

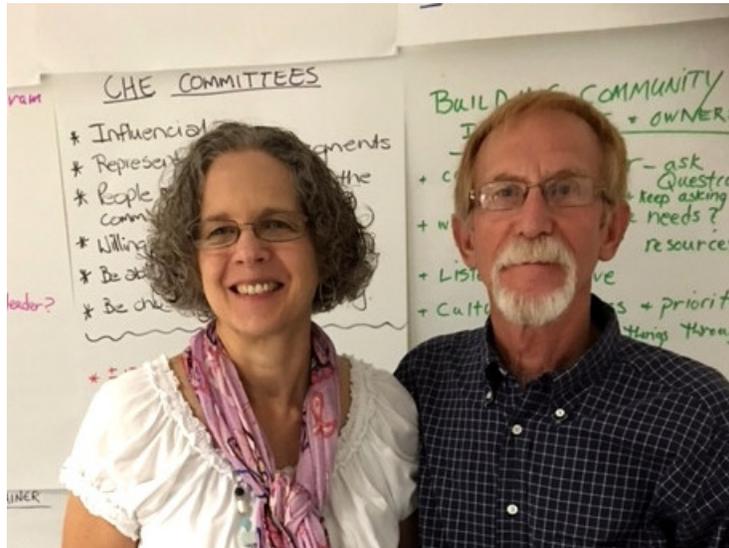
# Anderson's to Albania!

September, 2016

What a surprise in April to get an email from our friend Joy Phillips a missionary with World Gospel Mission asking us to consider volunteering short term in Albania. Both of us had to look at a map to find this small country in eastern Europe.



After much thought and prayer we agreed to assist Joy in leading a seminar for the missionaries and staff on Community Health Evangelism (CHE). Bonnie had attended training on CHE in 2007 so was familiar with the model. We both attended the Training of Trainers seminar for a week in August and were encouraged to hear stories of how God is using CHE as well as learning how to teach CHE to others. We will be partnering with World Gospel Mission missionaries Nathan and Cydil Waggoner and their team in Albania. The Waggoner's have been living and ministering in Albania full time for the past 3 years.



Bonnie and Peder at CHE training, Springfield, Mo, August 2016

CHE is a holistic approach of community transformation. Community members are trained as Community Health Evangelists who regularly visit 10-15 neighbors sharing the gospel and promoting principles of healthy living. It has been used around the world to empower communities for lasting transformation.

We will be leaving early November 2016 for 3 weeks. This will give us time to get to know the staff a little, see ministries in 3 different villages, visit historical sites to better understand the country, and help in other ways. We will assist Joy with the vision seminar on CHE Nov 15 - 18. This is an introduction to CHE for the Albanian team. Please pray for unity and direction as they seek God's guidance for future ministry.



Cydil and Natan Waggoner, Reni and Ellie.

The people of Albania are predominately Muslim. In 1967, under communism, all mosques and churches were closed and all religious observances were prohibited. Private religious practice was not allowed until 1990, and the first complete translation of the Albanian Bible was not printed until 1994. Today, 70 percent of Albanians are Muslim and less than 1 percent are evangelical Christian. The primary language spoken is Albanian.

We are excited about this opportunity to see God working in the country of Albania. There is the potential for ongoing ministry opportunities. Please be in prayer with us for God's continued leading.



We welcome your partnership through prayers and gifts to this ministry. Please pray for the people in Albania and for the CHE training in particular. Let us know if we can count on your prayers.

If you would like to make a contribution please make checks payable to **Evergreen United Methodist Church** and state it is for Bonnie and Peder Anderson ministry to Albania. All gifts are tax deductible. Evergreen will forward any gifts to World Gospel Mission.

Blessed to serve,  
Bonnie and Peder Anderson

*"The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest." Luke 10:2 (CEB)*