



The Postlewaites in *Bulgaria*

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*"The steadfast love of the LORD
never ceases; his mercies never
come to an end; they are new every
morning; great is your faithfulness."
—Lamentations 3:22-23*

The Lord has mercifully given us many opportunities this year to disciple believers in Pleven, Bulgaria and in other nearby cities and villages as well. We've seen His mercies in the way He gave us strength for a busy summer, which involved many responsibilities at summer camps, hosting two interns, and leading several special events. We see Him faithfully growing individuals, churches, and His kingdom in our corner of Bulgaria. We see Him faithfully providing for our family and ministry needs here through your prayers, support, and encouragement – all of which we are so grateful for!



A recent church service in Pleven

IN PLEVEN

Covid-19 and the bilingual aspect of the church in Pleven have made it more challenging for the people in this young body of Christ to feel connected to each other. We have been so thrilled to see the Lord provide for this need through the starting up of two consistent Bible studies during the week, which people love participating in! More believers from the church in Pleven have started helping with things like worship time, childcare, and outreach events. One teenager from Pleven completed a discipleship Bible study with Jonathan, and we are praying for more people to choose to start this program as well.



A special Palm Sunday Event in Pleven

IN SVISHTOV

Since February, Jonathan has been preaching for the church services in our sister church, Svishtov, while our teammates the Awtreys have been on stateside assignment. After we adjusted to the routine of leading three church services every Sunday, we grew to genuinely love it! We feel so inspired by watching the people in the first Bulgarian church where we served growing in faith and leadership. The student-led youth group which is attended by many non-Christian teens is just one example of this!

IN VILLAGES

The lack of a good location to meet has been a challenge to the small group of believers in the village of Odarne, but the Lord is continuing to grow their faith! One lady recently expressed her desire to be baptized, and we are seeing another young man's life being transformed as Jonathan discipled Him. Please pray that God would provide a building/meeting place for the church in Odarne as well as more opportunities to reach people in this village with the Gospel.

We've had two amazing opportunities this year to organize evangelistic events in the village of Batsova Mahala, where we had an Operation Christmas Child party two years ago. There are a few individuals in this village who have professed faith in Christ, but there is currently no Evangelical church in their area which can help them grow in their faith. Pray that God would bring this about in His timing!



An Easter outreach event in the village of Batsova Mahala

IN THE HEARTS OF OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

Through connections in our neighborhood, our kids' schools, and English classes, the Lord continues to give us opportunities to share truth with people in our community who need to find hope in Him. Amy was recently able to start a "Good News Club" for kids from our children's school which meets in our home on Saturday evenings. Pray that we would have boldness to share the Gospel in our relationships with not-yet-believers and that we would see fruit from the seeds of truth that have been planted in their hearts!



The IM church planting team in Bulgaria has undergone some significant spiritual attacks throughout this year. Pray that God would give all of us wisdom as we try to address a very difficult situation and shepherd people who have been affected by it. We are thrilled that Ken and Jayne Cash finally received their travel visas and plan to join us as teammates in December! As we get ready to enter a new season, we look forward to new opportunities for our family and for those around us to experience His faithfulness and fresh mercies.

We are so thankful for the hope of the Gospel, and for your willingness to help us share it with people in Bulgaria!

—THE POSTLEWAITES

Jonathan, Amy, Anna Grace, Jonna, and Andrew



Five kids from our "Good News Club" completed the discipleship program "The Greatest Journey."

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