

The Maulucci Family



Bringing the Gospel to Those Who Have Never Heard in Bulgaria

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October - Love in Action

In October, we completed our fourth month-long campaign. In short, we were able to canvass 223 villages and 3 cities with John/Romans and gospel tracts. While we were stopped by the police 8 times and were dragged to the police station twice, we were able to hit 25,457 houses with the gospel of Jesus. We also were able to witness to 4 people. It is our privilege to get the gospel to as many Bulgarians as possible!

November - Love the Brotherhood

In November, we flew to America for thirty days and were able to be in six different churches. It was a joy to meet supporters we had never met before at Pastor Cassel's in Linton, Indiana. It was also a joy to be with Pastor Bryant Lagoe whom we had not seen in over twenty years (way up on Lake Ontario at Emmanuel Baptist Bible Church!). I remember being on deputation and wondering if there were a way to skip the whole process of deputation and get to the field. After all this time, I realize how important those ties are with our partners in ministry. Our children sense the love and acceptance of the brotherhood and that means so much to Katie and me. Thank you to all of our supporting churches - not just for the \$100 a month support, but for loving and praying and caring for our family while we are so far away, and when we occasionally get home!

December - Love Is in the Air

The reason we were in the States was our second son, Rocco, was getting hitched to Amelia Piscitelli. On December 8th, Rocco and Amelia began their own family. It was a great time and a uniquely fun wedding! We had great friends from Alaska and Florida and Indiana and New York make the trek for the wedding. We even had a wonderful Bulgarian couple from our church in Varna make the journey (*it was a joy to host them even though they don't speak English - they paid their own way and showed so much honor to us by coming!*) Amelia is already one of the family!

2024 - Love for Christ's Sake

A week before we flew to the States for Rocco and Amelia's wedding, the Lord opened the door in Kardzhali for a place for us to live. Our faces are set towards this muslim city in south-central Bulgaria. Over the next few months we will be remodeling the kitchen in the apartment in Kardzhali and then making the move to a new city for the first time in over twenty years.

The flesh and the spirit are always in conflict. My flesh would love to be in Buffalo serving the Lord in one of the 40+ King James churches in that area, visiting Tim Horton's, being around family, celebrating birthdays and holidays together. God's Spirit has led us to a different area - and we are so grateful for that! It is the privilege of our life to love, pray for, have patience with, and live among the Bulgarian people - people for whom Christ died - because that is our way of showing Jesus that we love Him! While it is challenging sometimes when there seems to be no response or fruit or our kids are mistreated or Katie is roughed up like livestock at the hospital or a punk pulls an 8" knife on me and the boys because we are passing out the Bible or we are hassled by the police again, when it comes down to it, LOVE is ACTION and not a feeling! I am so privileged to have a wife and children that do not simply pay mouth service to loving people, but show true love by living in a place that rejects them over and over again.

Bulgaria, you have tried your best to discourage us and spurn us over the years. We are coming at you again! Our dear Bulgarian friends in Buffalo - Lou, Anelia, Maria (and Joe!) - inspire us to continue to show the love of God and not throw in the towel! This beautiful family escaped from Bulgaria in the 1980s in the trunk of a Lada. In 2016, they gave us a speech in their home that continues to inspire us. With tears streaming down their faces they apologized to us for their countrymen, knowing what the true circumstances are.

It will take more than threats and curses and rejection and knives - both real and metaphorical - to spurn our love, Bulgaria! We have tapped into the greatest love - the love of God! This is the love that "while we were yet sinners" gave His life for us! I am reminded on a daily basis of my Father's long-suffering, His patience, and His slowness to anger as I disappoint Him and do not live up to nor understand the love He sheds on me. This love is the love we carry for you, Bulgaria, in 2024. We will be patient; we will be kind; we will bear all things; we will believe all things; we will hope all things; and we will endure all things (with God's help) for the love we have for you because of the love He has for us!

Please pray for our moving process, for guidance in finding a meeting place in Kardzhali, for strength in the planting of a new church, for Spirit fulness in interactions in our new city, for our ongoing blanketing of Bulgaria in John/Romans and gospel tracts, and for the salvation of Krassie, Galya and Pilyo amongst others.

On the Bulgarian front lines in the battle for souls,

Nick, Katie, Vito, Dom, Raffa, Dela, Sophie, Sonny, Mikey, Nino and Enzo

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Maulucci Kid Chronicles

Thirteen + One

I have had many write and ask me through the years for prayer requests, whether it's for an upcoming meeting or service where the people will focus on Bulgaria and our family, or whether it's a personal desire to pray for me as a missionary's wife. This always humbles me and causes me to pause and think about what I really would like or want if I could ask the Lord for anything, and have others requesting the same on my behalf. My number one request has not changed over the 23 years, since we brought Santino into this world: that our children would accept Christ, walk closely to the Savior and serve Him with all their hearts and lives.

As this Christmas season has come and gone with the holiday songs playing on repeat about what I want, and the advertisements for every thing one could hope to receive abound, I'd like to share what I truly want for Christmas. And for every day that the Lord allows us as we live out our given time here on this earth:

For Santino - serve Him; risk-takingly, back-breakingly, whole-heartedly, painstakingly, unassumingly, interestedly, unabashedly, very happily...with all you can give and more.

For Amelia - abide in Him; He is aware of you, accepting of you, available for you, about and around you, assuring you, approving you, alive in you, always, amazingly, yours.

For Rocco - rejoice in Him; resting in His will; reading often His Word; resisting the world; rejecting fleshly wants; running His race with your new, beloved wife....rejoice!!

For Gianni - journey with Him; join His hand and walk along, singing ne'er another's song, but the one He's given you, unique to His love that's true. Toss aside deceitful favor, seek for only Him to labor, send sacrifice as sweetest savor, follow Him and never waiver.

For Noah - notice Him, as He leads you, never leaves you, always reads you, sees beyond you, wants all of you, finds joy in you, takes care of you, walks beside you...notice Him for He notices you.

For Vito - vet Him; He's not afraid of you testing His Word. He's like you and enjoys proving He's right. Let Him be the Victor Who battles for you and you'll walk through life never losing a fight.

For Dominic - do for Him. Giving Him the glory in your labor. Seeking to serve with gracious favor. Honoring always your beloved Savior. Diligent and dutiful, daily do the work for Him.

For Raphael Michael - reveal Him. As He used your birth to reveal Himself to us in new and glorious ways, so let Him use your name, your life, to reveal His glorious Gospel to others. "Jehovah has healed!! Who is like God?"

For Adela - desire Him. Desire His will, desire His Word, desire the work He's given you to do. Desire obedience. Desire truth. Desire the design He made just for you, dear Dela. And know, that He desires you, too.

For Sophie - sense Him; in your flowers, in your colors, in your music, in your brothers, in your reading, in your eating, in your hugging, in your greeting, know He is showing Himself real in your every day, in every way, in all you do, He's close to you.

For Sonny - seek Him. He is safe and He is sure. He is strong and He's secure. Seek Him first and He will fill your heart with song, as you rest your mind in Him, where you belong.

For Mikey - meditate on Him. Make Him your master, meeting Him in the morning, filling your mind with the milk and meat of His Word, merrily marveling in His mercy each day, ending by mulling over your Maker as your midnight muse...

For Nino - need Him; not another, mother, brother, only Him, your ever, only, always dotting, always, loving, dearest Father.

For Enzo - enjoy Him; every day is full of joy, full of fun, full of His precious, blessed gift of life. Find your joy in enjoying Him!

