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# Albania



The mayor of Tirana has splashed bright paint on the city's once squalid facades and invested in education and healthcare. Yet much of the countryside remains trapped, as one reporter put it, "in a third world time warp".

Amnesty International estimates that more than 18 per cent of the population lives below the poverty line of just two US dollars per day.

## PRAY FOR:

SUNDAY

1

Ministry at 'Light of the World' Baptist Church, Shkozë in Tirana. Pray for BMS workers Graham and Mairi McBain as they lead alongside co-workers Endri and Dyshi.

MONDAY

2

The medical outreach project based at the church in Shkozë, Tirana. Pray for the Christian nurses Jen, Liz, and Flutura, visiting patients and giving health lessons.

TUESDAY

3

Beni Pango, General Secretary of the Albanian Baptist Union and pastor of Way of Hope Baptist Church, Tirana. Also, the eight BU churches.

WEDNESDAY

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The Baptist Church in Vlora, led by BMS worker **Graham Sansom** and BMS supported partner worker Ylli Beqiraj – serving together in this university town

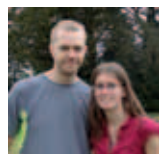
THURSDAY

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Training leaders for church life and pastoral oversight remains a priority for the young Albanian Church. Pray for the work of the Albanian Bible Institute in Durres.

FRIDAY

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BMS teachers at GDQ School in Tirana: Roger Pearce (Director), Jane Waites (Head of Lower School), Susan Lodge, Gary Anderson, Jill Morrow, and **Dave and Fiona Lea**.

SATURDAY

7

Multi-rolled BMS mums Nikki Pearce and Mairi McBain, and children James and Beth, Ellie, Gemma and Theo. Challenges that all families face are intensified when living overseas.

## FACTFILE:



**Capital:** Tirana  
**Area:** 28,748 sq km  
**Population size:** 3,639,453  
**Urban population:** 47% of total population (2008)  
**Religions:** Muslim 70%, Albanian Orthodox 20%, Roman Catholic 10%

*'Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people.'* (Ephesians 6: 7)