



# MINISTRY REPORT

March 2023

# INTRODUCTION

This report is a token of our gratitude and appreciation for the generous financial donation that Patterson Park Church has made to ISP Albania. Your financial partnership has enabled us to reach many teachers in Albania and beyond with the gospel and equip them with practical skills for life and work. We are honored and humbled by PPC's trust and support in our work. In this report, we will share with you some of the highlights and achievements of our programs and activities that PPC's donation has helped to fund. We hope that this report will demonstrate the impact and value of PPC's donation and inspire further collaboration and partnership between our organizations.



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I feel very fortunate and happy to have the chance to participate in your trainings. They help me to grow not only as a professional in my field, but also as a human being who can see things from different perspectives in my work and in my life. I am immensely grateful to you for welcoming me into your group and for sharing your wisdom and experience with me. You have my sincere gratitude and respect!

~ A school teacher from Berat

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# CHRISTMAS ONLINE 2022

On December 16th, 2022, we had the joy and privilege of hosting a special online event for teachers from various backgrounds and locations. The event was an opportunity to share the good news of God's love and grace that He has shown us through His Son, Jesus Christ. We had over 350 teachers joining us online, who listened attentively to the powerful gospel presentation of our guest speaker and the inspiring testimonies of some of our Christian teachers. We also had some fun and excitement with a raffle draw, where three fortunate participants won a tablet each as a gift from us and everyone received a pdf copy of the book "More than a Carpenter" by Josh McDowell, a classic apologetic work that explores the evidence for Jesus' identity and claims. The event was a great success, as we received many positive feedbacks and requests for follow-up from the attendees, who were moved and challenged by the message of God's love and grace.



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My religion is Islam, but I found today's Christmas message very inspiring and uplifting.

~ A school teacher from North Macedonia

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# PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS

In our professional seminars and webinars we offer high-quality training to school teachers who aspire to improve their teaching skills and advance their careers. Your support has enabled us this year to cover various expenses such as hall rent, coffee breaks, travel, printed materials, etc. These expenses are essential for creating a conducive and comfortable learning environment for our participants. We have successfully conducted over 10 seminars on relevant topics such as how to make learning more effective and engaging, how to motivate students who lack interest or enthusiasm, how to prevent and address bullying in the classroom, how to adapt to different learning styles, etc. These topics are based on the current needs and challenges that teachers face in their daily work. We have witnessed many participants develop their confidence, competence, and character as they learn from our experienced and qualified trainers. Our trainers are not only experts in their fields, but also passionate about sharing their knowledge and wisdom with others. Through these seminars we also invite teachers to join our evangelistic small groups, where they can discover more about Jesus and His plan for their lives. These small groups are a safe and friendly space where teachers can ask questions, share their struggles and joys, and grow in their faith. We believe that by equipping and empowering teachers with professional and spiritual skills, we can make a positive impact on the education system and the society at large.



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This is the first time I have participated in this seminar and I am very glad that I had this opportunity. I learned a lot and enjoyed the experience. I will definitely join again in the future!

~ A school teacher from Vlora

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# LIFE CHOICES CONFERENCE

In addition to the above events, we had the opportunity to partner with your church in organizing two "Life Choices" Conferences in Tirana and Elbasan this March. These conferences were aimed at equipping and empowering teachers and educators with practical skills and biblical principles for their personal and spiritual aspect of their lives. We were honored to have pastor Paul Pyle from your church as the main speaker. He delivered four inspiring and insightful messages on the art of apology, four types of discipline, emotional capital and servant leadership. He also shared the gospel with the participants during the third session, using the concept of emotional capital as a bridge. He explained how God loves us unconditionally and welcomes us back as his children, even when we have wasted our lives away from him, just like the prodigal son in the Bible. We praise God for his work in their hearts and lives and are praying that the seed of the Gospel planted in their hearts will grow and bear much fruit.



# MINISTRY EQUIPMENT

Thanks to your generous donation, we were able to purchase a high-quality digital camera and a video projector that will greatly enhance our ministry. The camera will help us capture the moments and stories of our events and share them with our supporters and partners. The video projector will help us deliver professional seminars and workshops. These tools will enable us to reach more people with the gospel and equip them with relevant skills for their personal and professional development.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

We would appreciate your prayers for the following needs:

- For wisdom and guidance from God as we wrap up our small groups during the months of April and May. Pray that we would finish well and leave a lasting impact on the teachers.
- For open and receptive hearts of these teachers as they hear the message of the Gospel. Pray that they would respond to God's invitation of salvation and grace.
- For good preparations for our summer family camp that we do in partnership with your church. Pray that we would have enough resources, volunteers, and participants for this event.
- For protection and health for our staff and volunteers. Pray that they would be safe from any harm or illness and that they would be strengthened and encouraged in their ministry.

We are so thankful for your faithful support and partnership in our ministry! Your generosity is having a real impact on the lives of many teachers in Albania. You are helping us to equip them with practical skills and spiritual truths. We are so grateful for your continued support and prayers.

We are eagerly waiting to serve together with a group from your church in the Summer Family Camp in July. We believe that this will be a wonderful opportunity to grow closer to God and to each other. We are looking forward to spending time with you, sharing testimonies, worshiping God, and having fun together!

Your friends at ISP Albania