



Dear friends,  
It has been a while since we updated you on our building project. What started as a dream is today a visible reality for all of us. Located in the eastern part of Tirana, Radio 7 today operates from its new building, with over 700 sq mt/7500 sq ft of space, including studios and offices. The project had several stages including the delicate construction of the recording studios, proper insulation from surrounding noises, setting up the On Air studio to be both hospitable for the many guest we welcome every day, as well as within the right acoustic parameters. Radio 7 has 3 large recording studios, 2 small editing studios, and a music recording area. These were months of intense work for us and our partners at Hope for Albania, who committed themselves to finish the project within one year. Several

groups of volunteers from the Netherlands made up the large group of people who put together every piece of the building. We will always be grateful to such wonderful friends and brothers who sacrificed their time and energy to support our vision of reaching out to the Albanian people. Special thanks go to our great friend from TWR, Pierre-Yves Mutrux, who designed the proper acoustics for all our studios and continues to assist with various technical needs. We remember in prayer all the rest of you special friends, who have walked with us during the stages of the project and who continue to be a blessing to our ministry. Many things worked out in time thanks to your prayers and intercession.

**Coming soon  
Radio 7 on internet!**

## JONATHAN YOUSSEF VISITS ALBANIA

In January 09 "Radio 7" had a visit from some special friends, from a valuable Ministry Partner, "Leading the Way" with Dr. Michael Youssef. The team lead by the International Director Jonathan Youssef

traveled in different cities and villages to meet with listeners and hear from them firsthand the great impact Dr. Youssef's messages and booklets are making in their lives. We heard powerful testimonies of how the radio programs are helping believers to grow up in faith in areas where there are not churches, or for different reasons they cannot join a local church. Frano, a well known Albanian Journalist, shared how Dr. Youssef's messages helped him to get out of depression. He lost his sight after a sickness and with his sight lost his job, a respected position in the society, family and many friends. But he found a new friend at Dr. Youssef giving him hope to live the next day. Frano gave his life to Jesus the day of the interview, joining God's family. Radio 7 staff and listeners were very much encouraged and blessed by this visit and the radio interview of Jonathan Youssef. We are hoping to strengthen the relationship between the two ministries in the near future.



### VISION

"To bring the gospel into every Albanian home and help the local church to have a strong voice in an ex-atheist culture through mass-media."

### PURPOSE

The purpose of Media "7" is to work closely with the local church in evangelizing Albanian speaking people wherever in the World they live and equipping believers for living a Christ like life.

### HISTORY

Media "7", Ltd was granted an FM license in November 2001. The first broadcast of Radio "7" was in May 2002. Now Radio "7" broadcasts to about 70% of the Albanian population. Radio "7", by coverage, is the third biggest FM station in the country. It broadcasts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week contemporary Christian music, children's programs, women's programs, devotionals, Bible studies, teenager's programs, medical programs, etc. This is an interdenominational ministry committed to serve all Evangelical churches in Albania, Kosovo and everywhere Albanians live.

### PARTNERS

Words of Hope  
Trans World Radio-Europe  
Leading The Way  
Historical Renewal  
Heralds of Hope  
Hope for the Heart  
Unschackled

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Please pray for volunteers to help with follow up of our listeners.
2. Please pray for 500 blind people in the city of Elbasan. A church that is working there is going to use one of our programs for Evangelism in March-June.
3. Please pray for some of our listeners that are persecuted inside their homes because of their faith.
4. Please keep in prayer our donors and partner Ministries.
5. Please pray for the newest project of Media 7 LTD, the licensing documents of TV 7, the first Christian TV station in Albania.
6. Please keep in prayer our listener Jona. She is going through a lot of pressure and violence from her family because of her faith and can not gather with any believer.
7. Please keep in prayer one of our listener's Nimete. She is in a difficult financial situation. Nimete and her husband are invalids. They live in difficult conditions with a small pension and they have two daughters to raise. Please pray that Abedin, her husband, will find a job.



## Erion and Valbona at Radio 7

### LISTENER'S COMMENTS

*"I am a pastor and I listen regularly to your radio programs. The Bible studies have helped me a lot to study the Word of God more deeply. Would you be so kind as to help me with the scripts of the pastoral letters? I would love to have all the programs on CDs so I can study once again in my home. May God bless you all who work to bring us this wonderful study in our mother language!"*

*"I am a regular listener to the program "Women of Hope" and the prayer calendar of Project Hannah. I listen carefully to this program because I learn a lot of new things that help me in my daily life. These programs are wonderful. Last time I heard about the single girls and, since I am in a similar position, I have been really blessed. Singleness is a sensitive subject in our country. Many times the single girls don't know how to respond to their parents or relatives who push them to marry a man that is not a believer. Thank you very much for the advice you give to us through this program."*

*"I am 60 years old and it is a little difficult for me to read. So the radio programs are a good tool for me. I listen to the radio often. The program "Women of Hope" is a great encouragement for me. It is good to have this kind of program because in the past we haven't heard things like this. I am so thankful to God for this wonderful opportunity."*

*"I am a 72 year old man and listen often to the radio. I am so blessed to be able to listen to Radio 7 programs. These programs have been essential to my growing in the Lord. These teachings are understandable and very clear to me. May God bless you in sharing the Gospel everywhere through the radio! I am so blessed that these sermons are coming direct to my home through the radio."*

*"I live in a village near Elbasan. In our village there is no church. I am so glad to hear the messages of hope on the radio. I would like to hear such sermons daily. Is this possible? These teachings are a great encouragement in my life. I try to share with others what I learn on these programs."*

Valbona and Erion joined the Radio 7 staff in the last quarter of 2008 as the producers of "Start", a morning show helping Albanians to start their day with the right perspective, focusing on God as the one in control of their lives. In a magazine format, "Start" is aired every morning. Inspiring music, positive energy, fun facts and interviews help people start their day

lightly and beautifully. Valbona and Erion are members of the Durres Christian Center. Erion is married to Hela and they have a cute one year old daughter named Kiora. He is a worship leader, a songwriter and singer. Valbona is married to David, a very dynamic Christian leader and the pastor of a local church in Durres. They have two children, Christopher and Kimberly.

## "Where can I find a church?"

*"How, then, can people call on someone they have not believed? And how can they believe in someone they have not heard about? And how can they hear without someone preaching?"*

**ROM 10:14**

Marsida had invested years, hard work and a lot of money to receive a degree in Law. Suddenly, she found herself in her small home town looking for a job. After two years of not finding one, she entered into a time of depression.

Then a ray of light came in her room through Radio 7 and straight to her heart. For the first time she listened to a Christian Radio station.

She was 25 years old and for the first time in her life she heard that there is a God who is in control of her life.

New rays of hope shined in Marsida's life. She found hope for her future and more than that, a new reason to live with joy! She surrendered her life to the God who made himself known in the saddest moments of her life in the most amazing and unexpected way!

She decided to surrender her life to the Law Maker.

Marsida sent an email to Radio 7, asking for a local church in Fier, her town in Southern Albania. Her eyes shined while she shared the joy of being part of the body of Christ.

She goes to church now and is eager to know more about her God. Her sister was the first one who was impacted by the change in Marsida's life. Her sister is studying now at the University of Tirana.

The story of her salvation is unique.

You can read about it in our next Crossroad.

