



## We've been busy this Spring and Summer!

- Created a new website for the American-support base ([www.VTAlbania.org](http://www.VTAlbania.org))
- Applied for a substantial grant and have been invited to submit the next stage of the application
- Made home-visits with all of our students and their families
- Researched a new board format that would work within the new administration structure that VT is transitioning to
- Created programs for "**VT Ambassadors**" and "**VT Corporate Sponsorships**"
- Met with individuals who have committed to being VT Ambassadors
- *Met with business owners in Albania and America who desire to sponsor or partner with VT*
- *Various Zoom meetings sharing about VT with churches*
- Face-to-Face meetings promoting VT
- Brainstorming school electives for our fall semester
- *Fundraised for an elevator for our new facility*
- Connected some of our VT students with our local churches
- Various meetings with WGM leadership and VT leadership to see the success of this transition become a reality

It is not lost on us that **none of this would have been possible without the incredible support, encouragement, help, prayer, and rallying of so many people.** Valdete Trust is continuing to operate and touch the lives of our students and their families because of the support, investment, generosity, and prayer of you all. **"Thank you," falls short.**

## BBQ Reunion and Sharing Our Valued Treasure

June 22nd was a special day. It was **the first time our students and staff were able to come together since before quarantine.** After enjoying lunch together and catching up, hearing about each other's quarantine experiences, the staff was pulled aside and **Sue was able to Skype in to share the news of the transition.** First with the staff and then with the students. Sue presented the transition with clarity, excitement, and confidence. It was well-received by the staff and the students.



## Meet Sheanan—Our First VT Ambassador



Seanan is a 15 year old from Georgia who doesn't back down from a challenge. He was supposed to visit us in May with his mother with plans to visit VT; however, we all know how travel plans turned out for many of us this spring. Seanan himself has Cerebral Palsy and Noonan Syndrome. This was going to be a special visit.

When their trip was canceled, Seanan and his mom were determined that just because their visit could not happen that they were not going to allow that "detail" to end the involvement they would have with VT. They knew about our building project happening in our village and that we hoped for VT to move into this new handicap accessible building, but that the move would be on-hold until we could fundraise for the necessary elevator. Seanan watched a video of our students being moved up flights of stairs in a Stair Climber (which is manually operated and takes about two minutes one way, one student at a time, and our students use this multiple times during the school day). After watching that video, Seanan and his mom knew how they were going to stay engaged with VT. Seanan began a fundraiser campaign called, "Lift Us Up!" to raise \$25,000 for an elevator. Similar to the ALS Ice-Bucket Challenge, this fundraiser challenged individuals to carry someone on their back up as many stairs as possible and donate \$1 per stair they were able to climb, and then tag three others to accept the challenge.



Within one month and a half, **THE ELEVATOR IS 100% PLEDGED FOR!!**

### Prayer Points

- Continued smooth transition for leadership, staff, and students
- Provision of monthly financial supporters for VT
- Favor as we continue the process of this grant application (we have made it through the first step and have been invited to submit a full application now!!)
- The elevator to be installed in a timely manner - it has been ordered from Italy, please pray Covid does not delay delivery
- Our students' hearts to be opened to the Gospel, understanding their worth in Christ, and His sacrificial love for them



**The Valdete Trust seeks to serve those with disabilities in Albania by opening new doors of opportunity and choice, connecting with others in meaningful relationships, and cultivating the God-given potential of each individual.**