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Together Reaching Macedonian Students for Christ

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Dear friend,

Recently I heard a sermon about the global pandemic and how this situation brought us to the well-known and widely used term "social distance". The theme of this sermon that I have heard and which I believe has become a universal theme in most of the churches around the world is in fact "The day when God decided to keep us at a social distance."

Immediately with this comes the question: "Why God decided so"? We are witnessing many lost lives, many sad families who have lost their loved ones. And we wonder—why God? One thing we must not forget is that God, despite the fact that we are sinners and the world is completely infected by sin, did not decide to keep us at a social distance, but instead, 2000 years ago He came between us.

John 1:14 *"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

We must not forget God's sacrificial love for us sinners who live in this sinful world without the knowledge of tomorrow, but only the hope that God is in complete control. We must always remember what in fact God did for us. Apostle Paul reminds us in

Philippians 2: 5-8 *"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!"*

Such great sacrifice, humility and devotion we can only see in pure love, and that is our God who accepted us unconditionally. It is up to us to be grateful and to rejoice. And Peter reminds us why we should rejoice and give thanks.

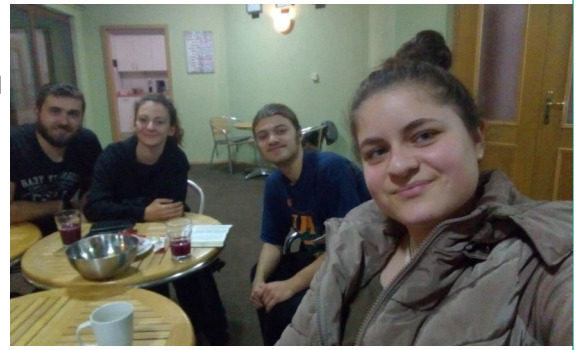
1Peter 1: 3-6 *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials"*

Gabi and I, together with our children constantly remember you and your family in our prayers. We are immensely grateful to God for your prayers and your sacrifice to give from your finances for us and our ministry. Only God knows how grateful we are and we ask our Heavenly Father to bless your generous heart according to His mercy and grace.



Need for Workers!

Last week I had a conversation with Zlatko and Bobi, fellow staff that I mentor and are leaders of the two local SLM teams each consisting of 7 full time missionaries. One of their unexpected concerns is the lack of workers. We have many more students who want to have discipleship but we do not have enough staff. Our plans and prayers for this semester are to focus more on training and strengthening the older faithful students who will be able to lead the new believers in faith and maturity in Christ. Please pray that we will set a good strategy for training and equipping these students, so they can begin discipleship with others.



Mark is one of the students who has great zeal to tell his friends about Jesus. From left to right on the picture (Bobi a local team leader that I mentor, his wife Renata, Mark and Eli.)

Mark, the guy in the middle has very interesting story. For his 16th birthday he got an idea to start reading one book per week. He went to some local second hand book store and bought different books. One of them was the Bible and God revealed Himself to Mark by reading through the Bible. That trigger interest in him so he start reading and studying different religious books and at the end he realized that Jesus is the only Way. That knowledge strengthen his faith. Now Mark is involved in a discipleship with Bobi and God is giving him courage and some great ideas on how to reach his generation. Please pray that Mark will stay strong in his faith and will continue to grow.



Christmas workshop for the ladies where Gabi shared the story about Jesus!

Our family and home community group!

Home school for Luka who is in 5th grade and Filip in 3rd grade is a big challenge for us. Having the girls home all the time (Adelina is 3 and Anastasia almost 2) is very fun but also requires our whole time and attention. Gabi is also in a full time ministry like me and is responsible for six other womens who are full time involved in the student ministry. All this is very challenging for us as parents and but by God's grace for now we are managing and having fun but by 9.00pm we have no strength and we are ready to sleep. Two weeks ago we spent one weekend with Gabi's parents and we were so happy to see our nephew Mladen (you prayed for him when he was seriously injured from bike fall and his life is a miracle from God). Mladen's parents, Bobi and Rose, who live in the Czech Republic started reading the Bible and accepted Jesus. Pray for them to find a church-community where they can continue to grow in their faith.



We rejoice greatly for our home community group. We meet every week (still on Zoom) and I lead time in the Word and now we study the Gospel of John. Please pray for Goran and Verica; Tony and Dragana; Joco and Elena; and Elena who are part of this home community group. Pray for God to strengthen them in their faith. Pray for our IMB partners Jeff and Amy, they are currently home in Arkansas and are returning on February 26. We look forward to continuing with them in building the home church in our neighborhood.

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