When was the last time you received God’s call to do something special for Him? Are you making yourself available to Him? When God called Delmar and Nati* and their three-year-old daughter Clara to serve as missionaries in Albania, they knew that living in a foreign country would stretch their comfort zone. And it didn’t take long to learn some of the challenges they would face as they worked to bring the gospel to Albania.

For years, Albania had banned religion. Even today, religion isn’t a priority for most. As a result, there are only about 120 Adventists there. To grow the church, the family was assigned to serve in the city of Korcë [KOR-chuh]. They had great plans, but few were interested in Bible studies despite their efforts.


Delmar was discouraged. All their effort wasn’t paying off. Then, at the peak of Delmar’s frustration, the family received a call to pastor a large church in Brazil. The offer seemed perfect, but Nati wasn’t so sure.

So they declined the offer from Brazil and prayed to God to instruct and use them to advance with His ministry.
Delmar and Nati noticed many children in their neighborhood. They thought that maybe working with children was a good place to start. The couple prepared a volleyball court and invited the children to come and play. The kids started coming to the churchyard to play, and thus they got to know Delmar and Nati. Soon the churchyard was full of kids! Now they just needed to get them inside the church.

Angela, one of the church members, brought her friend, Fatjon [FAHT-ee-ohn], to join the game. Fatjon and Delmar started talking about God, and then they began studying the Bible together. Delmar invited Fatjon to be part of the youth group. “Great!” Fatjon said. “I want to help these kids, to serve this community.” Soon he was involved, and the kids loved him.

Fatjon helped bring the youth together, and also grew in interest in God’s word. Delmar was thrilled to baptize Fatjon—his first baptism in Albania! The church’s youth group has added many new faces. The church’s Center of Influence is growing. As Delmar and Nati continue to serve on the front lines of Albania.

Testimony Delmar: 5:30 - 5:45.
As you worship God with your Tithes & Promise, regular and systematic offerings, thank Him for the opportunity to support missionary families like Delmar and Nati. May we put our desires last, and God first.