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## Update on the work in Bulgaria

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In 1991 the Lord burdened Pastor Potter's heart for eastern Europe. He called Brother Ralph Cheatwood in Turkey and asked him to make a trip towards Russia to see what the Lord had for us to do in that region. Brother Cheatwood said that he would have to go through Bulgaria to get there. Preacher told him, "Just stop off in Bulgaria first, because that could be where the Lord wants us to start." Through this act of faith the Lord opened an effectual door. Many have been saved, baptized, clothed and fed. Now, Bibles and hymn books are being printed in their language.

**Baptism:** On the banks of this swift running river outside the village of Dobravino, Bulgaria, over 200 believers sing hymns as one by one, new believers enter baptismal waters. Despite debilitating fears of water, cultural superstitions and potential religious persecution, they each in turn openly profess their love and thanksgiving to their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

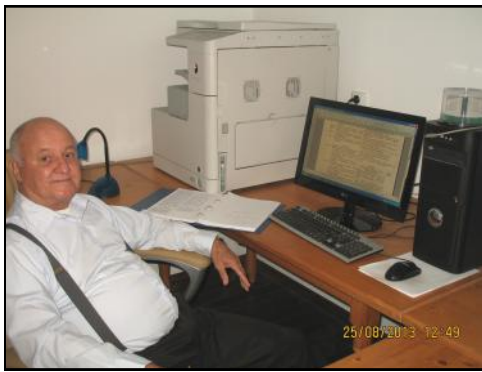


The Missionaries and National Pastors form a line to help them in and out of the rushing water. A lot of faith is needed on their part because this is territory they've never before entered. But the faith they receive as they come up out of the water, as well as the looks on their faces as they raise their hands in praise, can only be described as glorious. They, as well as their friends and family on the banks, are strengthened.

Last year well over 100 believers were baptized, and we eagerly await news of the total number this year. The churches in Bulgaria and Romania continue to grow. Praise the Lord!



*"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." 1 Corinthians 13:13*



## Printing the Bible

Missionary Ralph Cheatwood, Field Director in Bulgaria and Romania, has been translating the King James Bible into Turkish since 1980. It is a life's work, and Brother Ralph is seeing the fruit of his labor, as the Bible is ready for printing.



A few have already been printed and bound - a letter we recently received told of a meeting where Bibles were being given out and the people pressed in, nearly to the point of trampling, to be sure they got a copy of God's Holy Word in their language.

Recently a piece of property was purchased in Avren, Bulgaria, with a house and a factory. There they plan to use one room of the house for the church in that village, while the other rooms will be used for printing and binding of Bibles, as well as hymn books. If you would like to help with the remaining balance of \$19,000 on the purchase of this property and also help with the cost of printing Bibles & hymn books, it would be a blessing to the people of Bulgaria and Romania, to the missionaries, to the mission, and to you.



The cost of printing is as follows:

- One large Bible \$18, One small Bible \$9
- One large New Testament \$4.50, One small New Testament \$2.25
- One large John and Romans with hymns \$2
- One small John and Romans with hymns \$1
- One large hymn book \$1.50, One small hymn book \$.75

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## Coats for Kids

Coats for Kids began in 2008 with a burden on the hearts of Larry & Carrie Leach and just a few coats in the back of their van. The following year it grew to 200 coats. The years following it grew even more - with one thousand coats and socks given out in one winter to needy children and widows. In addition, a DVD copy of a Turkish church service, one of our greatest evangelistic tools in that region, is given to each person.



Winters in Romania and Bulgaria are harsh for anyone, but for the poor, life is much more difficult. A coat and a pair of socks can make a world of difference when you have nothing.

For \$6, a gently used coat and a new pair of socks can be given to a child in need. If you would like to help us reach even more villages this year, please send your donation designated "Coats for Kids" by November 1, 2013.

## Flour and Oil

In addition to the daily bread distributions and feeding centers, we try to help feed the church families by supplementing them with 110 lbs. of flour and over a gallon of oil each winter. This helps get them through the roughest parts of winter when both work and food are scarce. Last year we were able to feed even more than previous years - around 2,000 church families were fed with the flour and oil.

Testimonies are heard in every village, thanking God for providing for them. A woman in the village of Sadovo recounted, *"I am a shut-in and I was going to ask someone to bring me 10 lbs. of flour and when I would receive my pension I would repay them because I had nothing. That same day the Pastor came with a truckload of flour. The Lord gave me ten times more than I asked for! Praise be to God!"*



Also, the children we began to feed many years ago, both at the daily feedings and with the flour and oil, are now grown and beginning lives of their own. Thanks to the hymns and prayers they heard every day, many of them are now saved and are strong, faithful members of the church. They came for the physical bread, but now they have The Bread of Life.

The Lord used you to help us feed these and so many more. Thank you!

We would like to help feed the people again this year. Last year it cost around \$80,000 to feed 2,000 families and we expect it to cost that much and more this year, due to inflation. Please pray with us about this and see if the Lord would have you help feed them.

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### A note from the Director

On behalf of Charity Baptist Mission, I would like to thank everyone who has faithfully labored with us in this ministry. With joy we are sending out this newsletter as a testimony of what great things the Lord hath done. As you can see, the multitudes are still being fed, the naked are being clothed, the gospel is being preached, and the Bible is being published. To God be the Glory! We rejoice in seeing how through faith your prayers have carried this work to the Throne of God, and through your financial support you have helped carry this work to foreign fields. We are also waiting with anticipation to see what the Lord will do next. Our desire is to continue feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, preaching the gospel unto the poor, and publishing the word of God. Through your continued prayers and support this will also come to pass.

As a final note, I would like to thank everyone who has prayed for me during the time of my wife's struggle with cancer and her passing. I can stand with the Apostle Paul and say God's grace is truly sufficient. Rev. Mike Nixon

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### Brookside Baptist Church Fall 2013 Camp Meeting

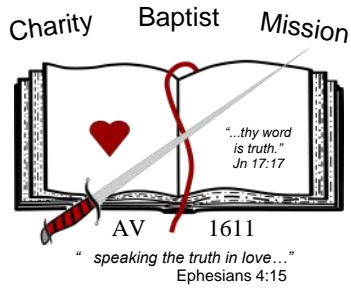
**October 28<sup>th</sup> - November 1<sup>st</sup> and Home coming on October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Services: Monday 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Tuesday - Friday 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

#### CAMP MEETING DATES

**March** - Last Monday & week following, **July** - Last Monday & week following **October** - Last Monday & week following

# Missionaries to the Turkish-Speaking People in Eastern Europe



Ralph & Sandy Cheatwood



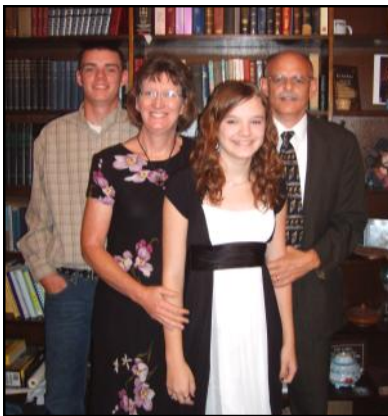
Dave Turner & Family



Brother Mitko & Family



Matthew Welch & Family



Frank Cornelius & Family



Nathan Reed & Family



Zachary LeFevre & Family



Robert Shrader



Larry Leach, Jr. & Family



William LeFevre & Family

*"And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Rom 10:15*