



IN2 Albania

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What team will I be joining?

You will be joining an OM team. Over 5,400 people work with Operation Mobilisation (OM) in over 110 countries to bring a message of hope to the peoples of the world. Our purpose is to motivate and equip people to share God's love with people all over the world. OM seeks to help plant and strengthen churches, especially in areas of the world where Christ is least known.

Where will I be going?

You will be going to Albania, a small, mountainous nation in the Balkan Peninsula home to three million people. There are an additional three million Albanians living outside the country in neighboring lands. Since the fall of communism and the end of state-declared atheism in 1991, OM has been instrumental in planting evangelical churches throughout Albania and raising up national pastors to lead the churches. OM Albania has planted four churches and those Albanian-led churches have established two additional fellowships. Yet, it is still quite a pioneering situation and there are very few believers especially in rural areas. Political instability and ethnic tensions are a challenge in these nations and yet this also brings openness to the gospel. The country is still considered to be ethnically Muslim as Islam is the predominant religion. In 1997, during the Albanian anarchy, and also in 1999 during the Kosovo war, people became much more desperate and therefore willing to open their hearts for God. Although the economic situation has improved, many people continue to live in real poverty. OM Albania's ministry is holistic, serving people not only by providing their spiritual needs, but also assisting the poor and needy in their physical needs and using these opportunities to introduce people to the love of God. OM Albania trains national Christians through its' Action Team training programme, which combines intensive biblical and practical training with hands-on work experience, working with national churches. Seeing the need to provide practical services to Albanians, OM is also involved in teaching sewing courses to women; working with the Emmanuel Clinic, a medical facility in Durres; running summer camps for children, and also reaching out to street children in Durres. OM has also been instrumental in developing and building water collection points in remote villages that wouldn't have fresh water otherwise. OM Albania has teams in Durres, Lushnja and Gramsh. For more information, check out the website:

<http://www.al.om.org/>

What will I be doing?

You will join an international team of up to 20 people working alongside church planting efforts and reaching out to their local communities. The team will have the opportunity to help reach out to a local community through school visits, youth activities and other evangelistic events. You will have the opportunity to demonstrate God's love through words and actions. Come prepared to make a difference and be challenged!

Who can join?

Anyone from the age of 16 who is a committed Christian and is able to maintain simple conversations in English. No previous experience is needed, as orientation will be provided. We are able to take individuals or groups. We can also take married couples.

Where will I be sleeping and eating?

You will be hosted by local families, churches, or stay in hostels. Bedding will be supplied. Food will be provided and we need to be informed in advance of special dietary needs (vegetarian, etc..)

How do I get there?

We will arrange one-way group travel on Monday 13 April from the mission-net congress in Germany to Albania. For bookings made by the end of January 2009, we anticipate it costing around 300 Euros for this one-way travel, which will include airport transfers, a low-cost airline flight and all taxes and charges.

Do I need a visa?

Nationals from the EU, Canada, and the USA do not require a visa. We can provide more information about visa requirements and you can check out the website: www.projectvisa.com

What are the exact dates?

Monday 13 April to Sunday 19 April 2009

It will start immediately after the mission-net 2009 congress and you will travel from the congress to your team on Monday 13 April.

How much will it cost?

145 Euros per person + travel costs

When do I need to apply?

By Monday 9 March 2009 at the very latest. It is advisable to apply earlier as spaces are limited. Travel costs will also be cheaper if you book before the end of January 2009.

How do I apply?

You need to apply through the mission-net website:

<http://www.mission-net.org/>

First register for the Congress and then for your IN2 team option. Go to the 2009 section and click on REGISTER NOW

Any questions?

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