

**November, 2025**



*Dear friends, brothers and sisters in Christ,*

We have gone through a very busy year and didn't realize how quickly we came to its last months.

We thank you all for your prayers for us and friendship connections because despite that we haven't written a newsletter for a while, we have been in touch with many of you, and many of you have shown interest in our life and ministry in Sliven and it was very special that some of you personally visited us this year and with some of you we have met for the first time like Tim and Claire. The time with all of you was very refreshing and encouraging.

Despite the long waiting for the plans for renovation in the Blue house (Christian café-bookshop), which we hope will be finished soon, God blessed us with very dynamic months.



We were able to spend very good time with people from the church organizing several trips to places in



Bulgaria and had the opportunity to reach new children and families through the children week in the summer, some of whom come to church now.



We are also very happy that Victor and Eva had the possibility to go to a Christian summer camp again this year, but this time Victor was invited as a helper and did very well. The organizers shared with us that some of the children were saying that when they grow up they also want to become helpers like him!

With friends from Germany, again in the summer, we organized evangelism evening in the park of the village Glushnik, where we have a Bible group, also in the Social Home in Tvarditsa, reaching hundreds of people with the good news for Christ. In October we



were invited as guests for the anniversary of the institution. We were very excited to see a report from the

years in which we saw many of your faces with words of gratitude for the friendship between the church and the institution.

God has also been faithful to our ministry in the Blue House. The work with the people with disabilities continues and praise the Lord since September we have one year more sponsorship from the Load Work Services, covering



75% from the wage of the lady who works

there. Unfortunately, we struggle with the other 25% for Maryika and Plamy's personal wage taxes because what we receive as monthly taxes from the group covers only the running costs. The sponsorship for the Blue House from Krasif Aid also stopped in the summer which left us in a difficult position especially having in mind the difficult winter with growing expenses and with the change from Leva to Euro very soon.



Of course, we are very thankful to Krasif Aid for the many years of support for the church and the Blue House but they have informed us that the charity will be closing in the next two years and the support for the church will finish in the summer of 2027. They have been our main donor for our personal wages and through that help we have been able to serve God in Sliven. We still have the calling to serve God in our place and remain faithful to our ministry here with the hope and dream to develop it further also with business activity in the Blue House in order to become self-sustained but in the mean time we need your support for our personal expenses and we hope that even after the end of Krasif Aid, especially those of you who have supported us through Krasif Aid, you will continue to support us for the work we do here in Bulgaria. Unfortunately, we are facing according to all prognoses several difficult years because of the Euro zone, but we will continue to learn even more to "walk by faith not by sight" (2Kor 5:7).

This year we have had many challenges as a family, too, and with your prayers God has brought us through.

Praise the Lord, the reason for Eva's aches in the stomach area was discovered. It turned to be a gynecological problem and now we pray and hope that she is going through the right treatment. In few months time she will have a control check.

Victor is doing very well at university, looking for a job and studding new programs which we hope that will expand his chances to start working in his specialty soon. In the meantime, he is able to serve faithfully and actively in the church and is very helpful for us. We highly appreciate the support from some of you for his training.



Yulia is great joy and blessing for the family. On 1<sup>st</sup> November she became 8 years old and is already making plans for her next birthday 😊 She goes to piano lessons because her dream is to play in the church and she is already participating in the worship. Unfortunately, we do not



have an appropriate piano at home, except a very old, over 30 years, keyboard, and now except all other expenses, we are trying to save little by little for a low-class piano but with the full 88 keys. If anyone has at heart this need, with great joy we would accept your support for that.

Now, we are heading towards Christmas and we are asking God to give us the strength and wisdom as well as open doors, especially in the institutions which we would like to visit, to help the people around us understand the real reason for our celebration!

**We would really value your prayers for:**

- Eva's treatment and positive and permanent reaction to it;
- For our personal financial situation in order to continue our ministry in Sliven;
- For our country and the transition from Leva to Euro. Many people are discouraged because the prices are rapidly going up, the growth in the wages can not compensate the inflation and especially the older generations do not understand the Euro;
- For the plans for the Blue House and the project for Christian café-bookshop, and open doors before the authorities for us in this difficult task, given the large and slow bureaucracy in Bulgaria;

Thank you for spending your time to read our newsletter and for being our partners in prayer.

**If you also consider to support us financially, you could use our bank account:**

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We so much appreciate every support that we have received and ask God to reward each one of you who has done it for us and who wants to do it in the future (Philippians 4:19).

We wish you all very blessed time personally, as families and as churches at Christmas.

*With love in Christ,*

*Yuri & Plamy*

*Victor, Eva and Yulia*