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Prayer Letter

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Dear valued partners,

On the whole, things are going well in Bulgaria. The following is some news and items for prayer.

New projects

The charity to which we are seconded sponsored a trip to the States for us to develop new projects.

In regards to the small group home, our American friends have agreed to buy a plot of land where the home will be situated. The idea is to buy a sizable plot of land. We will begin with one home but we are hoping to use the land to develop a farm for the residents and also set up camp where disabled kids from all over Bulgaria can come and have educational but fun breaks. Disabled kids in Bulgaria do not really get treated to anything like this. So this is something we are very eager to do. Next week I am going to visit a friend in Romania who used to go to our church in England. Ben and his wife Maria have already set up a camp in Romania for disabled kids. Throughout the year these kids come from all over Romania to their home in the mountains for two weeks of fun.

Also, some years ago while we lived in Kazanlak we became very friendly with two Australian mission couples. They have since left but feel that God is calling them back to Bulgaria. I have spoken to them about joining us to help run this new project. They are very keen. Please pray that God will make the way for them to join us. It just so happens that one of them has spent the last year working on a farm that is used to offer therapy to kids with behavioural difficulties.

We are very excited by this project and feel it can be something that God can use mightily to further his kingdom here in Bulgaria.

Please pray that God's hand really moves so that we can find suitable land. Also please pray that our relations with



the authorities continue to move forward on a positive note. For the project to be a success it is vital that we have a good working relationship with the authorities. Please pray that God will send the right people along to help us on this project

Day care centre

The Cedar office still runs in Kasanlak and just recently they won a grant for €150,000 to open up a day care centre for disabled kids in the town. This centre will be instrumental in ensuring that disabled kids don't get dumped in institutions permanently because the authorities have not provided any kind of services in order to help parents hold down a job and look after their own kids. Please pray for the Kazanlak office and in particular Ella the Ukrainian lady who runs it. She has a lot of responsibility on her shoulders – without her we could not do the things we do in that region.



Ella

Gorna Kosnitsa

We are hoping that by the end of the month work will have started on the building of the family-type centres for the disabled kids from Gorna Kosnitsa. In total we are hoping to create eight new homes for these residents. Please pray that the builders stick to budget and do a good job.

Family news

Penny has a big concert this Saturday. She is singing with a band called 'Blu Baloo'. They are performing at one of the main concert halls in Sofia. The kids are still doing well at school. Caleb's hair has grown back so he has stopped wearing his hat every minute of the day. However, he keeps the hat in his pocket for safe keeping, just in case.

On 5 April we are about to head to Romania for a family holiday. Please pray that we get to spend quality time with the Lord, with each other and with the kids. Mark had the honour last week of being the special guest of the Irish President Mary McAleese. The visit was a great success and afterwards the President paid tribute to the work of the foundation to an audience of 200 top officials (among whom was the President of Bulgaria). See the photo!



*Kind Regards,
The O' Sullivans*

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