

# *The Davis Family in Bulgaria*



*"Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!"*

Psalm 113:2-3

## **2018 Thus Far**

2018 has flown by, and we have done a poor job of keeping up with our newsletter this year. It has been a great year so far and we have seen God do some wonderful things in our work, home and personal life...

- We passed our B2 level Bulgarian language exam!!! Praise the Lord!
- We saw two ladies make professions of faith here in Sofia! Praise the Lord!
- Brian, along with some of our local team, taught English classes at our office and were able to share the Gospel through this every week
- Together with our local teammates, we hosted Bible study in our home every week, and our living room continues to be full of mostly nonbelievers who are searching for the Truth and open to studying scripture with us.
- Brian planned and organized a conference for the pastors and leaders of the Bulgarian Baptist Churches. This was a big step where the pastors were able to hear from the IMB and how we can partner together to see the church grow and reach more people in Bulgaria.
- We hosted several great volunteer teams that helped us serve and engage our community and city.
- Mandy and the other women on the local Sofia team started a ladies' discipleship group and had between 3-6 women in attendance every week. We had a great time studying together and were able to see some growth in several of the ladies.
- Brian and two other team members were able to attend and speak at a second pastor's conference this fall. Plans were made for getting started on planting more churches and making disciples throughout the country of Bulgaria. We praise God for this huge step!

- We very much feel a part of our local Bulgarian church and are so thankful for them, our church family, here.
- We hosted several outreach events and seminars at our office, the local school, and in the parks to meet new people and share the gospel.
- The kids finished one school year, had a great summer and started their third year in Bulgarian school in the fall, and they are doing great! We praise God for this tremendous blessing!
- We enjoyed a blitz trip to the states for a wedding and family time.
- We continued to grow in our friendship and love for our teammates here in Bulgaria and we regularly thank God for them!
- We hosted several people for meals and coffee to grow in our relationship with them. We hope to see these precious friends come to know the Lord.

Thank you so much for how you have prayed for us even when you haven't heard from us--except for the occasional Facebook post. You have been faithful, and we appreciate you so much! Here are some specific ways you can pray for us and praise God with us as we look towards the end of the year.

- Pray for the ladies Bible study that will be starting back next week. Pray that these ladies will grow in their knowledge and love for the Lord, and that we will see even more women join this group.
- Pray for our Sunday night Bible study group. Most of those who attend aren't believers. Pray that the Word and the Holy Spirit will convict their hearts and lead them to surrender their lives to Christ.
- Pray for the Baptist Union and the pastors and leaders of the churches across Bulgaria. Pray that they will lead their churches in reaching their communities with the gospel, making disciples, and planting new churches.
- Pray that our kids will continue to do well in school, and pray for us as we help them navigate the struggles of being the only believers in their classes.
- Rejoice with us that the IMB surpassed its enormous goal and brought in \$158.9 million for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this last year. These gifts allow us, and our 4,000 colleagues across the globe, to stay and continue to serve where God has led us! Thank you for how you have sacrificially given for the sake of the gospel among the nations. To God be the Glory!!!

Thank you again for your love and prayers for us! You can find us on Facebook and also at our blog, <http://brianandmandymac.blogspot.com>.

We love you and are so thankful for you as you hold the rope for us.

May God richly bless you!

-Brian, Mandy, Kate, Thomas and Isaiah