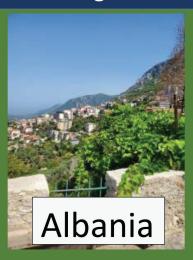




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Travelling Internationally—at last!



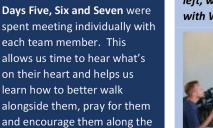


Our first full day in Albania the entire WGM team loaded up in three vehicles to make a three hour trip through the mountains. Next we took an hour long epic boat ride. What an adventure! And such a fun way to reconnect and get to know each other better!











Albanian pictured below on the left, who is applying to serve with WGM?



On Day Two the entire team met to talk about transition and its effect on us. We even acted out how it feels to be on the shaky transition bridge. Our colleague, Mike Banks, led the group discussion while Rick helped translate for a Latin teammate and Lori processed it with our Spanish speaking kids.

What better way to end the day than by laughing together as we played reverse charades!



Day Four brought a surprise—a trip to the coastal city of Durres where the apostle Paul's companion, Titus, is believed to have been martyred. We visited an ancient amphitheater there.



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On **Day Three** we all traveled to a historic mountain village where we had the pleasure of treating the team to a traditional Albanian meal. What delicious food!





We said goodbye to the team in Albania and travelled to Prague, Czech Republic.

The McMunn family (WGM global workers) live in Poděbrady, a quaint village about an hour east of Prague. One day after a lunch near the Elbe River, a young couple the McMunns are mentoring joined us. They are high school seniors and sweethearts. While neither have a personal relationship with the Lord, they are actively seeking Him. Would you pray for this special couple to find the answers they are searching for in Jesus?

We also enjoyed time with Elijah, a university freshman and our tour guide for the day in Prague. Elijah is another youth the McMunns have walked alongside—encouraging him in his quest for meaning. Over time and after reading the *entire* Bible, they guided him as he asked Jesus to be his personal Savior. As we parted ways and headed for the Prague airport, we asked Elijah how we could be praying for him. "Pray I will know God's will." He says God may be calling him to missions. *Would you pray for Elijah to discern God's call on his life?*



Whitney, Rick, Lori, Elijah and Kirby exploring the beautiful city of Prague.







How fun to play, read books and take silly selfies with Eliza and Ronan!

One night Kirby and Whitney had a chance to get away for a date night while "Uncle Rick" and "Aunt Lori" watched the kids.

Eliza and "Uncle Rick" had a squinting contest. If wrinkles count, "Uncle Rick" has definitely won!



How thrilling to see God at work around the world! There are no words to describe the peace and deep awareness of God's presence during this trip. We know it is because you prayed for us. Thank you!

The purpose of our visits is: to spend time with our global workers who serve faithfully often in the face of challenges, to meet some of the dear people they are investing their lives into as well as to better understand the cultures and circumstances under which they serve. Would you ask God to guide us to the next country in our Europe/Asia region He would like us to visit?

Thank you for valuing the care of our global workers! You equip us to serve through your prayer and financial support so that we are able to come alongside and minister to others.

Your missionaries,

Rick & Lori