The William LeFevre Family

Missionaries in Bulgaria

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"Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God: Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever: Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry..." Psalm 146:5-7

To family, friends, and fellow saints,

"Thank you", is a good way to start out any letter; "Thanks be to God", is even better; both are appropriate. Thank you all for your obedience to the Lord; for your love and liberality; for your faithfulness and willingness to help. Because of your subjection to the Spirit and obedience to His will, multitudes here in Bulgaria have been blessed.

Throughout the month of February and into the first weeks of March, we were able to distribute over seventy tons of flour and seven thousand liters of oil to over fourteen hundred families. We had additional help this year in unloading and carrying, making things quicker and easier. Ben Miller, from our home church in Bristol, might look like a beanpole, but he can sling fifty-pound bags of flour like tossing feather pillows. James Chavis, from Murphy, NC, and his son Jack helped immensely. Jack is only eleven years old but worked non-stop all day in the back of the flour truck carrying bags. The LeFevre trio, Carrick, Levi, and Christian provided comic relief in addition to strong muscles and a willingness to work. Praise the Lord for the strength He provided all of us, and the joy that made the work easy.

I recall to mind the founder of our mission board, Preacher Fred Potter's testimony of the first time he ever heard of the "Lord", when as a little boy in the early thirties, someone brought his struggling family some groceries. "The Lord sent this to you all through the Siam Baptist Church." It made an impression he never forgot or got over: that whomever the "Lord" was, He knew of him and his need and had sent to his relief. Who knows how many souls have come to the same realization through a bag of flour and bottle of oil? That the God of heaven had them on His mind, and knowing their plight, had already orchestrated their help. How many of you, in simple faith and obedience, gave, trusting that the gift would be blessed, never fathoming the extent of the blessing? If you think about it, that little sack of groceries given in the name of the Lord started a chain reaction that continues to this day. And the flour and oil your charity provided will have consequences that echo through eternity. I wonder even now, if God hasn't planted a seed in the heart of a future gypsy Fred Potter, all because a little band of believers ten thousand miles away gave what they could to the Lord.

Pray for the work, please. We said goodbye to a dear brother and a faithful pastor on the 16th of March. Brother Demir was only 57 years old but had spent most of his life in service to the Savior. He said he learned to read the Turkish bible in church. As a new Christian, he'd take the morning bus out to some village and read the scripture, sounding out the letters to form the words, to anyone who had the patience to listen. He read all the way until the evening bus came and he'd take it home. At the time of his departure, he was pastoring eleven churches. Brother Matt Welch, Demir's closest friend and fellow laborer in the gospel, is continuing in Demir's place. Please keep him and the churches in your prayers. Pray seriously, earnestly, that the Lord would call young men from among our meetings to the ministry.

We love and miss y'all. Pray for us. Pray God would work mightily in us and through us, and that in every meeting of ours we'd see His power on full display and His glory on every countenance. Pray for my little family.

Because of a living Savior,

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