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Dear friends,

There we were, sitting in a circle in the tiny and chilly meeting room at the rehabilitation center. One by one, each of the Teen Challenge students shared what verse from the Bible was on his thoughts that day. Terry and I were blessed beyond measure to hear what each one shared. It revealed clear evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in individual lives. What is even more astounding is that most of those who shared that day were from Muslim backgrounds. I can sense the excitement just writing these words! Something remarkable is happening in Teen Challenge Albania!

Over the past 40 years in our work with Teen Challenge, in Europe, we have been directly and indirectly involved with the beginnings of many new programs. Some develop well, showing steady growth. Others can be characterized as what I call, "difficult births." Nevertheless, we see the Kingdom of God advance in whatever circumstances. I always watch new programs with a sense of expectation for that special day and time when the program takes on a life of its own.

Teen Challenge Albania has taken on a life of its own. The Spirit of God is present and lives are in the midst of what we affectionately call "a hard-work miracle." Over its short life, TC Albania-with its very gifted and capable leaders-has built a small network of coffee house/street ministries. Through this facet of the work they "push hope" and challenge addicts to enter the program. The only problem is that they have room for just eight men. The day we visited, they received their ninth man. I suppose he could have slept on a hook on the wall!

The location is a very small farmette. They have repaired a small run-down house on a steep hill and put three 20ft containers on the property to house workers and an office. There are a few fruit trees and a poly-tunnel, where vegetables are grown. They have eggs from the chickens running around the property. While they are totally landlocked and out of space, they are full of joy!

We are in the process of buying a much larger property so the work can expand. Some Dutch and German foundations have pledged 100,000 Euro. They need 300,000. Maybe God would have you get involved in this outstanding ministry?

Please keep TC Albania in your prayers. Also, please pray for our upcoming Europe TC conference. This year we will be in Italy and we already have a very good number of people registered.

As always, we pray that God will richly bless you all!

Tom Bremer