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Missionaries to Bulgaria



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“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our Salvation, Selah” *Psalms 68:19*

Dear praying friends, we are certainly grateful for God loading us with benefits this past year. It has been a year with many blessings and we thank each one of you.

This past year has been very successful for us concerning our deputation. We are currently approaching the 50% support mark in just outside of a year. We were able to do this while spending six weeks outside of the United States, three weeks with our daughter McKenzie on the Island of Bequia, and three weeks during the month of September in Bulgaria. Despite that time out of the country we were in over 100 meetings by the end of the year. God has kept us busy, and it’s our desire to get to Bulgaria as soon as possible.

The work in Bulgaria is going strong, and I ask you to pray for these current ministry needs.

- **Annual winter feedings:**



It is time once again to give our “loaves and fishes” to Jesus and trust Him to satisfy the hungry. Brother Matt Welch said the cost to feed our churches this year would be around \$65,000 to feed 2,000 families. These are the families that make up the 105 churches in Romania and Bulgaria.



- **Courtyard feedings in Eastern Romania:**



Our missionaries, along with four national pastors, oversee seven feeding centers. For around \$3,400 per month our missions group provides one hot meal per day to over 320 children. This breaks down to about 35 cents per child and consists of: 6,400 loaves of bread, flour, pasta, beans, rice, tomato paste, potatoes and oil. We now have adults who grew up being fed in these centers assisting with food distribution in many of these villages.

- **In Eastern Bulgaria:**

Our missionaries oversee eight feeding centers. Every month our missions group sends around \$5,000 to provide each feeding center with: five liters of oil, five bags of sugar, five bags of salt, tomato puree, five bags of macaroni, one large sack of potatoes, four 25kg bags of flour, and sometimes bags of lentils, rice or beans. The children are not only fed physically but spiritually as well, with hymns and prayer.

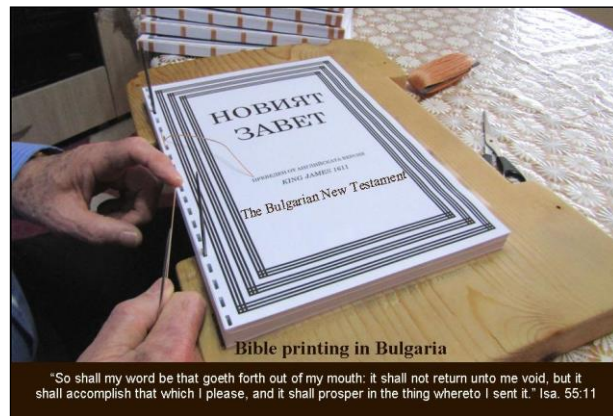
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- **Bible Printing:**

Below are the current printing costs for, New Testaments and hymnbooks in the Bulgarian Cyrillic, the Turkish Cyrillic and the Turkish Latin-based alphabets.

These Bibles are printed in two different sizes:

- Turkish and Bulgarian whole Bibles with cross references. \$6.00 and \$12.00
- New Testament - Turkish and Bulgarian no cross references. \$1.50 and \$3.00
- Hymnbook - Turkish with the Gospel of John and 14 Psalms. \$.65 and \$1.30



We are currently distributing New Testaments and hymnbooks at no cost to the believers in our churches and to others who are interested. We also provide whole Bibles to the national pastors and preachers. These are produced on a printer/copier. The holes are hand punched or drilled in the paper, then hand sewn together with laminated covers. The national pastors and America missionaries donate their time for this endeavor. In 12 months, we can print 1,220,000 pages. The amount needed each month is just under \$1,000 for 100,000 copies.

- **Support for National Pastors:**

We currently have 12 national pastors between Bulgaria and Romania. These men are busy with several meetings each day. The financial needs vary from man to man, depending on how far he travels, and how many villages he goes to and how many churches he's responsible for. These expenses can vary from \$400 to \$1,000 a month. Please contact me if you are interested in helping to support one of these national pastors.

Please keep these things in your prayers. As you can see the needs of this work are many and we as a family want to be effectual in supporting these needs. It's our desire to raise an additional \$1,000 a month outside of our personal support to help in these vital ministries. We desire that the support of our sending churches be a major part of these works. We also hope through these different needs to burden someone's heart for the work.

Our family also asks for you to remember these needs in order to get on the field.

- Prayer for safe travel and new successful meetings.
- Prayer for the remaining 50% support.
- Finances for travel and setup expenses to and in Bulgaria later this year or early 2019.
- \$10,000 dollars for a vehicle in Bulgaria.
- Prayer for our children and grandchildren here in the states.

In closing, I'm very grateful for what God has done this past year and look forward to this year. I can't help but long for the day when we return to Bulgaria. In truth by now we should be ready to go. In 2017 we were in over 100 churches which probably put us in front of at least 7,000 people. Of those 100 churches, so far less than 20% have taken us on for support, and this is the norm for most missionaries. My plea is that if we have been to your church, please consider taking us on for support, as I'm already looking at airfare for early January 2019. As a former pastor I understand the constraints. I also know from my own experiences that sometimes things can slip through the cracks. We ask that this not be the case. I say these things because of the overwhelming desire to get to Bulgaria.

Please, if you know of a church or pastor that would be interested in having us come and share our heart for Bulgaria, please have them call me at: (828) 644.8123.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We ask that you pray for us daily as we continue to pursue returning to the land God has put in our hearts. We love and appreciate each and every one of you. God bless you.

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