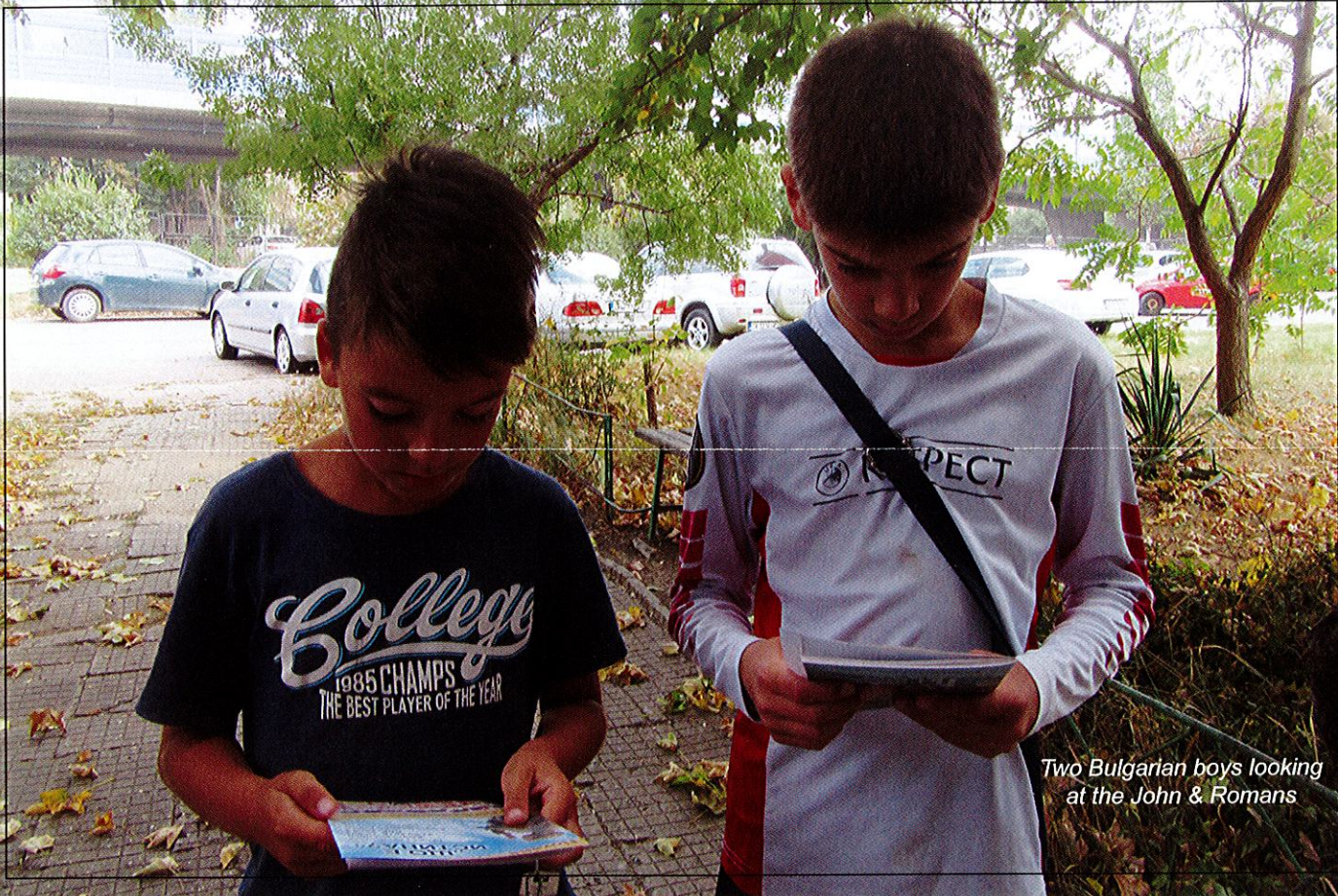


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Two Bulgarian boys looking at the John & Romans

### **Campaign Testimony**

by Dave Strottmann

It was great to work with you and the rest of the Couriers team in Sophia. When 30 plus Baptists can work in harmony for two weeks you know the Lord is in it!

I gained a much greater appreciation for the struggles missionaries face (language, culture, loneliness) and the important ministry of Couriers for Christ. Although the primary purpose of the campaign was to sow a lot of seed to help kick start Brother and Sister Shergalis' efforts to start a work in Bulgaria, to have the Couriers team join them for a brief but intense time has to be a big encouragement to them, as well as to the other missionaries that joined us for the campaign.

Although it was great to be immersed in the work of the Lord on the mission field every day for two weeks, I think all of us on the campaign were challenged by the preaching to strive to do more for Him after returning home.

Thank you for your service; and please convey my appreciation to the rest of the Couriers team for such a well-organized and spiritually profitable campaign.

### **Misconstrued Perceptions**

by Andrea Nymeyer  
forward by Don Stertz

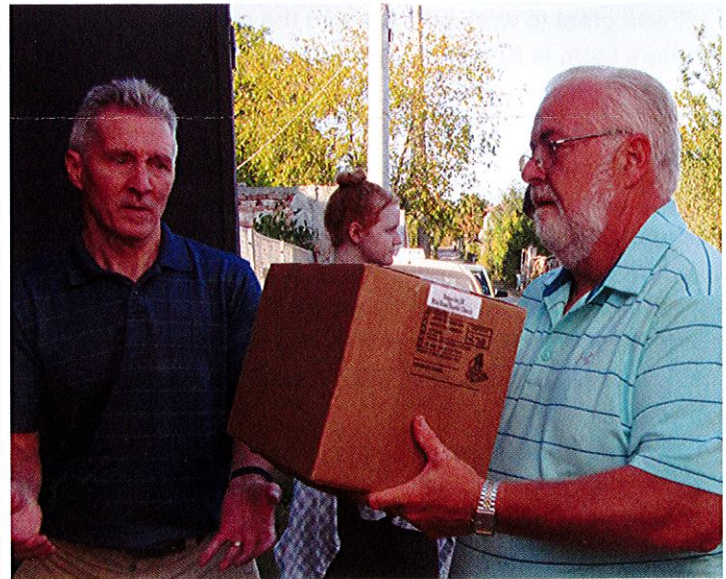
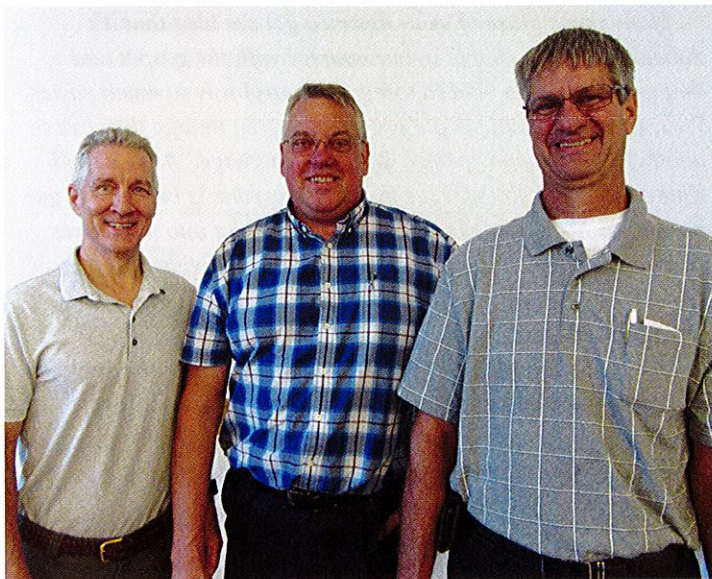
*Many times those of us in America get the idea that it's difficult reaching people in our country with the gospel and that on the mission field (a foreign country) it is so much easier. Well, remember that people are sinners even though they live in another country and speak a different language. As you read Andrea's article you will see that not everyone is begging to get the gospel. Note: it is legal to place literature into mailboxes in Eastern Europe; however, sometimes an individual in an apartment building takes it upon himself to keep others from receiving a John & Romans.*

We were inserting literature into mailboxes in a building that had over 80 mailboxes when a lady came in and kicked us out. We were really frustrated because there were so many boxes we had not yet filled. That lady was denying everyone else in the building a chance to receive our literature just because she didn't like what we were doing. We finished the housing section and walked back by the building to find that the door was ajar! We went back in and finished it up super fast, praying all the time that she wouldn't show up again, and she never did!!

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We were waiting to get into a building when a lady came up with a John & Romans book, tore it, and threw it at us. Then she grabbed three or four out of our box and threw them on the ground. She was of course yelling the whole time, but we continued talking to each other in English (Rocco Maulucci, Missionary Nick Maulucci's son, pretended not to know Bulgarian). A few doors later the same lady came up and started yelling again. When she walked away, a man standing there started to tell Rocco what she said because he thought we didn't understand. Rocco told the guy what had happened, and he said she was crazy. Goes to show not all the people hate us, but the ones that do sure make for good stories!



Top: Andrea placing an invitation and John & Romans into a mailbox  
Middle left: Andrea (center) with team prepared to distribute literature in the apartments  
Middle right: Grace Shergalis, Samantha Sandy, and Andrea with cart full of Bulgarian invitations  
Bottom left: The three Daves! Dave Strottmann, Dave Darling, and Dave Gernoske  
Below right: David Strottmann and Pastor Delbert Oatsvall getting boxes of scripture from warehouse

# 2020 Campaign

*Dates:* September 7-19, 2020

*Location:* Berlin, Germany

*Cost:* \$2,800

Cost covers round-trip airfare from Chicago O'Hare, meals, lodging, travel insurance, and all travel within Berlin pertaining to the campaign.

*Goal:* To assist Scott and Chris Poling as they build a new work.

*Lots of Interest:* Presently we have 26 people signed up. We are taking a team of 35, so if you would like to help us reach this spiritually darkened city with the gospel, please fill out an application (go to [www.wyldewood.org](http://www.wyldewood.org)) and sign up as soon as possible!

# Bible Funds Needed

There is always a constant need for Bibles, as well as many unexpected costs in purchasing Bibles. For our last campaign in Lithuania we were told by a mission that they had Bibles in storage in Lithuania and that we could have them for a very reasonable price. Eventually we found out that they have only John & Romans in their warehouse.

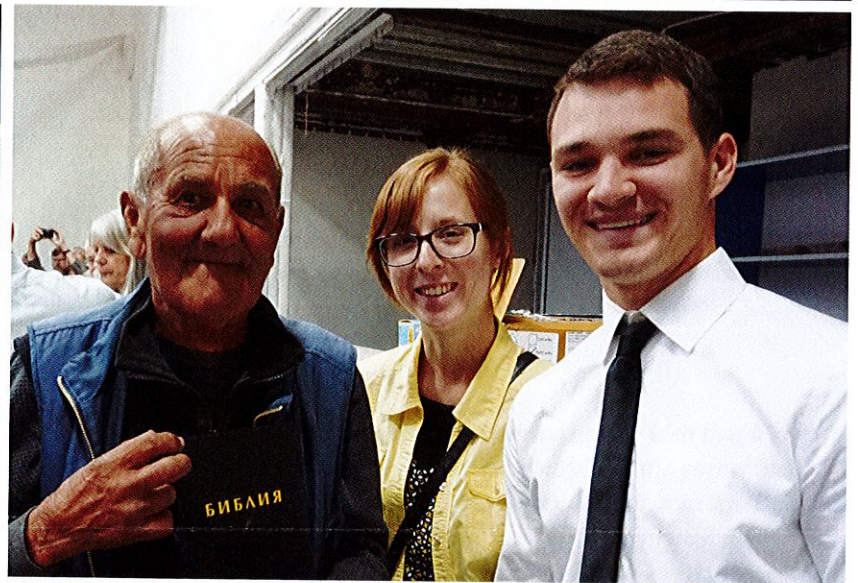
To make a long story short, it cost Couriers for Christ one and one half times more (\$15,000) than expected. So if you could help us recoup some of these funds it would certainly be a blessing.

A special thank you to those who send regularly for Bibles.

**Remember, a Bible costs about \$6.**



Above: Gypsy girl with her Bible



Top right: Gypsy man with his Bible, Amy Rettig, and Jared Strottmann (Dave's son)



Bottom right: Missionary Jeff Shergalis talking to this man about the Word of God

## Prayers Answered

- A hall has been secured in Borispol, as well as a meeting place to hold a follow-up Bible study for two months.
- Scripture container was released from Odessa Port at the cost of \$864 for storage and other added fees.

## Prayer Requests

- Container of scripture transported to Lutsk to clear customs
- No holdups or anything else to detain delivery of scriptures
- Travel mercies for team of 28 from 11 different states and 2 countries
- Safety while we are in Kiev and Borispol
- Halls to be filled with seeking souls to hear the gospel



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