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Bliss Christmas Update



Merry Christmas from the Blisses.
Thank you for a great year!

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"I have good news for you, a message that will fill everyone with joy. Today your Savior, Christ the Lord, was born in David's city." -Luke 2:10-11

A Year in Review

Dear Friends,

In our last newsletter we wrote that we expected to be in Bulgaria in October. Since then we received information from the Bulgarian Consulate that paperwork different from what we were originally informed was required for David's visa, and that the processing time on his visa will be about two months. Unfortunately, this meant that we were not able to fly out last month, and our departure has been delayed until January 17th. (Fortunately, only David requires a visa.)

We are keeping busy while we wait for our flight. David is working hard learning Bulgarian, and Sasha is researching possible neighborhoods in Sofia where we can make a good home for our family as well as have maximum impact in ministry. We continue to connect with supporters and churches in the area to keep them all informed about this new ministry. We also hope to find potential new teammates to join us in Sofia over the next few months.

This waiting time has also been a good time to reflect on what God has done through us in the past year.

We were delighted to see our church at the university in Lodz nearly quadruple in size. It was such a blessing to

see young men and women not only studying the Bible, but applying what they learned, and taking ownership of their own ministry. We have no doubt that they will continue to make an impact for the kingdom. While we were sad to leave them, we are sure that our group was left in good hands.

While the church was growing in Lodz we were also looking into starting up a new field in Bulgaria's capital city of Sofia. In January and February, we took a trip to Bulgaria with our area leader to assess the strategic impact of a potential new ReachGlobal team there. We saw unquestionable strategic opportunity in starting a team in Sofia, and continued to pursue making a new ReachGlobal team there a reality.

In June, we traveled to Minnesota for a time of evaluation and interviews with the ReachGlobal leadership. After careful consideration, they gave us their support to begin a new city team in Sofia.

We are ready to get going, and counting the days until January 17th. Thank you for your prayers and support over this past year.

Have a Merry Christmas, and God bless you all!

Praises

- We get to spend Christmas and New Years with part of our American family.
- We are making new Bulgarian contacts on an almost weekly basis (and we are not even there yet).
- Sophia can write her name in Bulgarian.

Prayer Requests

- For a quick and positive decision on David's visa.
- That David can get his visa without having to go to Chicago for an interview with the Bulgarian consulate.
- That God would raise up teammates to join us in Sofia.