

THE SHERGALIS FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO BULGARIA



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Dear Fellow Laborers,

We are nearing the end of the summer and along with that the days are growing shorter and the temperatures a little cooler. It seems to be a perfect metaphor for the state of our world today. Time is growing shorter and hearts are growing colder. But what I find interesting in the analogy is that this is also the “harvest” season. We praise the Lord that even though it seems many have grown cold, there are still some who will receive Him. With that in mind, let me share a wonderful story about a man named Ivo.

During the month of February we received a postage response card from a prisoner named Ivo who is battling cancer. He said he was interested in taking our correspondence Bible study course—a five lesson course designed to lead a person to Christ. We have been corresponding with him since the end of February. Near the end of June, Ivo sent back the fifth and final lesson of the first course. We had been unsure of his salvation up to that point, as in many ways it sounded like he understood the Gospel. But in reading his answers to the final lesson it became clear that he was not saved and that there were some things he did not understand regarding salvation. We sent him back a lengthy letter going through the material in the last lesson along with explaining the Gospel again. We also sent him the text of a lesson I had taught in our weekly Bible study on the topic of salvation. We did not hear back from him for quite some time and I began to think that we might not hear from him again. But just a couple of weeks ago we received a letter from him with these words, “Thank you for the course and your letter, I now know that I have been born again and am assured of eternal life because I have trusted Christ as my Saviour.” Praise the Lord! What a blessing it was to read that letter. Please continue to pray for Ivo. He is now taking the second course we have which is about Christian growth. Also pray for him regarding his battle with cancer. He is in his 30’s and is going through his second round of chemotherapy. I know he will be encouraged to know that many people are praying for him.

Another surprise happened just yesterday. Last year around November our landlord disappeared and we were not able to get in touch with him. It is a long story, but he had been in the hospital and was not able to communicate with anyone. Yesterday I had to meet with him so that we could go to a notary office to sign some documents that we need for our visa renewal. As he got in the car he began to open up to me and explain what had happened last year along with several other things from his life. As we finished at the notary, he asked me if I had time to get some lunch so he could talk to me more about these things and about our church. He was completely broken and searching for answers. I was able to share the Gospel with him and he has agreed to read the book of John over the next month. His name is Peter. Please pray for him and for me to have wisdom as I talk to him about the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Lastly, thank you for continuing to pray for us. From September 10–21 we will be in the Ukraine helping out with the Couriers for Christ campaign in Kiev. It was 15 years ago that we took our first trip with CFC and the Lord used their ministry to lead us to Bulgaria. We are looking forward to the fellowship as we serve the Lord together in a nearby harvest field.

In Christ,
Jeff and Grace Shergalis

Prayer Requests:

1. Vladimir, Krassie, Deanna, Katerina, Richard, Plamen, Eftim & Virginia, Peter
2. Ivo—to grow in Christ and strength as he battles cancer
3. Church plant - Bible Baptist Church - East

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