



The Journey...



Stateside with the Family!



We were able to spend 2 weeks with our families in December - Part of our time was in Kansas, part in Iowa and part in Michigan.

Brad our son who had been living in California - moved back to Michigan and is working where he worked all through High School.

Casey is still at Spring Arbor University. He will be again traveling with the summer music team called Wellspring.

We were glad for our time together.

Over 12,000 Miles

During our time stateside we have done a lot of traveling - Some for pleasure most for business.

We have been to 10 states on this trip with visits to 30 churches during the 3 months we were here.

We were able to renew friendships and met many new folks who we know are going to be good friends.



Work Continued in Bulgaria During Our Time in the States!

Even though we have been stateside for 3 months things have still been happening in Bulgaria while we are here.

1) The Virtual Christmas Gift Box program delivered over 150 gifts to children during December. Working with churches and other organizations we were able

to help many kids and families have a great Christmas.

2) Training with RIN BG (Renewal international Network) took place in February.

3) English Clubs in Petrich continued weekly with a small Break for Christmas!

Support Still Needed in Several Areas

On the visit home we wanted to thank our supporters and update them on what God was up to and share what the needs are for us as we return to Bulgaria. We did not put a big push or hard sell as most of the churches we went to support us through their budget. Additionally, with the tough economy

(Especially, in Michigan) we knew many were having less themselves.

We felt we should just share our stories and dream and let God move as He wants. So we want to report where we are for each of the different funds we have so that you will know. (continued on next page)



Support Still Needed in Several Areas (cont)



To mail a check include the fund in the memo & send to FMWM - PO Box 535002 Indianapolis, IN 46253

If you want to help the following are the needs and instructions so you can direct the funds where they should go.

MSA - Our Missionary Support Account. This funds our being in Bulgaria. We are still needing about \$9,000 in gifts or commitments to this fund.

CSA - Bulgarian Country Share Account. These are the funds we use to assist ministries in Bulgaria. We are still needing about \$3000 in gifts or commitments to this fund.

EMP - Extra Mile projects. These are extra projects that fund ministries and programs not included in the CSA. We have 4 EMP's for Bulgaria.

Love Bulgaria Youth Evangelism Conference - needs

\$15,000 to provide scholarships for teens to attend.

Virtual Christmas Gift Box - needs as much as we can to help kids at Christmas - we will spend what we are given on kids!

Samokov Feeding Program - needs all we can get. It is an on going need to feed widows and orphans in Samakov, Bulgaria.

Petrich Church Plant - needs \$12,000 to assist with the development and establishment of a meeting place in Petrich, Bulgaria.

More information can be found at www.almellinger.com

To give on line go to <https://www.egsnetwork.com/gift/gift.php> and follow the online instructions!

WHERE WE WERE WHILE WE WERE STATESIDE

Here are the churches we visited while in the States;

AURORA, IL,
CANTON, MI
CAV JACKSON, MI
COLDWATER, MI
COLUMBUS, GA
DAVENPORT, IA
DEARBORN, MI
DEERFIELD, MI
ELGIN, IL

EVANSTON, IL
FERNDAL, MI
FLAT ROCK, MI
GREENVILLE, IL
HILLSDALE, MI
JACKSON, MI
LW JACKSON, MI
McPHERSON, KS
MONEE, IL
MONROE, MI
PORTAGE, MI

SPRING ARBOR, MI
ST CHARLES, IL
TAYLOR, MI
THREE OAKS, MI
TROY, MI
WAUKEGAN, IL
WEST UNITY, OH
WESTLAND, MI
YPSILANTI, MI

Thanks for the Great Times!



OUT OF SIGHT BUT NOT OUT OF TOUCH!

We have returned to Bulgaria but are still able to connect via the Phone for voice updates and via the Internet (SKYPE) for live updates on your screen with your church, small group, youth or kids program. We would love to stay in touch!

Al & Diane Mellinger