

#### **Our Dear Friend**,

As we celebrate this Christmas season, our hearts overflow with gratitude for each of you. Your prayers, support, and encouragement make a profound difference in our lives and ministry. You are not just our friends—you are a vital part of our spiritual family, and we thank God for you every day!

"I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." (*Psalm 34:1*)

This season reminds us of the indescribable gift we have in Christ. Through your partnership, we see His love and provision displayed in countless ways, enabling us to step forward in faith even during challenging times.

During this beautiful time of year, we want to speak blessings over your lives and families. Christmas is a reminder of God's perfect love for us, revealed in the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ—the Savior who brings hope, peace, and joy to a broken world.

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

As you celebrate this season, may your hearts be filled with the peace that only Christ can bring. May the New Year bring fresh opportunities, answered prayers, and the courage to walk boldly in His purpose for your life. We pray that you experience the richness of His love and that His blessings overflow in every area of your life.

### Stepping into New Roles and some news about us

This year has been a season of new beginnings as we transition into pastoral ministry. It is both humbling and inspiring to step into this calling, knowing that God equips those He calls. We are experiencing His grace in ways we never imagined, and we are constantly reminded that we are not walking this journey alone—your prayers and encouragement strengthen us every step of the way.

While the road ahead is filled with responsibilities, we are also filled with hope and anticipation for what God will do in and through us. Thank you for being part of this exciting journey!

We are truly grateful to God for our family. It is a blessing to watch our sons grow and develop, and we are amazed at how each of them faces their own challenges with strength and perseverance, whether it's in kindergarten or school. We are thankful for the precious moments we share with them, especially as we celebrate the joys of Christmas together.

It's a joy to see them not only grow in their personal lives but also in their faith. We are blessed to be able to participate with them in various evangelistic projects, sharing the love of Christ with others. Seeing them involved in such meaningful work fills our hearts with gratitude, and we are encouraged by their enthusiasm and willingness to serve.

God has been so faithful to us, and we give Him all the glory for the growth and progress of our family. We know that He has great plans for each of our children, and we look forward to seeing how He will continue to guide them in the years to come.

In our previous letter, we shared about our financial situation, which has become a challenge for us. If you missed that letter, you can read it by clicking the link below: Read the previous letter here : <u>https://tinyurl.com/3fsbkkpn</u>

With this whole situation, we'd like you to pray for our family: On February 3, we will have a visa interview at the U.S. embassy. We ask for your prayers that God will go before us and soften the hearts of the officers, so that both Eugenia and I are granted visas. As you may remember, Eugenia and the children were denied visas previously, but we trust that God's timing is perfect and His will is always best.

This visa will allow us to continue to strengthen relationships and share the vision of our ministry with partners like you. Please pray with us about this important step so that in the future, we as a family will be able to come to the U.S. to spend a blessed time with you and strengthen our financial support team



### God's faithfulness and evangelism in central park

God works through small steps of faith. For four hours, we stood in the Central Botanical Park, sharing the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ. Over 500 people heard about His love and hope, and it was truly a special time. We saw people listening carefully, asking questions, and even those who were just passing by stopped to hear something meaningful for their lives.

The most joyful moment was when about 10 people said they want to join us for our Christmas celebration in Sunday! We believe this is only the beginning of their journey to God, and we feel blessed to be part of it. We want you to know that you are not just financial partners. You are part of our team, part of God's work that we are doing together. Your support—through prayers, finances, and most importantly, your hearts—makes it possible for us to see God's Kingdom grow and people finding hope and life in Christ.

Please join us in prayer:

For those who heard the Gospel yesterday: that God's truth will touch their hearts and bring lasting change. May their lives be filled with hope and faith. For the Christmas celebration: that those who were invited will come, and that God will work in their hearts, filling them with joy as they hear about the Savior's birth.



# Life+ - symbolizes a positive attitude and hope for the future.

We are filled with gratitude and joy as we share with you how God is moving among those who are walking through some of the most difficult circumstances in life. Recently, we had the privilege of holding an evangelism event at a social Cancer and Hiv Center, and it was a time overflowing with God's presence and love.

We shared with these individuals the greatest hope of all – Jesus Christ. For many of them, every day is a battle, and their lives seem to hang by a thread. But how amazing is the mercy of our God, who brings comfort and new life even to those standing at the threshold of death! We spoke about the power of Jesus not only to sustain them through today but to offer the promise of eternal life, a place where pain, sorrow, and illness will be no more.

These precious people heard that their struggles are not the end of their story and that God has prepared something far greater for those who trust in Him. We pray that these words would take root in their hearts and ignite a spark of hope.

We also had the opportunity to bring small gifts as a tangible expression of God's love and care. Their faces, lit with gratitude, reminded us that God can use even the simplest acts of kindness to reveal His love.

We humbly ask you to join us in prayer for these individuals. Their lives are a daily struggle, and many are facing physical and emotional exhaustion. Pray that the Lord would touch their hearts, lead them to repentance, and fill them with peace and hope in Him. Pray that, even in these circumstances, they would find comfort in God's love and the true freedom that only Jesus can bring.









### **Celebrating Christmas together**

We were able to gather with our home churches and celebrate this special season of Christmas together. This time fills us with thankfulness for the great birth of our Savior, for His endless goodness and mercy, which He pours out on each one of us. We realize how important it is in this world to have the opportunity to be part of a family united in faith and love.

God continues to amaze us with His care and faithfulness. In every detail of our lives, we see His hand, and for that, we give Him thanks. We celebrate this holiday not only as a time of joy and fellowship but also as a time for deep reflection on the great gift that was given to humanity through the birth of Jesus. May His light shine in our hearts and inspire us to take new steps in faith, to serve one another, and to proclaim His love in this world.

In this regard, we would also like to ask you to support us in prayer. We are facing important decisions related to the future of our ministry and the growth of our church. Please pray that God gives us wisdom in making these decisions and continues to open doors for further growth and blessings.



We are filled with joy and gratitude as we continue to serve among the youth and witness the incredible ways God is transforming their hearts. It is a profound blessing to see young people not only come to faith in Christ but also grow as His disciples, actively sharing His love and leading others to Him. Truly, this is the fruit of His work in their lives, and we are humbled to play a part in His plan.

We want to ask for your prayers as we step into a new season of ministry. On January 7th, we are organizing a large evangelistic outreach in six villages. These communities have only a handful of believers left from evangelical churches, and we feel a deep burden to bring the hope of Christ to them. Together with our youth, we aim to introduce people to the church and to the true meaning of Christmas, celebrated here on this day according to the Orthodox calendar. Please pray for open hearts, for God's presence to be felt powerfully, and for His light to shine brightly in these places where hope is so needed.

We also ask for your prayers for our upcoming Christmas gathering with the youth. We are expecting about 30 young people, including 10 newcomers who may be encountering the Gospel for the first time. This is a precious opportunity for us to

share the message of Christ's love and to create a space where lives can be transformed. Please join us in asking the Lord to touch every heart that comes and to draw them closer to Him.





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Thank you for standing with us. Thank you for believing in us and in the work God is doing through us. Together, we are part of something eternal. May God bless you and your families for your faithfulness and love.

Merry Christmas our dear ones

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