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# Burkey Beacon

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Dear Friend,

We hope this letter finds you enjoying the Lord and all He has for you this summer.

For our family, this is a summer of camps as we have seen Seth and

Lauren off to Missionary Kid camp. Lauren is now preparing for her mission trip to South Africa, and the rest of our family will head down to Lake Ohrid July 12th for our summer project and English camp called Speak Out. It is a busy summer, in ministry and within our family but we are enjoying the Lord, our friends, and one another. We pray the same for you.

As our kids get older and are presented with many new challenges, it is fun to see them take steps of faith and take advantage of camps and mission trips where other adults and children can influence them toward faith in God and righteous daily living. Lauren is looking forward to learning how to share her faith and having opportunities to experience the Lord use her there in South Africa this summer. **Please pray** for her safety and for God to work in and through her during the dates of July 17th-Aug13th. God brought in all Lauren's financial support—Thank you!

*"...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

**Acts 1:8**

→ Lauren

## Sending to the World

Since we moved here to Macedonia 12 years ago to train Macedonian staff, our dream has been that one day, this small country would become a sending nation. We are happy to share that we are on the verge of seeing that dream become a reality! Over the past two years we have had the privilege and responsibility of training Kremena Dimitrova (Kremi), a Bulgarian staff, as her country no longer had the capacity to train new staff.

As our staff and students have come to love Kremi, our hearts have grown for the people in the country that she loves. She passionately shares how in the city of Sofia, Bulgaria, there are 80,000 college students and Cru no longer has a presence there. We believe that God placed Kremi with us these past two years to lift up our eyes so that we would consider how the Lord might want to use our small country to bless the nations with the Good News of Jesus. With her training complete, she will now be returning to Sofia this Fall, and we hope to not send her alone.

Adam has been working on a team that has been dreaming and considering over this past year how we could help Kremi and the situation in Sofia. There has been much prayer and discussion and as a result, this team has felt the Lord leading Macedonia to give of our resources and personnel to help re-launch the Cru college ministry in Sofia. We believe that Macedonian missionaries will be very effective, having similar cultures, religious traditions, and language.

## Sending to the Nations continued...

We have seen the Lord raise up two Macedonian staff who are willing to go, Tanja and Boro Gjorgiev, as well as three graduating students: Antonio Velinov, Atse Aleksovski, and Andrijana Dimova. These graduates have chosen to take at least one year after graduation and serve together with Kremi and our staff couple in Sofia. They will daily meet with students, building relationships and providing different trainings and experiences for them, all the while sharing with these students their love for Jesus and His amazing love for them.

They will lead Bible studies and group discussions, creating an atmosphere where students can investigate the Christian faith and grow in their understanding of God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Our short term team will also be involved in a local Bulgarian church where they can minister and receive care but also where they can bring students to incorporate them into a local body of believers. We are so thankful to the Lord for His work in each of their lives to bring them to the point of being willing to say, like the prophet Isaiah, "Here I am, send me!"

## STINT TEAM TO BULGARIA



This is the first partnership between our ministry in Macedonia and another nation. Macedonia has been blessed by the Lord to overflow and send out to reach another nation with the good news of Jesus. **The dream is becoming reality!**

One big thing that we still need to trust the Lord for is the prayer and financial support team for our three graduating students. **Please pray** that the Lord will raise up teams of believers who will stand behind them in prayer and be willing to give generously in order to help make this ministry a reality!

## “SPEAK OUT” SUMMER PROJECT

Tuesday, July 12th, starts one of our highlights of the ministry here in Macedonia. **Speak Out**, our English Camp and Summer Project, is happening for the 5th summer and this year we are trusting God to once again work in the lives of many students. So far, there are a total of 80 campers to learn English signed up for these two weeks. Please pray for boldness and clarity for our



tutors when sharing about Jesus with these campers and that the campers' hearts would be open and ready to receive Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Please also pray for our Summer Project happening alongside our English camp, where 5 Slovakian students and 20 Macedonian students will receive teaching and training and will share their faith with others there on the beaches.

Thank you for your prayers and your partnership with us!

*Adam & Amy, Lauren, Seth, & Nathan Burkey*