



Ministry Updates-

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Hey friends,

Honestly, the last few weeks have been some of the hardest in recent memory. Back in March, I spent three days in the hospital with a blood pressure of 270/180 — that was a wake-up call. I've been adjusting to new medications since then, and it's been a slow process getting my energy back. Then in April, we lost Keith Cashner. Keith and I talked nearly every week for five years — he was a friend, a fellow laborer, and someone I leaned on more than most people knew. His funeral in England was a sweet reunion of missionary friends, a real celebration of a life well spent. It was hard and good all at once.

On top of all that, we hit a snag with our visa situation in Macedonia. After England, Senja and I had planned to travel the Balkans and explore some open doors, but between limited funds, not having the energy, and honestly just not being prepared, we made the call to come home to Texas and regroup. It was the right call. Since then I've been using the time well — creating outreach literature and actively connecting with people online before showing up in person. I'm doing better, and we're ready to get back to Skopje.

The need there is staggering. Eleven of the sixteen Balkan countries are less than 1% Evangelical. The entire region is only 1.56% born-again — less evangelized than most of the developing world. I'm more convinced than ever that God has called us to the Balkans — and we're following wherever He leads.

Here's what God has been doing while we've been regrouping:

Our friend Katie Jane is in Macedonia for 90 days this summer, helping lead three different English camps throughout the season — you can follow her journey at katiejanestory.com. God also sent us John, who has been leading our Sunday services in my absence — the work is moving forward. The four missions trips we had on the calendar have consolidated into one solid trip: July 6–17 in Skopje. We still have room if anyone feels led to come.

If you're considering the July trip — or just want to understand the heart behind short-term missions — check out my book *Following Paul*. It's a practical look at what short-term ministry really looks like and why it matters, and it'd be a great read before you come. Find it at: reachingeurope.org/following-paul

Please pray for:

- Our return to Skopje and clarity on the visa situation
- The July 6–17 missions trip — more workers are welcome
- Continued health and strength as we get back up to speed

We're grateful for every one of you. Your prayers and support mean more than we can say.

For His glory,
Jason Mann

