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## CHRISTMAS APPEAL & NEWS UPDATE

**PLEASE SCROLL DOWN FOR OUR IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS APPEAL!**

Greetings from everyone at Krasif Aid. As we all continue to cope with the many challenges that COVID 19 has created, we trust in the words of Psalm 46 that... "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." We pray this for you, and also our many friends in Bulgaria where sadly the pandemic has recently accelerated, and is now affecting a number of the care institutions where we have worked for many years.



**Kachulka Home**



**Pensioners Home**



**Tvarditsa Home**



**Ladies Safe House**

**This is the latest news from Pastor Iuri & Plamena from Sliven Baptist Church...**

***We do hear news about England and the restrictions for you. The situation is very difficult and we hold you in our prayers. Unfortunately, the situation here is not much better. Contrary to what we had in the spring time, the crisis with COVID in Bulgaria is getting out of control now.***

***At Kachulka a few people died, and we heard about COVID in Tvarditsa where 30 people from the staff and 5 from the residents are infected. At the Old People's home there are people who died and in the Ladies Safe House, 5 out of 8 women and 4 staff are infected."***

***(NB. There are over 200 residents all with disabilities at both Kachulka and Tvarditsa homes, and more than 100 at the Pensioners home.)***

***"We also have COVID in the family, Iuri's brother's family in Stara Zagora), and in our church, only Yura & Angel for now. Our hospitals have limited capacities and there are many doctors who are also ill. At the same time the students still go to school, except the High Schools and Universities. These times are a big challenge for all of us and we know that the only hope for quick solution is in God."***

**As we hear the encouraging news of a possible vaccine on the horizon, we pray that Bulgaria will have the resources to access this when available.**

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## CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020... Can you Help?



Due to COVID, this Christmas is going to be different for most of us, and for those living in some of the protected homes and institutions in Bulgaria, even more so. They are often quite isolated anyway, and after a year with little outside contact, and certainly without any of the usual Krasif Aid team visits, we want to make their Christmas a little better.

With our help, Church partners are ready to provide Christmas gifts for the residents of key places where we have long-term connections, and even some essentials for those in need in the wider communities. One recent major donation has already been allocated for this purpose and if you would like to contribute, making this Christmas special for some of the most vulnerable people in Bulgaria, please contact us. **THANK YOU!**



## **NEW HEATING SYSTEM...**

### **SLIVEN BAPTIST CHURCH...**

***And there is another important financial need at this time too. Pastor Iuri & Plamena write... The board of the church had a meeting last week. With the coming winter we are going to face a big problem with the heating of the church. Our two old air conditioners haven't been able to heat the place even when we used them at the same time and overloaded heavily the electrical system to the extent that the main fuse would switch off.***

***With the Covid epidemic we are trying not to use them during the services so that the circulation of the air will not spread viruses. We try to warm the place before people come and then switch them off. This is going to be a big challenge for the coming cold months. There is a possibility to buy a new heating system (infrared panels for the ceiling) which will not circulate the air and will be more economical with the electricity. The new heating system would cost us at about 2500 Leva (£1200) which is impossible for us. If you think that you could share this need with people who would be ready to help us, we would be very grateful.***

***There are other needs like the old power point which has dots on all the screen and would switch itself off several times during the services, but the heating is our priority now.***

**We will meet this need and already have a pledge of £500 towards this vital new heating system. Again, if you can help, please contact us now.**

# CHRISTMAS CREATIONS

## from KRASIF AID

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Sadly due to COVID, our annual Christmas Craft Fair had to be cancelled, but we still have our popular **Embroidered Bunting** made at the Blue House in Sliven, Bulgaria, available to buy. There are many Christmas designs plus a huge range for every name and occasion. The price is £1.50 for each letter or symbol.



We also have a supply of the lovely **Felt Christmas Decorations** which our good friend Pauline Woodhall in Aldridge has been producing for many years. These are always in high demand too! Priced at £3.50 (£4 for round nativity)

Plus many **Table Runners** at £10

All items are free postage in the UK.

**Please contact  
Chris to order..**



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***Many Blessings at Christmas!***

So, as a year like no other draws to an end, may we thank all of the friends of Krasif Aid for your continued faithful support of the projects and people of Bulgaria during such difficult times.



**We pray that you will truly experience the  
Peace of God in your lives and homes this  
Christmas season.**

**With Many Blessings, *Brian & Chris* x**



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