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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

Greetings and a very Happy New Year to all of you. We are thankful for all of you and your faithfulness to remember us in prayer. It seems like it was just moments ago we were all welcoming in 2020 and now here we are at the beginning of 2021. While 2020 presented many challenges for all of us, as we look back in reflection we can see the Lord's hand guiding, directing and blessing us all along the way. As the psalmist so rightly observed: "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation" (Ps. 68:19). Whenever I read those words I can't help but picture one of those giant earthmover trucks filled to the brim with God's blessing, backing up to our front yard and emptying its load...only to return again tomorrow to bring us more.

While we did face several weeks of lockdowns, as did the rest of the world, we still were able to distribute close to 50,000 gospel tracts over the past year. Due to the lockdowns we did close down our services for around 6 weeks, but this led us to start recording a short message each week and posting it on Facebook, YouTube and our website. After we started meeting again, we continued to record our Sunday morning messages and to post them online. Only eternity will tell the impact that those messages will have. We do know that they are shared and viewed by many people each week, and we have even seen a visitor come because of the recordings.

With restrictions that limited some of our public outreach, it allowed us some time to work on several other projects. About a week before Christmas we were able to pick up the first 500 copies of the "done." book along with 500 copies of another extended gospel tract—"The Gospel of Jesus Christ to the World". We also used the time to translate and layout a second, regular length gospel tract—"The Good News". Along with the evangelism resources, we also were able to have the first two books of a four book discipleship curriculum translated. So while 2020 forced all of us to change, cancel and modify many plans, we are so thankful for the Lord allowing us to finish several of these projects.

While we have seen this past year have a huge financial impact around the world, we have been amazed at the faithfulness of the Lord and His people. We are so thankful for our supporters who have remained faithful in spite of the challenges, and because of your faithfulness we have been able to see these projects through. Thank you!

In closing, we wanted to let you know about our furlough plans for 2021. In December we purchased our plane tickets and are planning to be in the US from April 2nd until August 2nd. We are in the process of contacting churches now to schedule a time to come and give an update on the work here in Bulgaria. With our furlough being only four months long, unfortunately, we will not be able to report back to all of you, but we will do our very best to report to as many of you as we can.

In Christ,

Jeff and Grace Shergalis

Prayer Requests:

1. Vladimir, Krassie, Deanna, Katerina, Richard, Plamen, Eftim & Virginia, Peter, Yanka
2. Ivo—to grow in Christ and strength as he battles cancer

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