

REVIVAL



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"Wilt thou not revive us again: that
thy people may rejoice in thee?"
Psalm 85:6

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Bulgaria: Post-Communist Situation (1989-2002)

Through the past 12 years Bulgaria has become one of the so-known Post-Communist countries. This rather explicit name unfortunately integrates a low life-standard, a negative economic status, and the hopelessness of the common people. These have been the characteristics with which the desire of the Bulgarian nation for a better life and future has been marked since the fall of the Berlin Wall.



Several democratically elected governments have attempted to lead the Bulgarian people through the difficult road of recovery from the deep economical crises and poverty. Through the past 12 years both Democrats (decedents) and Socialists (descendents of the former Communist party a.k.a. BKP) have led the Bulgarian Parliament, yet unsuccessful to bring the nation to the progress promised prior to the elections. This unfruitfulness of the political leaders has brought much frustration in the common Bulgaria, as in January 1997 this almost led to a civil war. As a result of the civil riots, the Socialist Party was demanded to give up authority and the Union of Democratic Forces (SDS) again headed the Bulgarian government. Unfortunately, the long-promised acceptance of Bulgaria in the Eruption Union and NATO were not accomplished.



In the summer of 2001 as the Democratic Party lost the elections, a newly formed movement led by the son of the ex-Bulgarian King whose family was expelled by the communists in 1944, headed the Bulgarian political life. The royal descendant, Simeon Saxcoburggotsky, became the Prime-minister of the Bulgarian Government. Furthermore the Presidential elections that followed shortly

were won by a socialist, George Parvanov, who entered the office of President of the Republic of Bulgaria in January 2002.

The political changes reflected significantly on the economic situation of Bulgaria. Considerable changes took place in the already high tax-laws in parallel with significant increase followed in the costs of fuel (\$2.49 per gallon), electricity, central heat, water and services. Yet, the drastic changes were unable to satisfy the \$8 billion external debt and the 3 times higher internal debt of the Bulgarian economy.

In the beginning of the year 2002 the social and economical situation in the country is the least to say uneasy. The official statistics show that more than 930,000 people have left the country in the past 12 years to find jobs and better life outside Bulgaria. Most of the general population is not able to afford basic medical insurance or to cover the school expenses of their children. Up to 64% live under the level of poverty, 30% belong to the middle class and only 6% are wealthy.

The only hope that the Government gave to the people was to wait until the 800 days program of the Government was fully integrated and the first results were seen. This did not help much the seven million Bulgarians who had to go through a heavy winter with 15 inches of snow and constant temperatures of 20° C below zero.



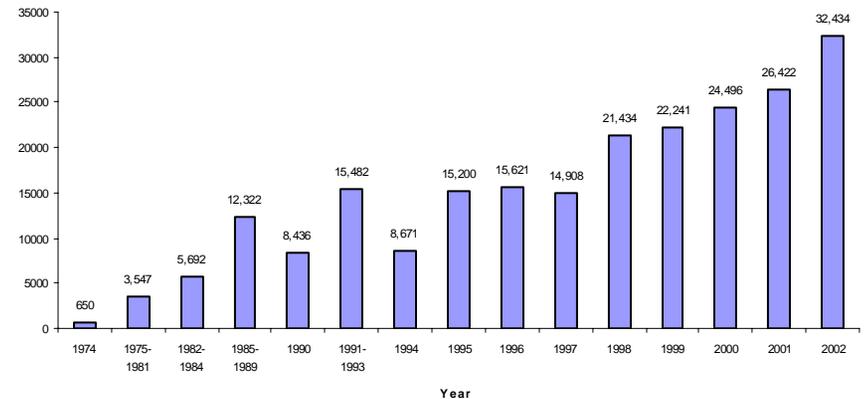
Ministry Accomplishments

The seven months spent in ministry in my home country of Bulgaria included:

- Serving as Pastor of the Pravetz Church of God in the town of Pravetz (40-60 members)
- Serving as Associate Pastor of the Central Church of God in Sofia (1,400 members)
- Developing and integrating a Sunday School Pilot Program with 24 lessons in 85 local congregations nationally, as more than 43,000 lessons were distributed freely
- Starting Saturday crusade services and successfully building it up to 380 attendees
- Actively helping the mission team founded by our ministry in 1996 and ministering to 10 churches in the area of my home-town Yambol
- Participated in the organization of a chaplaincy seminar for 64 Bulgarian chaplains active in the hospitals, prisons, military and police force and establishing the Bulgarian Chaplaincy Association
- Completing expository series on the books of Revelation and Galatians

- Organizing and leading a Bible-study home group of 12 in the Buxton suburb of Sofia
- Beginning a weekly service for English-speaking people at the Central Church of God in Sofia
- Preaching 120 times in various church services, crusade meetings and ministerial conferences
- Teaching at the Pentecostal Department of the Bulgarian Evangelical Theological Institute (BETI) in Sofia
- Serving as the Educational Director for the Sofia Region

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Ministry Vision

An important mission of our ministry has been spreading Revival with which the Lord has blessed us in our lives. Through a revelation from the Holy Spirit, the slogan of our work has become the words, "REVIVAL MUST GO ON." We are convinced that in our ministry context revival will come through restructuring and reinforcement. Restructuring is needed in the way ministry and leadership is done. Reinforcement goes to all faithful ministers and churches that have committed their lives and resources for a Christian upbringing in the land of Bulgaria. To be faithful supporters of this process is our high call from God and divine envisioning for our future work. Thank you for your partnership in our ministry and with all ministers and churches we come in contact with. Our prayer today is that the Lord will richly bless you and your families for your faithfulness and commitment.