

Dear Prayer Team,

THANK YOU for your prayers during the past several weeks. In May, we had a wonderful time at Field Forum and are particularly grateful for the wonderful childcare team who served well above and beyond all expectations, which enabled us to relax more and connect more. Now we are entering into the full swing of summer activities, which tends to be the busiest time for the church here.

1) After seven years of marriage, four countries, two continents, 12 apartment moves, we were hoping that we had finally settled into one place. However, we are on the move again!! PRAY for our family as we blend together with Alek's mom at her house in Bardovci, a village on the northwest side of Skopje. We are in the process of moving into her house and preparing our apartment in the city for renting. There were several things coming together to prompt this--peace and quiet in the village, more physical space and a yard for the children, and economics. We want to make some renovations to provide a working study for us and to have the ability to entertain and conduct home Bible studies. We are hoping that we can be completely settled by October 1st and for Alek's aunt to be comfortable in her apartment in the city.

2) PRAISE THE LORD for the one-day youth conference held in Skopje on Saturday, June 19th. Alek was one of the main speakers. Continue to PRAY for a renewed spiritual vision, commitment to service, and sense of destiny for this generation of young adults.

3) PRAY for the church in Volkovo. Services are being changed to Friday evenings at 7pm (1 pm EDST). The church is currently in the process of physical and spiritual renovation. PRAY for the timely completion of the physical building and the subsequent outreach events to the community. PRAY for the church's trustee, Stole, to find a new job. (Picture albums including video clips of the renovation are available at <http://gallery.me.com/atolmachev>)

4) PRAY for several visits from world church leaders and professors like Robin JR Plant (July 20-24) and John Maxwell. PRAY that the church leaders in Macedonia will be refreshed and have a new sense of vision and energy for the church.

5) PRAY for Alek to maintain focus and not be distracted by all these activities, but to guard some time to prepare for his exams. He must take a total of 5 exams before working on his thesis. The system here is much different than the US. It is all self-study and preparation.

Even with the first two classes of lectures completed, the students must read all of the required material before taking the oral examinations whenever they arrange on their own with the professor.

6) PRAY for the season of camps throughout the summer:

July 5-8, Exodus (InterVarsity) English Language Camp: Alek

attended as a student. PRAISE THE LORD that a new couple without any connections to the Evangelical Church attended, and now they also want to attend the Soulcraft Camp in August.

August 9-14, Torah Camp in Strumica: Alek will participate in this camp to youth (high school through young adults) by presenting one seminar on pornography and discipling several of the young men.

August 15-19, Soulcraft Camp in Struga: We will participate as a family for this camp especially designed by the evening service ministry of the Evangelical Church for the 20's and 30's crowd of young career and young families. The CMA church from Los Almos, New Mexico is sending a team for this ministry. Alek will also help lead worship as a member of the worship team.

August 19-27, family vacation with Baba Rada to the Adriatic coast in Buljarica, Montenegro!!

7) PRAY for a new vision and strategy for the CMA field here in Macedonia. There have been several personnel changes in these past two years and these next two years will also continue that way as workers come and go from home assignment and others are completing language studies. Please PRAY for Mark and Becky Mindek (on a one-year leave of absence following a one-year home assignment), Carolyn Gibson (the field administrative assistant/bookkeeper and a worship team leader of the International Church), Christine Queer (looking forward to her first home assignment while completing her first term this year with ministries at the International Church, "InterVarsity" known as Exodus, and Soulcraft), Rob and Lisa Burns (completing one year of language study and buckling down for the next year of language study). PRAY that the team can be observant to what the Holy Spirit is doing.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer!
Alek and Cindy and little ones

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