

Baptist

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COURIERS FOR CHRIST

„Защото Бог толкова
възлюби света, че даде
Своя Единороден Син, за
да не погине нито един,
който вярва в Него, а да
има вечен живот.“

- Йоан 3:16

*John 3:16 in Bulgarian
Testimonies on inside pages*



Bible Funds Needed

Thank you to the churches and individuals who have already given towards this need; however, additional funds are still needed.

Approximate cost of a Bible is \$6.

\$30 will provide 5 Bibles.

\$60 will provide 10 Bibles.

Will you help us give
the Word of God to those
who do not have it?

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.

Please call for availability!



In the choir, Nancy is third from left front row, William on far right.

Campaign Testimonies

On the Mission Field...

It isn't very often that we receive a testimony from both the husband and wife. Usually it's just one or the other. For this couple the Bulgaria Campaign really held a special place in their hearts. I trust their testimonies will not only be a blessing, but will also challenge YOU to want to take a mission trip.

Is the seed yet in the barn?

by Nancy Madison

After years of Brother Larry Ingalls' asking my husband and me to come on a Couriers campaign, God worked it out for the Sofia, Bulgaria, trip. Many things about this trip were different than other mission trips I've been on.

This is the first trip that was focused solely on literature distribution. Our home church has participated in scripture publishing for forty plus years. This was the first trip during which we were able to help unload the scriptures from the container. What a blessing! Also, some of the very scriptures (John and Romans) that were assembled at our church in Cobleskill, New York, were the ones that we handed out during this campaign. So, NO, this seed is NOT yet in the barn.

Two other special blessings for me were related to two different ministries of our church. First is The Precious Ministry to families that have experienced infant loss. I was the courier to

bring blankets to the Mauluccis, who have experienced such a loss. These blankets are made by ladies of our church, and much prayer goes along with them. Second is our Prayer Shawl Ministry. As I was preparing to come God worked in my heart to knit a prayer shawl for Grace Shergalis. I did my first stitch after take-off from Albany, New York, and finished it on Monday morning after arriving in Sofia. Many prayers went up for Grace especially while I was working on her shawl.

Handing out scripture was a joy when folks received it and a sorrow when they refused. Some of the people would look at me seemingly in despair; when they took the scripture and invitation I just prayed that God would work a miracle in their lives! For those who did not take it, I prayed that God would remove the blinders from their eyes soon and that they would see the light of God's love and redemption.

Will I take another trip with Couriers? In a heartbeat, as God allows!



Nancy knitted a prayer shawl for Missionary Grace Shergalis



With their team,
William and Nancy 5th and 6th from left

Thousands of Faces

by William Madison

Well, it's been a long, long, long time since Larry Ingalls first invited me on a Couriers Campaign; after I got married, he invited both my wife Nancy and me. Finally the Lord brought everything together that we both could go on this campaign.

I have said in the past that a Lithuanian campaign was what I would like to be a part of, but God knew better, and His timing is always perfect. As members of Valley Bible Baptist Church, Cobleskill, New York, we have been a part of the Northeast Baptist Seedline ministry since 1987. Many containers of John and Romans, New Testaments, and whole Bibles have been prepared and shipped from this ministry, so I have handled many, many boxes going INTO containers. Now in 2018 I finally have had the pleasure and blessing of UNLOADING a container, many boxes of which had been collated at our church. So now I and others can say that our fingerprints are on the word of God twice--first being put together and then being placed into the hands and souls of Bulgarians.

travel...until the driver pulled away from the warehouse...where it broke down. Do you suppose it may have been because the driver complained that he had to return to the road so quickly? I wonder what is going through his mind now. Prayerfully he'll be contemplating things of a spiritual nature as he sees how God works.

Like many of the other mission trips that I have been on, there are thousands of faces representing souls that are in need of salvation. Yet the seed sometimes falls on some very stony ground. Although not always the case, it seems like more affluent the person was, the less likely they were to receive the WORD, just like the rich man. Yet others received the WORD, and we will not know the results this side of Heaven. Sometimes there were those who gladly received the WORD and came back for more to give to their friends. Some faces were sad, some faces happy, and yet we just see the external; whereas God sees the heart.

It is sad and shameful that on many occasions on this trip I was asked if I were a Jehovah's Witness. Faces brightened a bit when I explained that I was not, but the shameful part is that we were not there with God's truth BEFORE the Jehovah's Witnesses.



Scott Sandy with his daughter Samantha.
Scott is the director of
Northeast Seedline Ministry
of Valley Bible Baptist Church.

God's Word does not return void, and His timing is always perfect, but sometimes we get impatient. We had a slightly rough start (container not yet arrived), but God showed us answers to prayer: the container arrived; we unloaded it in approximately 45 minutes; and God allowed the transport vehicle good



Young Bulgarian couple
thrilled to now have Bibles

The meeting Thursday night encouraged us by the number of souls who attended; the true light has been kindled and fanned from a glowing ember, and I am sure that each of us will continue to pray for Brother Jeff and Grace Shergalis as a new candle stick emerges in Sofia.