

The Butler family

"To love God is to love His will. It is to be content with His timing and wise appointment." -Elizabeth Elliot

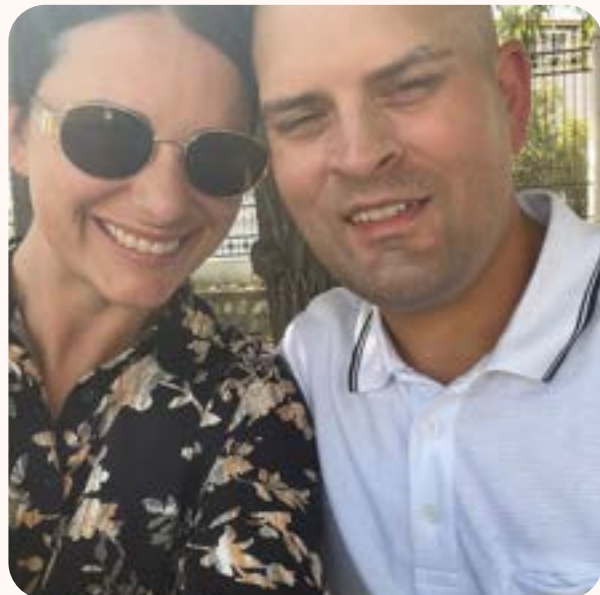
LANGUAGE CLASSES

Amanda started her first Bulgarian online class September 9th. Jonathan is taking his third Bulgarian online class as well. We are taking this time as we wait for the Church to be established and for us to get our visas to build a proper foundation. We have to learn Bulgarian and we want to be able to speak it and write it so that there is no barriers and to be able to translate Bible studies and doctrinal books. We cannot do this on our own. We are not smart enough or good enough but we serve a mighty God! He never sends without equipping! I believe if you do your part, He will help, and He already is! I love the story of Moses and the burning bush. When Moses told God that he was slow of speech, I love the Lord's response! He asked him a very powerful question. Who made your mouth Moses? There have been times we have felt overwhelmed and looked up towards heaven and say how can we do this? How can we learn this? Jesus says who created you? Was it not I?



ECHO'S OF WORSHIP FROM THE PARK

Late on a Wednesday night we heard the echoes of worship music and preaching coming from the nearby park. The preaching was in Macedonian, which is very similar to Bulgarian. Jonathan recognized the phrase, "Покайте се и се обърнете към Исус." (Repent and turn to Jesus). The following night we heard the music and preaching again and Jonathan decided to go see what was going on. When he arrived he saw people praying and some speaking in tongues. He lifted his hands and started praying and an evangelist approached and introduced his self to Jonathan. The group that was helping with this crusade is part of a Trinitarian Pentecostal organization from the UK. They were here helping a Trinitarian Pentecostal church that is in the middle of a church plant. Jonathan joined them for a couple of events the following two afternoons and he made contact with the local pastor and also two preachers from a church called Full Gospel Church in Sofia, Bulgaria. These preachers are trying to arrange a meeting between Jonathan and the pastor when we arrive back in Bulgaria in November. This is a testament of how God works and how He puts people in our path's when we are submitted to His plan.





ORDER OUR STEPS LORD

During one of Amanda's language classes, Jonathan went for a walk with the children. While passing a bus stop, Jonathan was talking to the children and a woman approached and said to Jonathan, "Децета ти са многу красиви." (Your kids are very beautiful) They began to have a basic conversation in Macedonian until another lady approached and asked in English who we are and what we are doing here in Macedonia. Jonathan then explained who we are (Associate Missionaries affiliated with the UPCI) and that we are here to help establish a church in Macedonia. She then responded, "Pentecostals are not popular here." She then exchanged contact info with Jonathan and connected us with the deans of a couple language institutes in Macedonia that she is friends with. She also wanted more info about us so that she could tell her other friends about us. Jonathan told her to share his contact information if anyone is interested in meeting then she volunteered herself to be a translator in a Bible study setting. We thank God for this connection and we are excited to see what God is going to do!



A WONDERFUL VISIT!

Bro. Patterson visited us the last weekend of September. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and encouragement. We went on a prayer walk and prayed over this city. He prayed over us and encouraged us to keep fighting the good fight and stay strong and encouraged. He blessed us very much. We are very grateful for Bro. and Sis. Patterson's leadership!

Keep our family in your prayers, I can't tell all of you enough how much your prayers benefit us! We feel your prayers! Thank all of you for your support and prayers!!