Brewer’s April 2018 Prayer Letter

*News from Norman:*

It is so great to have Pastor Fredi and Lejla back from visiting their daughter and granddaughters in Georgia. They were able to finish up all their documents for their green card and received special permission to continue to live in Albania and only return to the States every 12 months for the next 3 years. After that, they will be able to stay in Albania indefinitely. Originally, they were required to return every 6 months and stay 3-4 months! This is a huge answer to prayer.

The Apostle Paul told the Corinthians that Titus was his “partner and fellowhelper”
(2 Corinthians 8:23).  Pastor Fredi and Lejla have certainly been our partners and helpers in the Lord’s work, faithfully serving by our side for many years.  Please continue to pray for God’s strength and wisdom as they labor with us in the Gospel.

Easter:

Easter was a wonderful day. In the morning, we had a combined service and were blessed with an encouraging message from Pastor Fredi. We also had the children participate in a small Easter drama and recite verses. In the evening, we met in Tirana, where I was able to lead the challenge, and we observed, as a church family, the Lord’s Supper.

Summer Camp:

Please pray for wisdom in planning this year’s summer camp.  Lord willing, we will be able to lock in a reservation for early August. We did not get to take the youth and college age to summer camp last year, since we were back for furlough. This year, the teens are clamoring for camp with great anticipation.

*News from Mary:*

I am a student! This past fall I enrolled in the MBU online distance learning. I am chipping away at my credits, so I can earn a bachelor’s degree. Going back to school 30 years later is a challenge! It is extremely different now in the computer age than it was when I was in school. I have been very blessed with my professors and their expertise in their fields. There is also something rewarding about my children teaching me computer techniques for school after all the years that I taught them! My classes have already been a great help to our ministry with both ladies' group and children’s ministry.

We asked prayer for a number of people who needed work in previous prayer letters. Praise God, many have been hired! Luli is teaching school in her village four hours north of Tirana. She stays the week with her in-laws. She has to walk 90 minutes one way to get to school each day and the same to get home. It is not a walk in the park either! She is simply thrilled and thankful to have the wonderful opportunity to teach school again. Mario and Dori both found work but have had difficulty getting time off to come to church. Mario shared a blessing on Sunday when he was very thankful that he was given the next three Sundays off! Please pray that their schedules will allow them to attend church regularly.

Our daughter Bethany was also hired at an event planning company in Chicago. She will be starting work next week. When you pray for our kids, you truly bless us. It would be much harder to serve the Lord knowing our kids were in danger or great need. Writing, praying, messaging, emailing, and Facebooking the missionary kids can often bless the missionary more than we can express. It also blesses the MKs!

My brother and wife, Jonathan and Becky Earnhart, will be coming for a short missions trip next week! This will be their first visit to Albania. We are extremely excited to show them around and meet our dear people. We also have a supporting church, Bethel Baptist Church in Tucson, sending a team to Albania in May. I know this time will be a very special blessing for us and our folks. We are thinking about doing an English camp in the future, but we need some volunteers. Drop us an email if you are interested! Thebrewers.norm@gmail.com.

Recently, our college and youth group enjoyed a crazy luau party. We decorated the church with flowers and leis and ate Hawaiian food and played games. It is so fun to get together and laugh. Norm shared stories about the mission work in Hawaii in the 1800s. This re-emphasized global missions and the great need for the Gospel to go forth. The evening was so well attended and enjoyed, that we have already started planning the next special youth group!

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