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## New Home, New Ministry

The first of June, Gabe and Erica Wait stopped over in New York City to secure an apartment where they will be living with their daughter, Claire, over the next year.

The Waits were returning from eight days in Tirana, the capitol city of Albania, where they were investigating possible ministry opportunities among the Albanian Roma who live in slum-like conditions there.

It is interesting that, as the Waits had been feeling a growing burden for the Albanian people, they were assigned to live in Little Albania in the Bronx region in NYC for their year of training.

As they met with their real estate broker and landlord, the fact that they had just returned from Albania and knew a few words in their language immediately began building bridges.

In NYC, they will be working with a team to develop an ethnographic profile of the Albanian people there, and also working to introduce these Muslim people to Christ with the goal of establishing a house church in NYC.

Uprooting from a rural home in small-town America to an apartment with a closet-sized kitchen in the Bronx will be a change. But we believe God is already preparing hearts to receive the gospel! Thank you for your prayers.



Gabe and Erica Wait in Tirana, Albania

### Please Pray:

- It is difficult to leave family and friends. Pray for Gabe, Erica, and Claire, as belongings are sold and goodbyes are said.
- Their year in NYC begins the first of July, and the first six weeks are an intense time of training.
- The Waits will be continuing contact with the team they met in Albania, and

they have threesix months to make a final decision about where God wants them after their year in NYC. Pray for them to clearly know God's will.



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## AROUND THE WORLD

### **GHANA**

The tickets are purchased for a trip to Ghana on July 7!
Four of the five travelers—Mark Surbrook, Michael
Shoemaker, Steve Elsey, and Jere Gowin—plan to return
after a few days, but Oleta Witt is going to stay.

For Oleta to leave with the team, she needs to be fully funded. But she only lacks about 10% of her needed support! Pray that the remainder will be pledged soon.

Once the team leaves, Oleta will stay with Pastor Sammy and Grace in Wa for a few weeks, after which she plans to spend three months as an intern at Baptist Medical Center, northeast of Wa.

Pray for Oleta as she raises the remaining portion of support, as she says goodbye to family and friends, and as she moves to a new continent for a new chapter in her life.

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