

Our vision

Our God is a good god. He changes the hearts and lifestyles of those who believe in him, and this will also change the circumstances of their lives significantly. Therefore evangelization and church planting are an important element of our work – in the Mokra Mountains as well as all throughout Albania.

Your contribution

Help us to extend our work and to open up new villages:

You can help us

- **Donate for the evangelization work in Albania:** for the Shkullaku family's work, for travel expenses, rents and working materials, for evangelistic campaigns, children's camps and much more. Transfer funds to our donations account with the reference "Evangelization work".
- **Partake by praying:** Pray for Albania, for the families in the mountain villages, for the growth of small churches, for our missionaries and for new churches in the Mokra region.
- **You can take part** in evangelistic and practical outreaches. You will find planned dates on www.chwev.de, or contact our office.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
(Matthew 28:19–20)

The work of CHW and Diakonia Albania

Already at the beginning of the 90s, the Methodist church from Wismar started relief transports for Albania. Out of that developed the CHW and a long-term social work, which was given a domestic base with the Foundation Diakonia Albania, established in 2012.

25 years of work brought much blessing – for the people in Albania's mountain villages, but for the helpers from abroad, too. And yet there is a lot to be done.



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EVANGELIZATION

By sharing the gospel, we bring new hope and joy to the Albanian people

Poor people need practical help; we're doing this with family and emergency aid as well as with our social projects. But we've got even more to give: The message of God who loves each of us and changes our lives for good.

New spiritual life

Spiritual factors in Albania are atheism – deriving from 40 years of Stalinism, traditional Islam, old Christian churches and modern materialism. Against this backdrop, the Christian message offers a real alternative: The gospel enables people to overcome poverty and to have a joyful and thankful new life.

Diakonia Albania supports several church planting projects in mountain villages of the Mokra area and other parts of Albania. With this work we aim to help single families, but in the same way the local communities as a whole will be strengthened and become more self-reliant.



Bishnica

After 15 years of church work, founded by pastor Frieder Weinhold, there was a vacuum of 2 years. On request of the believers and other people of the village, we restarted regular services, led by Samuel Shkullaku. Besides the services we have regular meetings for children and ladies every week.

In Buzaishtë, the Dutch Agrinas foundation has offered agricultural development projects since 1994, helping the farmer's families and also spreading the gospel. After the church work there had stopped for some years, we resumed church services again in 2013. Additional meetings are attended by 40 enthusiastic children and 10 young people.

Buzaishtë



Velçan

Laktesh

Samuel Shkullaku and some young people from Buzaishtë also started a cell group in the neighbouring larger village of Velçan, which we expect to grow in the next years.

Young people from Buzaishtë also shared the Gospel with their friends in the village of Laktesh. Towards the end of 2015 we started weekly services there; about 30 kids attend the children's meetings.

Holtas



Starting from a cooperation with theology students from Germany, we've been running summer campaigns in the very remote village of Holtas for many years. We visit families in their homes and have meetings for children, women and men.



In several villages, Samuel Shkullaku gives musical lessons for young believers to incorporate them into the worship groups of their churches.



Diakonia Albania's spiritual work has strongly expanded after we employed Samuel Shkullaku as a full time worker at the end of 2013. As a family, Samuel and Savjola received a calling and have committed themselves to spreading the gospel in Albania, especially in the rural areas. Together they go to the villages for evangelisation meetings, church services, children's and ladies gatherings.