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Pray for Jim and Sherry Black

Missionary family to

Bulgaria

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Photo: Covered bridge at Lovech Bulgaria

Greetings from Idaho,

“For such a time as this.” - Esther 4:14 We did not anticipate this extended but necessary time stateside. We are grateful for your prayers and faithful financial support.

We are seeing progress in our pursuit to complete the US immigration process for Praise.

On May 19 we were at the USCIS office in Spokane for biometrics (fingerprints and photo).

Next will be a medical exam by an authorized civil surgeon followed by an in person interview at a USCIS office.



As most of you know, Sherry’s mother passed away not long after we arrived stateside in November 2021. Sherry is the administrator of the estate. This has been a very arduous and time consuming task. We are grateful that Sherry has been able to serve her family in this capacity.

From June 19-22 will be at the annual meeting of the American Baptist Association of Churches (ABA), held this year in Spokane, Washington. We hope to see many of you there.

Summer Travel—Following the ABA meeting we will travel to California to renew Praise’s Bulgarian passport at the Bulgaria Consulate in Los Angeles.

In mid July Sherry and I plan to return to Bulgaria for one month to encourage and minister to those who are near and dear to us there. We will also renew our residency cards and help with evangelistic outreach.

Traveling during the peak season is expensive. We anticipate \$3500 for airfare and \$1500 for lodging. Any help with travel would be a blessing.

Other Happenings— I was blessed to attend church with my mom on Mother’s Day in Missoula Montana.

At our sending church in Lewiston, I have had many teaching and preaching opportunities. I recently began teaching a class on Christian Ethics during the mid-week service.

Love in Christ,

Jim and Sherry