

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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Prayer requests:

1. Church plant: Bible Baptist Church - East
- 2. Salvation: Plamen, Stoyan, Peter, Yulia, Mais, Valdimir and Martin

"For mine eyes have seen thy salvation. Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people: A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

Luke 2:30-32

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

What a glorious blessing it is to know that Christ came into the world as a light to lighten the Gentiles. While serving the Lord in these dark days it is easy to become discouraged, forgetting that we hold within ourselves that light that shineth in a dark place. As we go through this Christmas season, may we never forget our responsibility to manifest that light to those who dwell in darkness.

Thank you for praying for our trip to Scotland. While we didn't see the attendance that we had hoped for, we had one family faithfully attend each night of the meetings and we believe that we were able to be a help and blessing to them. We are already planning to hold a Bible conference in Scotland again next year. While there we met other Bulgarians and found that a majority are living in a nearby town, and we are planning to host the conference there next year.

As we now enter the Christmas season, we are preparing for outreaches within the Christmas markets scattered around Sofia. They all opened this past weekend and so we will begin going to the markets, canvassing them with Christmas tracts. This evening Kiril and I will be heading to a large market near the center of Sofia. I happened to walk by it on Saturday afternoon and was amazed at how large the setup is this year. Along with more space for vendors and a larger stage for shows and choirs, this year they have added a Ferris wheel. Hopefully that means larger crowds and thus more opportunities to share the Gospel. Please pray for these outreaches over the Christmas season.

We have also had a few new visitors recently. One man in particular is named Martin and has a lot of questions. He has visited the church a few times now, and I have been working on meeting up with him to try to answer some of his questions. He has been reading the New Testament, but has some doubts about the veracity of the Scriptures. Please pray for him to come to faith not only in the Scriptures, but in the Word, Jesus Christ himself.

Lastly, we want to thank you for your faithful support of us and the work here in Bulgaria. Thank you for your prayers, notes of encouragement and for the many generous Christmas gifts that we have received already. You are a blessing!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and blessed New Year!

Jeff and Grace Shergalis