

Sarah Begaj Music

June 2019 Newsletter

Hope does not disappoint!

Dear friends and family,

Thank you so much for your ongoing support over these last few months! The Lord is good and has provided opportunities to share the music and faith He has given me. Philippians 2:13 says: **“For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”** One thing I have learnt over recent years is that God is not in a hurry. He puts His plans in our hearts, but He is a careful cultivator of those plans and brings them to fruition in His perfect timing. We simply have to wait upon Him and allow Him to lead. A song I wrote earlier in the spring summarises this notion of God as the farmer in our lives, found in the book of Hosea. The chorus reads **“Break up this fallow ground, root out, dig up, break down, til my heart is softened ground, to sow, to grow and abound.”** In what may seem like a long season of waiting, God is preparing us for His work, that His seeds of faith in us may grow and in turn be scattered to reach hearts for His Kingdom.

I have been blessed to minister to groups of ladies from Cowplain Evangelical Church and Waterlooville Baptist Church over the past couple of months, sharing my testimony and how the Lord worked in my life during my time in Kosovo. As I shared with the group from the Baptist church last week, the Lord impressed upon my heart the verses from Romans 5:1-5 which speak of the access by faith we have into His grace and the eternal hope we have. The promise of an eternity with Jesus, enables us to traverse tribulations, building perseverance, character and hope. This hope which is described in Hebrews as an anchor of the soul, will not disappoint because the love of God is poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

Sharing Opportunities



Sharing at Waterlooville Baptist Church in June



Singing my song “Eternity” at Cowplain Evangelical Church in March

BBC Radio Solent



Sarah Begaj (left) and Tim Daykin (right) at BBC Radio Solent

In my last newsletter, I spoke about how the Lord had given me the vision to make an album with my songs and enabled this to become a reality. It was largely due to my parents Malcolm and Sheila Freemantle that this was possible. Their investment did not end there; my mum sending my CD “My Heart is Steadfast” to people she thought would benefit from it, including Tim Daykin; the host of the Sunday morning programme on BBC Radio Solent. It was much to our surprise when he contacted us and invited me onto the station. Early on Sunday 5th May, I headed with my husband Ilir to the Southampton studio. It was a wonderful opportunity not only to share about my music but also about my testimony and faith. Thank you to all who prayed for me and listened that morning! It was interesting that interviews with people of Hindu and Muslim faiths aired before mine and how the Lord had laid on my heart to share about being saved by grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus on the cross.

Kosovo Visit

We have just returned from a visit to my husband's native homeland of Kosovo (where I spent 6 years as a missionary). We were so encouraged to see young adults we had once taught as children sharing their own faith. Although Kosovo is now free, the economy is weak and many of the young people leave seeking work in neighbouring European countries. But God works amidst seemingly hopeless situations. One of our nieces told us that Christianity is the fastest growing religion in Kosovo (a predominantly Muslim country). The hope of the Gospel is not restricted by economic status, political standing or borders. It is the heavenly hope the patriarchs held onto by faith, declaring they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

It is my prayer that the Lord would continue to use and direct me with the music He has given me. I hope to produce a second album by the end of this year with more of my songs, so I greatly appreciate your prayers in this endeavour! Please also pray for our family and friends in Kosovo that they would continue to grow in faith. If you would like me to come to your local group, please feel free to contact me (see below).



Visiting the mountains of Pejë, Kosovo (Sarah, Ilir, Kaitlin & James)

May the Lord richly bless you, much love in Jesus,

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