

A Moment in Macedonia



Children light the Advent wreath in the UMC in Strumica, R. Macedonia

“And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

Thank you!

Heartfelt thanks to all the churches, UMWs and individuals who have given financial support to me as a missionary, to my work in Christian education and to the outreach of the UMC in R. Macedonia. Thank you also for your faithful prayer support.

Special greetings and thanks also to all who came to serve as volunteers: individual volunteers, VIM teams (Volunteers in Mission) and I-M-T teams (In-Mission-Together) in 2008. The final two groups for 2008 came in September, from Mt Bethel UMC in Marietta, GA and in October, from Munsey Memorial UMC in Johnson City, TN.

Lee and I pray that God’s richest blessings are yours this holy season.



At our Annual Conference in October, the children presented a quilt, with a square made by the children of each of our congregations, to our retiring District Superintendent and his wife, Wilhelm and Helene Nausner of Linz, Austria.



“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”
- 1 Peter 4:10

Mt Bethel volunteers teach English to children



Munsey UMC volunteers pack Meals on Wheels



Mt Bethel volunteers help prepare Meals on Wheels



Munsey volunteers help the children make cookies for Meals on Wheels recipients



Why not an alternative gift?

\$30 would buy enough firewood to keep a poor family warm for more than a week.

\$12 would provide five “meals on wheels” delivered to a home-bound person.

\$10 would give a Bible in Macedonian to an eager new Christian.

\$8 would provide a school book or school supplies for a needy child.

\$6 would put a Children’s Bible in Macedonian into the hands of an interested child.

Gifts in any amount to Advance number 14047A, Christian Education Resources and Supplies, will help Carol in her work with children, youth and women. For the other items, please send your donation to Advance number 00220A, and designate its intended purpose.

Gifts to the Advance can be made through your local church. Make your check payable to your local church and write the name of the ministry and the Advance code number on the check. Drop your gift in any United Methodist church offering plate or give your gift to your church treasurer.

Or give directly to the Advance by making your check payable to ADVANCE GCFA. Write the name of the ministry and the Advance code number on the check. Send your check to:

Advance GCFA
 P. O. Box 9068, GPO
 New York, NY 10087-9068

Please see the following web page for more ways to give and even downloadable cards for those you want to honor:

<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/advance/give/how/>



Mayor congratulates Mitko Konev (L) and Pastor Mihail Cekov (R) - Miss Stone Center receives award

On December 11th, the holiday of the Holy Fifteen Tiveriopol Martyrs (patron saints of Strumica), our Miss Stone Center, managed by Mitko Konev, received an award for outstanding humanitarian service to the citizens of Strumica.

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Carol and Lee at LSU 1958 team reunion

