



I think this is an amazing picture from my travels in Kosova recently. God over Kosova! All credit to the photographer!

Ah the joys of a traditional Christmas! Mince pies and Christmas pudding.....  
...shopping and tinsel! I know that Christmas in England this year, and maybe where you are too, will be very different with the financial crisis which seems to have affected everyone. I know that many people are looking to simplify their festivities this year. For us, living in a different culture....where Bajram not Christmas is the main festival which is celebrated means that things will be different for us too.

I was reading and talking recently from the book of Daniel. He also had to learn to live in a different culture. What an amazing man of God he was and what a lot we can learn from him! Just from the first chapter...he was carried off to a foreign land away from all that was familiar to him and what did he do...get mad at God?? After all he was evidently one of the few that still followed God back in Judea. No! He was committed to God and that did not change because of going into captivity. Read in his book, if you haven't recently, what happened to him..... He 'resolved' (verse 8) what he was going to do before he was tested and refused to compromise his standards or his diet for the kings' food. He grew in knowledge and wisdom (v. 17)... maintaining his integrity in a new culture and refusing to become a victim....he & his friends stood out from the crowd (v. 19)... and allowed God to use them - and the results? For that you must read the book yourself but the clues are in 2:47; 4:37; 6:26.

We have now been in the southern part of Kosova, in Krushe e Vogel for over a year. Sometimes we feel like Daniel...living in a foreign land and having to learn a new language and culture! The difference with us of course is that we are here by choice and the UK is only three hours away by plane not to mention of course the wonderful invention of the internet and Skype!!

When we came here we committed to our team leaders, Dave & Cindy, to stay for two years and as we are now over half way we have been doing much talking and praying concerning our future which we believe is here in Kosova. There is a growing problem with alcohol and other drugs and little which seems to be done to help....watch this space!!

## **In the news**

I was interested to see recently that the strongest beer of 32% proof is now being brewed in Scotland.<sup>1</sup> This is supposed to be treated and drunk like a spirit and drunk in very small quantities! My concern would be that it has been called a beer and beer is generally drunk in pint glasses!

It has also been reported that currently around 600,000 people in the UK are estimated to have the Hep C virus and this could become much higher if drastic action is not taken to avert this.<sup>2</sup> While this may not be such a problem here in Kosova, if the same action could be taken now, similar headlines could also be averted here.

In the UK, earlier this year the prize limits on the most easily accessible fruit machines were doubled. This would not seem to be helping vulnerable people most at risk of problem gambling. This can add up to £500 million a year to the income of the venue. The Evangelical Alliance is working with the Government to review these regulations to offer more protection to those most at risk.<sup>3</sup>

## **The Way website**

We are continuing to refine and improve the website and appreciate and thank all those involved for their time in this process. The long-term vision to translate the site into Albanian is also continuing slowly. This will enable the people in Kosova/Albania to have another source of help in their own language concerning addiction.

Thanks for reading and praying for this ministry - we pray that you have a peaceful and restful Christmas.

In Him

Chris & Lorraine Milton

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<sup>1</sup> Source: BBC News channel – 26/11/09

<sup>2</sup> Source: [Drinkanddrugsnews.com](http://Drinkanddrugsnews.com) – 29/11/09

<sup>3</sup> Source: Idea, (Pub. by EA) Nov/Dec 2009 issue, pg 5