

The Matthew Welch Family

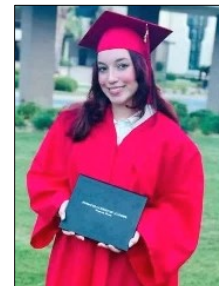
Serving the Lord in BULGARIA and ROMANIA

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Dear Pastors, Churches, and Fellow Saints,

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

I am very thankful that the Lord blessed my wife and me with ten beautiful children and eleven grandchildren. Our youngest daughter, Charity, graduated from Pensacola Christian Academy in May. We are very proud of her and thankful for everyone who helped her accomplish this. We are also grateful for the time we could train her in the “way” she should go.



I'm thankful for that way, also known as the gloryland way, the old paths, the gospel road, the right way (Gen. 24:48), his way (Deut. 8:6), the good and the right way (Isa. 12:23), thy way (Ps. 25:4), and God's way (Acts 16:17). It's a glorious, blessed, satisfying, peaceful, and life-giving way. I entered the way in 1979; I received the Lord Jesus Christ (the way, the truth, the life, John 14:6) as my Lord and Savior and was translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son. It's a wonderful way.


We are not only admonished to train up a child in the way he should go, but we also have the promise that when he is old, he will not depart from it. It's the way he was trained in, always before him, written in his heart, and he can't depart from it.

I believe the prodigal son was trained in God's way. Yet when he left, he couldn't help but compare the “bad way” to the “good way.” He went from being “in want” to having “bread enough and to spare,” from not “worthy to be called thy son” to “this my son,” from “took his journey into a far country” to “I will arise and go to my father,” from “fain have filled his belly with the husks” to feasting on “the fatted calf,” and from sent to the fields of swine to the father having compassion on him, kissing him, and receiving him safe and sound. What a blessing! No matter how far he strayed from his father's way, he could never get so far that the way he was brought up in departed from him. As a Christian father, I take great solace in the promises of God found throughout the scriptures. *For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us* (2 Cor. 1:20).

Concerning our new building in Avren, Bulgaria, we have started to hold church services. Our families meet here to have an English service on Sundays. Bibles and songbooks in the Bulgarian and Turkish languages are printed and bound here. We are close to finishing the building, but still have a little ways to go. We cannot express enough our thankfulness to all who prayed and helped out financially.



All because of Calvary,


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