Christ, and going to church changed me a lot as a person and helped me a lot during this year. Cru staff are very dedicated and helpful, taught me a lot of things about trust and Jesus. Sharing their knowledge with us, understanding our way of getting it, taking care for us was very powerful and meaningful to me. They were light in that hard time of my life! Grateful always. My life completely changed, from darkness to light, it's ironical to say that, but so true from my story. So grateful to Jesus (and the power of prayer) for the incredible people he sent in my life, changing my mindset and my perspective. Jesus is our only hope and the only answer. The only way forward is complete submission and hearts given to Jesus.



**Memo (new believer)** It was February 9 when I received Jesus into my life. And since that day I know I will not be alone. I know we are all sinners but we can receive God's

forgiveness. I know that Jesus is a loving, miraculous, and merciful God to me. Since then I have had many good friends in the IJR [Cru] movement.



**Elsi (has several as a believer)** Cru has helped me grow in faith through Bible studies. I have also been encouraged by friendships with other believers and non-believers. I

have truly understood that in every challenge regarding faith or school I have not been alone but God has been with me guiding me with His word. I pray that through this service many students come to faith.



**Fjona (non believer):** Cru has helped me a lot especially in the emotional and social aspect. I have known many people that I did not think I would know, like the Cru staff. They helped me change my opinion toward

Christians. I admire them very much for their devotion they have towards Jesus and I see that this has made them even better people.

### Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray for the believers that they will first seek the kingdom and rightness of God. Pray for us as we continue to disciple them to encourage them through the Word of God. Pray for non believers that will not be afraid to surrender their life to Jesus.
2. Alban's father is diagnosed with stage 4 melanoma. Praise the Lord that the infected cells are not spread in other parts of his body. Pray for some documents we are preparing for him so he can travel abroad for a consult and further medical tests that aren't offered in Albania. He is 71 years old and he is a believer.
3. A few weeks ago Alban was invited to take the role of the director for the Cru youth ministry in Albania. After we prayed we said yes. We are about 68 Albanians on Cru who serve with high school & college students divided in 9 teams. Please pray for Alban according to Ephesians 4:1-3
4. Right now we are in the middle of an outreach with high school students in Albania. Praise the Lord for all the students we have met and we are thankful for the partnership with several local churches. Please pray that we will have many opportunities to share the love of Jesus. Pray for energy and dependence on God.

*Thank you!  
Alban & Dori*

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