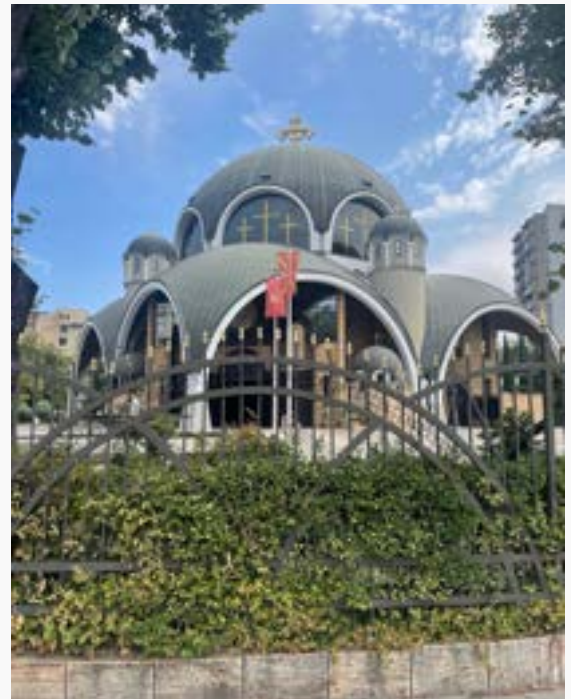


THE BUTLER FAMILY



Northern Macedonia

We arrived in Skopje, Northern Macedonia on August 11th. It is the capital city and is so beautiful. When we first got here we spent time exploring and learning about this city and the people here. There is no Oneness Church here. Northern Macedonia has a population of around 2 million people, with over 300,000 of its residents living in the Skopje area. The official religion of Northern Macedonia is Eastern Orthodoxy. 50% percent of the population identifies as Eastern Orthodox, 35% as Islam, 10% as Protestant Christian, and 5% as other religions. The official language is Macedonian and it is very similar to the Bulgarian language.





The Macedonian Call

While we have been in Skopje, Northern Macedonia we have been engaging in prayer walks, learning the culture, focusing on meeting people with the intention of planting seeds and making connections, while also keeping our focus on Bulgaria as well. We stay in contact daily with our Bulgarian contacts, we push to give Bible studies weekly via zoom to our Bulgarian contacts, and we are continuing our Bulgarian language study. Jonathan is currently taking Level 3 language courses and Amanda will begin Level 1 on September 9.



In Acts 16:9-10 God gave the Apostle Paul a vision in the night of a Macedonian man calling out for help. Luke writes that as he, Paul, Silas, and Timothy discussed this vision, they concluded that God was calling them to preach the Gospel to the Macedonians. At this time Macedonia was no longer a nation, but a Roman province. As they stepped foot off the boat to preach the Gospel on European soil for the first time, they quickly realized that Macedonians worshipped many traditions and they gave themselves to the gods of chaos and drunkenness. But, through the chaos and confusion of a once great Macedonian nation, Paul found people that were hungry for salvation.

Although border lines have shifted after almost 2,000 years the need and the potential remains. Northern Macedonia needs laborers. If you feel burdened for Global Missions and you are not sure where to begin, prayerfully consider a nation such as Northern Macedonia. If you are not able to go, please help us pray that God would send forth laborers into His harvest.

The Macedonian man is still calling for help can you hear him?