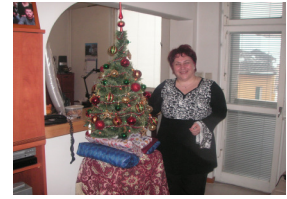


MARTIN'S MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR UPDATE 2009



Belated Christmas Greetings and a Blessed New Year from Sevlievo, Bulgaria! I decided to send my Christmas greeting late so that I could include pictures of my special celebration that day. Though I missed seeing so many of you over the holidays I still had a wonderful time with my friends and church family here. I had guests for Christmas Eve dinner and for Christmas lunch, as well as an open house Christmas afternoon and evening. We had twelve people altogether by the end of the day. It was wonderful!



PRAISE REPORT ON THE HOUSE IN MALUK VERSHETZ!!



I am happy to give this praise!! After reading my last update the Lord laid it on the hearts of some dear friends to donate the remaining needed money to buy the house in Maluk Vershetz for the children's home. We are now waiting for the documents to be completed to have the closing hopefully before I return to the States in February. God is so good! He is faithful to fulfill His Word!

Now we must renovate the house and convert the barn into two family style children's homes. The first step is to build the septic tank. The cost will be \$2000. This septic tank will be large enough for four homes. This is because I believe that God will enable us to buy the other house connected to this house, and to renovate it and convert its barn into a fourth house. The preliminary renovation cost estimate is about \$25,000. I am so excited about these developments, and will keep you posted on our progress. If you feel that you want to donate toward this I will tell you how at the end of this update. God is at work! We have worked toward this for over four years now, and we are so glad to see the fruition of the work and vision coming to pass! Pray for us as we pursue this work and vision.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD***SHOE-BOX GIFTS



Albena and Atanasiya
from Gabrovo.

Since I have Clifford the Big Red Van this year, I was privileged to deliver several cases of shoe box gifts to two different cities (Gabrovo and Dryanovo) for distribution to poor children who might not have had any Christmas gifts. I am blessed to be a blessing!



Pastor Misho of the church
in Dryanovo.

BACK TO AMERICA...FOR A WHILE!



I will be heading back to the States for nine weeks. I will be available for services from February 14 until April 11. If you are interested in me coming to minister in your church I would be happy to try to schedule you in. Presently my plans

are to be in Pennsylvania, Ohio, the Carolinas and Texas. If you are in or near those areas, and would like for me to come share the vision of Obedient Life Ministries and Balkan Hope Foundation I would love to hear from you.

If anyone would have a dependable car that I could use in any of those areas while I am there, I would certainly appreciate it. My car is quite old, and will no longer pass inspection, and this is a problem in having to travel around. I will mainly be in the Clarion, PA area, around Cincinnati, OH, and in the Charlotte, NC area. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES!

If your church would like to organize a team, or you are a couple or individual would like to come help us work on the renovation of the property in Maluk Vershetz we will be ready to receive your help beginning the last week of April, 2010. I will be able to help you in planning your travel, your accommodations, and coming up with what a reasonable budget would be.

If you have special skills please let us know what they are—carpentry, tile roofing, plastering, floor and wall tiling, plumbing, whatever they might be, and we will look at when the best time for you to come with those skills will be. We will try to accommodate your schedules as best we can. I would also like to set aside a day each week to let you see some of the sites of beautiful, historic Bulgaria.

You can contact me by email at martinjsutton@msn.com, through Skype with Skype name balkanmarty2, or my telephone number is 011-359-897-057325. (Please keep in mind that Bulgaria is seven hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time. When it is 6 PM there it is 1 AM here!! Calling me in the morning your time is much better!)

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

As always I would like to thank you for your faithful prayers and financial contributions to Obedient Life Ministries. Without either of them what we are doing here in Bulgaria would be impossible. Obedient Life Ministries is a 501c3 non-profit corporation, and all gifts are tax deductible. You may send your check or money order to:

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

or you may donate with a credit card through our secure PayPal link on our website at:
www.obedientlife.org
on the "Make a Donation" page.

If you want your donation to go toward your 2009 tax return just make sure the date on your check is dated no later than Dec. 31, 2009, and your receipt will reflect that date as long as we receive it by the end of January, 2010.

BE BLESSED IN JESUS' NAME!
MARTIN SUTTON