

Dear Prayer Partners and Friends,

THANK YOU for your faithful prayers throughout 2011! So far 2012 is going well, and we are looking forward to a great year. Thank you for sharing this journey with us, and for your indispensable ministry in prayer. I have been repeatedly encouraged during the last week about the importance of prayer, which makes us even more eager to share our prayer needs with you, and more thankful than ever for your important role in ministry. While I can't claim to fully understand all of prayer, I do know that it is a powerful instrument that God uses, and an amazing way to partner in God's work. Having said that, let me share some of our recent answers to prayer, and needs for prayer, with you. THANK YOU!!!

Praises

- We had a college student come from Chico to help us for 10 days this month. This was a great encouragement to us, a big help, and a lot of fun!
- We already have two camps planned for the summer, and a team planning to come from the States, plus possibly some volunteers coming from England, to help!
- One of the planned camps will allow us to minister to a new group of children-at-risk in the Dupnitsa community!
- Our church in Sofia is praying about getting involved in ministry in an orphanage in Sofia through a sports and arts program
- Our Dupnitsa volunteers continue to be very faithful, and to take initiative to help the kids, especially Nadia and Lyubka.

Prayer

- For wisdom for Spas as he has the privilege of helping to coordinate our church's ministry in orphanages in the coming months, and for our church body in our decisions regarding orphanage ministry. Our personal prayer is for our church body as a whole to get much more involved.
- For God to prepare the volunteers in Dupnitsa to continue ministry in our absence next year, and for the right person to lead this ministry. Specifically, please pray for Nadia's training in children's Bible lessons in February through Child Evangelism Fellowship – that she will be well-equipped to teach the Bible clearly, effectively, and appropriately for these kids.
- For Tereza, 15 and Jana, 13. These sisters are eager to learn, which we don't see often in the orphanages. However, it is hard to find extra time to give them the help with homework and tutoring they need, between regular ministry activities and caring for Joanna and Abby. Please pray for God to provide all they need to succeed, and for wisdom for us concerning our part in this.
- Finally, please pray for wisdom for Spas and I as we make plans for our home-service and following ministry term. Please also pray for favor with the government regarding our future ministry here.

Thank you, again, for your incredibly important support through prayer! God bless you and your loved ones richly in this new year, and always!

Love,
Spas, Christina, Joanna and Abigail