

NEWSLETTER

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Dear friends,

Greetings from sunny Peja in His Name!

Summer is almost over, but it is still quite warm. The church is slowly coming to its numbers, although the numbers of attendance are still low.

In our last news letter, we had asked prayer for a data projector and a laptop to be used in our church Services and Bible studies.

You have prayed for this and you have made it possible for us to buy a new laptop and a data projector.

Thank you for your prayers and donation.



Last Sunday was the first day of Eid (Bayram). It comes after the long month of fasting for Muslims. As we are surrounded by Muslims, the atmosphere was quite tense. Some of our church members were really torn in between. As they are the only Christians in their families, the ladies had to stay at home to wait for the guests who come to visit for Eid.

Another custom is that the families, whose members had died some time before Eid, stay at home on the

first day and have an open house for people to visit, in honour and memory of that dead person.

Dardan's father died 4 months ago, and he was told by his mother and family to stay home on Sunday to wait for the people who would come to express condolences for his father.

Dardan (the young man in the photo) prayed and thought about this, and at the end said: "Let the dead deal with their dead, I will go to church to worship the Living God". We were surprised to see him come to Sunday Service and worship with us, despite the high pressure to stay at home.

His example is not the only one. There are others who are harassed and told off for not complying with the customs and the way of living in their families.

Please, pray for the spirit of Islam, which is hindering people from committing 100% to Christ.

The man with Dardan in the photo is Randy Pyle, who helped us in the church for about 10 years. He and his family went back to the States and we had a very good Farewell Service for them.

Pray for the last preparations for the 10th Anniversary Celebration of our church scheduled on September the 16th. We are going to have many guests for the occasion.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

May God bless you for being a vital part of our ministry for Him in Peja with your prayers and support.

In Him,
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