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in Sofia, Bulgaria**

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Prayer Requests:

- Church plant: Bible Baptist Church - East
- Salvation: Kenneth, Irina & Zoya; Plamen; Stoyan; Peter; Simeon and Yulia

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

It's hard to believe that another month has already passed us by. We are grateful for your faithful prayers for us over the past month. Your faithfulness is an encouragement. Thank you!

This past month has been a bit of a discouraging time. A few weeks ago, immediately following our Sunday morning service, an argument broke out in the church. One of our faithful ladies is upset with one of the men who come regularly. She somehow has become convinced that he is a murderer who is using our church as a place to hide from the police. The story is rather long and complicated, and it is unclear to me why all of a sudden she has become convinced of this, but it led to a rather intense discussion after the service that carried on for over an hour. In the end, she would not be consoled and said that as long as the other man comes, she will not be coming. Please pray for wisdom in how to communicate with her and how to heal the rift that has now formed.

The following Sunday saw only two people at the service, neither of whom had been there the previous week. They are a retired couple who come about once a month when they are in town. We explained the situation to them and asked them to pray. Then this past Sunday we had an empty church. There were two men who were both working, and so I knew where they were, but it still felt a bit discouraging to have an empty room. Please pray for the Lord to do a work here.

On the encouraging side, our Thursday attendance has increased. One Bulgarian lady, Yulia, has started coming on Sunday afternoon for our English service and then again on Thursday for our Bulgarian Bible study. "By chance" she stopped by on a Friday afternoon while we were at our meeting place to do some cleaning. She said, "I am an Orthodox Christian, but I would like to visit your church, would that be okay?" Of course, we told her everyone is welcome, and we were very pleased to see her the very next Sunday. She told us that while she is Orthodox, at her church, the Bible is not taught, and she has been searching for a place where she can learn the Word of God. Please pray for her to come to know Christ as her Saviour.

For the next 6 months, we will be extra busy, helping out at Bro. Jonathan Owen's church amongst the Roma gypsies, while he is on furlough. We will be helping them with their music as well as preaching once a week.

Until next month, thank you for your prayers and financial support.

In Christ,

Jeff and Grace Shergalis

To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God - Acts 26:18a

