## The Matthew Welch Family

## Serving the Lord in BULGARIA and ROMANIA

July - August 2024

Dear Pastors Churches and Fellow Saints.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed because his compassions fail not. Lamentations 3:22 Greetings in the blessed name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To begin with, I would like to thank the Lord for the time we could be with our family and friends during our stay in America. We miss all of you and are encouraged and blessed to see you again.

While in America we were privileged to preach the word of God and present the work God has called us to in Bulgaria. We visited churches in Alabama, Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee. We are grateful for these meetings and for the prayers and support of all of our churches and individuals.

During our stay in America, I suffered some serious problems with my right knee. The diagnosis was osteoarthritis. The cartilage in the knee joint had deteriorated and the joint was bone on bone. It was determined that I needed to have a total knee replacement. Dr. Bryant was the Orthopedic surgeon who operated on me.

On August 30<sup>th</sup> the surgery was successfully preformed. Since then, I have been recuperating and getting around with a walker and a cane. I have physical therapy twice a week and things are progressing well. We want to thank all of you that helped us during this difficult time. We appreciate your concern, love and prayers.

We are looking forward to returning to Bulgaria on November 6<sup>th</sup>. We have lived as missionaries overseas since 1993 and consider it to be "home".

We thank the Lord for allowing us the blessings of being a part of this work all these years. We have seen many souls saved, many churches started, and so many needs, both physical and spiritual, have been met. And you, our dear supporting friend's family and churches, have had a part in this ministry also.

May the Lord bless each and every one of you as you have blessed us.

All because of Calvary,

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