



# Olling's Newsletter



“And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.” Mark 13:10

## Arrived in Kosova

Praise the Lord for His direction in our lives. We knew He had a plan for our lives, we just did not know what it was. Going to Kosova in March and teaching 3rd graders did not cross our minds, but God had other plans. His ways are not our ways, and our thoughts are not His thoughts. After three flights, we arrived safely in Kosova on March 2nd. Thank you for your prayers.



## Possible Church

We attended church our first Sunday with friends who served with us in Korea, but last Sunday church was closed due to the virus. Other than the message being translated from Albanian, we felt at home among fellow believers from around the world.



Prishtina High School, Kosova



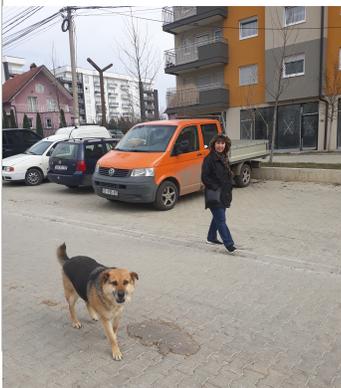
Brian's 3rd Graders

## A country with a violent past but hope for the future



Kosova's history is filled with war over religion and politics. They are historically Muslim but most do not practice their faith. Though it is illegal to share the gospel openly, they love Americans and are open to religious discussion when they become friends with you. Pray for opportunities. Even our students initiate great faith conversations at times.

## Our Apartment Watchdog who follows & protects us



## God answers prayer

God answered many prayers we asked you to pray about before we left. A huge praise was the expense of our extra luggage. We had 10 pieces of luggage which was 6 extra. That should have cost about \$1500. When we arrived at the airport, surrounded by our luggage, the attendant said, "The computer says, 'No fees.'" We were shocked and waited for her to change her mind, but she said it again. That was totally God. That has helped so much in getting things here that we need for setup. Praise the Lord! The second prayer request was for an apartment. Kosova is an underdeveloped country, and it was difficult to find a good apartment with a trustworthy landlord. God provided us with a new, furnished apartment and a landlord whose kids graduated from our school. They went out of their way to give us a safe, clean, bright, and beautiful home. It is centrally located to food stores that we need to shop at. Being in a safe-feeling place is a blessing. God has been so good to us, and we praise Him. Thank you for your prayers.

## Coronavirus Shuts Kosova Down

After 2 days of teaching, the government closed schools, and two days later they pretty much closed down the country. Food stores are open. I will be teaching via computer for the next two weeks. While it's a blessing to have time to settle in, we realize more and more how difficult this is for so many. We stay home mostly, only going out to buy food. Prayers are needed everywhere!



Life and conditions here are a LOT like living in Korea 30 years ago. Like how our bodies are adjusting to new foods, water, smells, and routines. We sure don't feel young like we did 30 years ago though. :) We hit the very hilly streets going from store to store to find things we need, carrying home our bags of groceries to our 2nd floor apartment, which is actually the 3rd floor because they call the ground level the Zero floor. :) Even that is an answer to prayer because we didn't want to be on the ground level. Stores here are now like most of the world with people buying up lots of supplies. Here though, the golden item is not toilet tissue, it's flour. We've been looking for flour since Wednesday and haven't found any yet. The bakeries here are cheap and have great breads, so we know they have flour., but they're not telling or selling. :)

There's lots more to say, but we better end for now. We are thankful for internet to be able to watch services online while church is closed. We continue to be reminded of the Lord wanting us to be light in His name, to let our light so shine that men will see our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven. Thank you for praying for us. God has been faithful as He always is. Thanks to all who sent extra support to help us with our plane tickets and help pay for moving and setup costs in Kosova. Thank you for checking on us and sending us encouraging notes. We love and appreciate all of you, and we pray for God to protect you and use you all as well.



## Pray for Kosova

In His Love,

Brian and Tami