

A Missionary's Journey

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The Elliott's Journey to Bulgaria



One of the national pastors in Bulgaria has been disowned from his family. Why? Because he is a Christian and his family members were very active in the communist party. Although Communism collapsed in Bulgaria in 1989 the effects are still being felt today. You would think Bulgarians would be eager to hear about Jesus after so many years of repression, instead they are fearful and distrustful of other.

So how can they be free from the bondage of communism? Only God can free them by drawing people to Himself. We are called to love them, to live and work among them and to be a light that points them to Jesus. We need to tell them that Truth is not an idea or a philosophy but a person. **John 14:6, "Jesus said, 'I am the way and the truth, and the life.'**"

We have never for a minute thought that moving to Bulgaria was going to be easy. Someone asked us recently how we knew God was calling us to missions. God calls some to stay here and work but He has called us to move to Eastern Europe. We could not ignore or resist His call. It was constantly in our thoughts, prayers and lives.

Ephesians 4:15, "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every

way into Him..." God's call is not only a physical one to move to another country but it is also a spiritual one. We are learning to totally lean on him, to live according to the Truth. We have had to reevaluate our values and our priorities. We can no longer assume something is true just because everyone else thinks that way but we try to live under the authority of Christ.

So we praise God for the perseverance of this national pastor to proclaim the Truth in Bulgaria in spite of hardship. We pray that God will open the ears of the Bulgarians so they will hear the Truth and it will set them free. **John 8:32, "If you abide in my word...you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."**

HABAKKUK 1:5

"Look among the Nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told."

Prayer:

- * For the Sunshine House and the Church in Plovdiv.
- * For the National Pastors.
- * Pray for our remaining support. We just had an adjustment to our budget, so we now need \$153.00 to come in.
- * Pray for a buyer for our house to come soon.

Praise:

- * For a wonderful time with Church families during Mission conferences.
- * Sunshine House Children's Centers continued increase in enrollment.
- * Our health continues to be good .
- * God has been revealing Himself through people and events.

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