



# Giving and Receiving!

## The License Process Is Complete!

I mentioned in my last update that we received a letter stating that we were approved for the license to operate a children's home. Now we have it in our hands!

To our surprise, and I don't know why, we learned that we needed to register the license with yet another government agency, and submit again all the documents that we had to have when we applied for the license. One was expired, and we had to have another certificate stating that we were an active foundation made in the courts. (So much red tape, and redoing what we have already done!) Finally, all the documents were complete, everyone involved was back from vacations, and we got the license registered!

So what now? We are looking for a house or large apartment to rent for the children's home. We had a five page list of places to check out, but when the people learned that it was to house a children's home all but one declined to rent to us. The one that accepted seemed to want too much money for the condition of the apartment. Renovations would be necessary. So we are continuing our

search, and have contacted a second agent to help us. Two is better than one, right?

Pray for us as we continue our search for the right place. I know that God has the right place at the right time! We are also searching for the last couple of staff members for the home. We need wisdom and the mind of Christ in all these things. I know that God will lead us to the right contacts to fill these needs.

These are exciting times for us! Finally seeing four years of work coming together!



*Me standing in front of the government building with our new license. Praise the Lord!*

## Life in Bulgaria

Life in Bulgaria has been wet, cold, and snowy. At one point we had nearly three feet of snow—it just didn't want to stop! Now I am sitting here in short sleeves with the windows open. I thought that the sun would never come out! I still have to light a fire in the wood stove just before bedtime, but the days are starting to get warm. So soon I'll plant flowers out on the balcony again.

The church is doing well. We still are in need of a larger place. Help us pray about that. I hosted another party for the young people a month ago. We had a great turnout, and youth from other cities came as well. We had a great time of fellowship!

This month I have to renew my visa again. It is expensive, and I need lots of documents, but after doing it again next year I will be a permanent resident!

### A LITTLE CHURCH THAT GIVES

There is a poor gypsy church in Vinga, Romania where I have preached many times. A couple of years ago this church started sending us monthly donations of \$25 a month. I was so touched! I visited there for the first time in over a year. The church used to run around 20 in attendance, now they run 50 in children's church, and around 40 adults. They have also more than doubled the size of their building! It is a real testimony of God blessing their generous spirit!

### Prayer Points

- Pray that we find the right building for the children's home.
- Pray that my visa process goes smoothly.
- Pray for continued finances, and that we can meet our matching funds challenge.
- Continue to pray for my diet and exercise plan. I have lost 18 pounds, but need to lose more! I also need to faithfully exercise every day. A challenge!



### How to make a donation.

If you would like to support Obedient Life Ministries, and our work in Bulgaria you may send your tax exempt donation to:

Obedient Life Ministries, Inc.  
P.O. Box 267  
Clarion, PA 16214  
OR

Make an online donation through the PayPal link on the Make A Donation page of our website found at

[www.obedientlife.org](http://www.obedientlife.org)

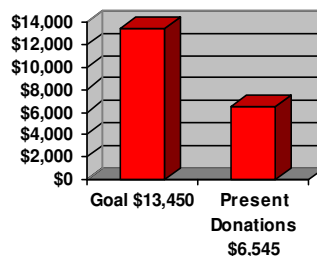
## The Matching Funds Campaign

In my last update I mentioned that money had been offered to match funds up to \$13,450 that were donated by May 1. At this point we are almost half-way there, but we have less than a month to meet this goal. This is a tremendous opportunity to double your donation for the work of this ministry. We are at a critical time when many things are starting to happen, and there are lots of start-up expenses. So if you would like to give toward the opening of our first children's home, now is the best time! We truly appreciate your faithful financial and prayer support. Without your

prayers and financial gifts none of this would have been possible so far! God has been faithful, and so have so many of you.

Be blessed in Jesus' Name!

Martin Sutton



## Recent Missionary Trips

In March, I traveled around Bulgaria for a week meeting with friends to offer encouragement and practical help. I headed out from Sevlievo with a British friend, Howard Whittaker, and we went to the city of Svishtov on the north border of Bulgaria. There I delivered a concordance to a dear friend of mine, and then went to visit her pastor and his family. Knowing the pastor didn't have a lot of money, I suggested we should take some food with us. My friend said, "That is a good idea, because I don't think they have any food in the house." Howard immediately said, "Well, lets just buy them groceries!" We showed up at their door with several bags of groceries. It is so much fun to be able to do that! We had a great visit with them, then hopped on the train to Targovishte.

The next day we met with Pastor Mioncho. He and his wife went to that part of Bulgaria to minister to the Turkish Moslem population. They started fellowships in two very poor villages, and have great children's ministries there, but they were run out of town by the mayor, who is also the holy man in the villages, so they left and started another church in a nearby city. They still go back every week to do the children's ministries, and offer pastoral services to the believers that are there. I was able to give them a full bible flannelgraph set with a three year curriculum do-

nated by Obedient Life Ministries to help them with the children's ministry. They were so appreciative. I know it will be well used, since they do three children's ministries a week!

We then headed to Shumen (the city where I ministered for the first time in Bulgaria) to meet with Bobby and Rali Stefanov. They are starting a foundation with the same objectives as ours. We were able to share ideas and advice on how to proceed. It was very encouraging, and we ended with a fun night of playing games. Then we went to the Black Sea for three days.



Howard came back to Sevlievo, and I traveled on to Romania to visit Jackie Ramsey. She pastors two gypsy churches and has a ministry feeding the poor. While there I met with her pastor from America, and we had some powerful prayer times. I helped stock the new food pantry, and helped to deliver food to widows. We hit a huge pot hole, flattening the tire, and bending the rim on the way there! I also preached at her two churches in Sao Mikalao Mic and Vinga. I really was blessed by my time there. Thanks Jackie!