# *The Maulucci Family*

*Bringing the Gospel to Those Who Have Never Heard in Bulgaria*

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## Since Last We Spoke...

I realize it has been longer than normal in between updates. Here are some highlights since we last spoke:

- We blanketed 5 Bulgarian cities with the gospel bringing our total to 239. We have 18 left.
- We blanketed 74 villages bringing our total to 4,323. We have about 600 left.
- We had 2 flat tires bringing our total to 7 for this year.
- We were stopped by the police 6 times bringing our total to 41 times this year.
- We were able to give the gospel to 4 Bulgarians bringing our total to 12 for this year.
- Raffa and Nino were berated from a passing car which then stopped and chased them down with a stick; that would be the 8th time we have been threatened with sticks or knives.
- Our upstairs neighbor vowed to get us kicked out of the city (he is not muslim, he is just your average atheist Bulgarian).
- We made an order for our 9th container in order to have enough John/Romans to finish the country next year.
- We printed our 4,000,000th tract since we've moved here in 2003.
- We have passed out 14,500 tracts in our city of Kardzhali - 10,000 muslim tracts with the gospel in them and 4,500 gospel tracts.
- We met with Argir (he insisted on us calling him "Ahmed Aga" - Grandpa Ahmed). His son, who lives in Izmir, Turkey, is obviously warning him that we are trying to convert him. Please pray for his salvation.
- While sitting at a cafe doing some work one morning, Nino (8) and Enzo (5) were with me playing at a park about 50 meters away. Nino, who talks to everyone, came running back at some point to ask for a tract to give to a man with whom he was talking. He ran off with the tract and came back about 15 minutes later quite somber. *"He threw the tract in the garbage."* (Thank you to all of those who have taken our boys under your wings when they come to the States. Thank you for your patience with them!) Nino seems un-discouragable. Example: while driving to church on Sunday, a truck pulled in front of us and Nino immediately quipped that the truck was probably going to church with us. Ten minutes later, after everyone else had forgotten, Nino noticed the truck turning a different way and concluded that, unfortunately, the truck was not going to church with us.
- Katie and I have had to bypass 3 grandmothers' and 2 grandfathers' funerals and, a couple of years ago, Katie's mother's funeral mainly because of logistics. Back in April, my mother started having some pain; in August she got in for a CT scan and they found aggressively growing cancer throughout her body. My parents called me and Katie the next day to let us know in Bulgaria. On September 20th, my mother went to be home with the Lord. Katie and I and the kids were in the States for a couple of weeks and were able to be at her homegoing service. My parents both have been reflections of God's grace through this. The 38 Maulucci (soon to be 39) cousins have been greatly enjoying their time together that we usually don't get because of distance.
- We were able to meet our second grandchild, Celine Eloise Maulucci, born on August 15th to Santino and Jesse down in North Carolina. We got to spend a couple of days with Biagio and Rocco and Amelia also. We took a picture at the homegoing reception with all 20 of us at my dad's house.
- We will be preaching in Scotland the last week of October; please pray for that.
- I will be in French Guiana with Santino, Rocco, Gianni, Noah, Vito, Dom, and Raffa the last week of December to do gospel distribution. Please pray for that.
- Please pray as we continue to hit villages across Bulgaria.
- Please pray for Kardzhali and for God to touch hearts. Saafet, Argir, Selami, Sengai, Tifun and for new contacts.

**"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"**

On the Bulgarian front lines in the battle for souls,

*Thank you for your faithful support!*

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


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# Maulucci Kid Chronicles



***Graziana (Gia) Amadea Maulucci***
***2 years, 1 month, 18 days***

Graziana Amadea: gracious gift of kindness; loved by God. Oh, Gia. At just two years old, what a life you've already lived. You are a world traveler (five countries and ten states). You're a cousin to 36 others. You became "Lela" (aunt) to both a niece, Celine, and nephew, Biagio, whom you met just two days after his birth. You've attended the wedding of your oldest brother, Santino, the college graduation of your third oldest brother, Gianluca, and the funeral of your remaining grandmother. You've lived in two different cities, moving from your first home at just a few months old. You potty-trained in a day. (Yes, you read that correctly…One. Day.) No accidents. Not one. Nice. You were our fastest walker at nine months (even beat your dad's long-standing record, what a girl). You have been nothing but the most precious gift of grace to this family who truly feels loved by God having you in our life. What would we have done without our little Gia? You soften our hard places; you light up each room you enter; you have fulfilled all of the baby snuggle needs and more. How we adore you! How we thank God for you! How we praise our Savior that His timing and His way is best!



*Grandma and me*

We discovered we were expecting Gia the year we planned on celebrating our 25th anniversary. In fact she was born 12 days after the date of August 13, 2024. At first it was surprising and a change in plans for sure. Her pregnancy was trying and painful. The days were long and many nights restless and wearisome. And when it's the 14th baby at the age of 44 there are few in the world in which we live with compassion or understanding for God's gift of another life to Nick and me. So that made the journey a bit more lonely. But the miracle of life is just that - a miracle. And Gia has been such a joy from her first cry in Istanbul, Turkey, that I find myself saying, time and again, what would we have done without our Gia?!



*Dela, Enzo and me*

I want to praise and thank God today - that we didn't get our anniversary celebration we had in mind; that we did get the celebration our precious Father in Heaven had in mind; that He has led us to trust Him; that He carried us through the pregnancy and recovery; that He is worthy of our trust in every area of life; that He continues to grow our faith as He proves Himself worthy again and again and again. I'm thankful; Lord, I'm thankful!!!





*Grandpa and Grandma's legacy as of September 20, 2026*





*Mom, Dela, Sophie, and*



*Biagio and me*



*Books of John*



*Noah and me*