



Sreznevského

Some of you have asked us about our search for a space to rent where Bratislava International Fellowship can gather. We're looking, but the process has been put on the back burner for a bit during a very busy season of ministry work across Europe. We do have a place that is working well for BIF right now. "Srez" is a large home near a tram line and shopping mall, and it's owned by City Church who uses the upper floors for offices. The main floor has a space large enough for our church body to meet for Sunday morning services, while other City Church ministries use the space on different days or evenings. For now we feel this is the place God has for us.

The Road to Korçë

If you ever get the wonderful opportunity to travel to Albania, be sure to visit Korçë, up in the mountains and a "3 hour drive" south of Tirana. It is a lovely city that feels more like a large European village. We flew to Tirana and rented a car for the road trip. It got dark after an hour so we didn't see much of the scenery. Then, three hours in we found ourselves on an unpaved, bumpy, windy curvy mountain road, and we suspected the GPS had failed us. A miracle text, deep in the mountains, confirmed it. Fortunately we had simply taken "the long way" – a 4.5 hour lesson for next time! We spent our time with FMI workers Sean and Vita Mason who live



and minister there along with their four amazing children, Eva, Oliver, Eleonora and Zigmus. We so enjoyed a wonderful week of "doing life" with the Mason family, including hikes and walks through Korçë and mountain villages, and Gary having the honor of sharing at Mission Emanuel Foursquare church. Such a blessing to be with this family and the people they serve. Pray for the Masons as they faithfully minister to the people of Korçë!

Stephen Center Thanksgiving in Tirana

FMI workers Chris and Laura Dakas have been living and ministering in Tirana since the early 90's, opening their "American" restaurant and hotel, The Stephen Center, in 1994. We got to stay there for a few days during Thanksgiving - a big event at the restaurant. Expats love to come there, and Albanians love it too! We were so thankful to help Laura and her staff prepare appetizer plates, buss tables, and do whatever was needed on Thanksgiving Day. We also got a wonderful turkey meal with mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, and pumpkin pie! One Albanian woman was speaking with Laura about how much she loved the Stephen Center, that it was like a family to everyone, and they couldn't imagine life without it. Pray for the Dakas' – truly pioneers in Business As Mission, and being the love of Christ to Albania for 30+ years!

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