

The Maulucci Family



Bringing the Gospel to Those Who Have Never Heard in Bulgaria

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Getting Out the Gospel

The quest continues to reach every home in Bulgaria with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. While we have several irons in the fire - remodeling apartment, moving luggage to Kardzhali, setting groundwork to start church, birth of new baby - the getting of the Gospel to those who do not have access to it remains our top priority. In May and June we were in 5 cities and over 130 villages which added up to over 25,000 homes receiving the Gospel. We were out for well over 200 hours over those 5 weeks. There's no magic way to get people the Gospel...ya just gotta get people the Gospel!

May I just throw a line out here and give credit to whom credit is due. Our boys - Santino, Rocco, Gianni, Noah, Vito, Dom, Raffa, Sonny, Mikey, and now Nino - along with Venci, Jojo, and Ivan have done the bulk of the work in reaching the homes of Bulgaria with the Gospel. There have been 7 or 8 pastors and 15 or 20 folks that have flown over to help out here and there, and it is always such a blessing and an encouragement! Couriers for Christ has helped us through campaigns in 2011, 2012, and 2018. Also, they have paid for all eight containers we have imported. Other men who have captured our vision have blanketed a few villages here and there, but Venci, Jojo, Ivan, and our boys have done well over 90% of the grunt work.

We hit two huge milestones in our month-long campaign. We completed our 200th city. So very pleased with our boys - 200 cities - every street, every house! I have well over 100 maps used and marked from the boys over the years. Another huge milestone was reaching our 3,000th village with the Gospel. While the boys are phlegmatic and we thought it would be just another village, when we finished - we sensed the significance. In May and June the boys averaged close to 9 miles a day walking. Yes, Nino (who is 5) was with us for every day, every village. It's how boys used to be raised in America.

We were a way better country when fathers used phrases with their boys like "suck it up" and "tough it out" and "keep pushing" and "work first, play later" and "breaks are for sissies". Now we are stuck with a generation of lisping, limp-wristed, whining, capricious, effeminate mama's boys who've never played "smear the queer" or tackle football, never been camping, never climbed a mountain - it's a generation that knows how to check Instagram and make TikT@k videos and counts their friends by Fakebook instead of counting their friends by whom they've helped change a tire or clean the garage or put up a pole barn or with whom they've made hospital visits or gone out soul winning or prayed all night. I'm talking about the old-fashioned, get'er done American attitude!

Ok, enough of that - that's just my opinion. Here is an update after 164 months since the Lord opened the door for this John/Romans ministry:

201 cities done	56 to go	78% done
3,037 villages done	1,950 to go	61% done
2,224,005 houses done	275,000 to go	89% done

While nobody was able to come from the States to help us out in May and June, we thank all of those that prayed and we thank all of our supporting churches who make this possible through their monthly giving. We had a couple of special gifts come in after Katie's mother went home to be with the Lord. I just want to say - thank you for not simply stating "be ye warmed and filled", but for putting action to your words. Our supporting churches and families are truly the best!

A lot coming up in the next three months:

- *We will be in Istanbul for intensive language study (Turkish). I learned Bulgarian when I was 25. I am not 25 anymore.
- *Katie will, Lord-willing, birth our 14th child in Istanbul. She is due at the end of August/beginning of September.
- *We have found an apartment and are looking for a place in which to start the church in Kardzhali. Please pray for this.
- *Please pray for our children in the States that they would have wisdom and be sensitive to the Holy Ghost and that they would be delivered from evil and not be led into temptation.
- *Please continue to pray for Krassie and Galya, Ilko and Galya, Ivan, Zlatka, and many others that have heard the Gospel over the years. Pray for Evelina and Rumen and Maria and the several others we talked to while we were out last month.
- *Anyone can get out the Gospel. You don't need to be gifted to do that. We are commanded to do it. That is what Christ-followers do. Stop talking about it. Stop singing about it. Stop conferencing about it. Stop emoting about it. Just do it!

Thank you for your faithful support!

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 Kids Chronicles

Raphael Michael
15 years 1 month 8 days

Every parent knows that every child is unique and special. As all good parents do, we try to make sure each of our children feels and knows this, through many different means, whether it's one-on-one time with Dad or Mom, remembering their favorite snacks or drinks, helping them do better at the things they love and enjoy, even something as simple as getting on their level and grasping their shoulders and looking in their eyes as they talk to us. Many attempts to tie many strings of relating, acceptance, favor, kindness, as it is so easy in the heat of bad moments to break one or two or many along the way. Sometimes it is a gift of words, like the following Nick penned for Raffa's 13th birthday. They're so beautiful, I had to share...

"Who is Raffa? He is Raphael Michael. He is sensitive. He is fearless. He is affectionate. His name means "Jehovah has healed" and "Who is like God." He is our miracle baby. He is the one who always quietly beats the odds. He is the one who carries glory to God. He is the one that holds hands and sits close and touches arms and backs and fingers. He is a human conduit of God's affection.

Raffa - it seemed like you would be overwhelmed and overshadowed by your elder six brothers...Santino's wit, Rocco's athleticism, Gianni's determination, Noah's explosiveness, Vito's self-motivation, Dom's ingenuity - how could you possibly make your mark! Yet, you have had no problem with that...

You were a quiet angel from day one, a personal miracle from God to your mother and me. You were a breath of heaven, a brush of happiness, a wisp of tenderness from your first day. You are sensitive and independent with an opportunity to hold high the name of Jehovah throughout your entire life and an heritage to pass on to your children and theirs.

Who is Raffa? He is a quiet and determined soul, not easily discouraged nor easily moved. He is my guy. He's a lover like Mauluccis are - affectionate, touching, hugging. He knows what he thinks and what direction he is going, what needs to be done and how he is going to get there. Raffa reminds me that God is interested in our lives down here on earth.

Raffa, I know you will give your affection and friendship and compassion to many others throughout life. I hope I will always remain a recipient of your hugs and your arm around my shoulders and kisses on my cheeks. I love you, kid.

Who is Raffa? He is our personal hug from God."

