



Siloam's Ministry of Giving (2 Corinthians 8:6)

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Dear Siloam friends and investors

It was on the last Sunday in September our congregation in Leamington Spa was encouraged to provide 75 bags of groceries to needy families in our local area. Each food parcel would cost around £20.00 and the Leamington Community Church members would pack and deliver the parcels to addresses recommended to the church by the local food bank.

I am sure your church may also be embarking on a similar Christmas programme to help people locally. But, I would also like to give you the opportunity to invest with Siloam this Christmas in helping to provide a lifesaving bag of groceries for a needy family or individual in far-off Bulgaria.

After all, Siloam has been funding Christmas outreach programmes in Bulgaria since December 1992 and we have worked since then with Pastor Peter Georgiev of the New Testament Church of God of Prophecy, in the city of Rousse Bulgaria to provide children's holidays as well.

People living in this former communist country, particularly those of the older generation, have found it extremely difficult to adjust and although the country has transitioned from communism to 'democracy', many of the older generation exist on meagre pensions and few benefits the like of which we 'enjoy as the norm' in our more prosperous country.

We have also found that this opportunity to share Christian love in a practical way for those least expecting any help from anyone, provides the church with an opportunity to work beyond the boundaries of the building. And, by this the church can encourage those who perhaps would never venture into a church building to come and hear a special Christmas message where they can learn more about our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ and His plan for their lives.

In some of the outlying villages and small towns where there is little or no evangelical Christian witness, new fellowships have sprung up and 'mission fields' established particularly among the poor and vulnerable.

The brochure we are enclosing with this letter will explain visually how effective this Christian outreach is not only in Bulgaria and Portugal but also in the Ukraine where we started for the first time last year.

Already some of Siloam supporters have forwarded to us by the end of September £3,000 towards this year's Christmas outreach in Bulgaria but we still have £7,000 to raise.

Please look at our little chart to show you how we pray and plan to raise the funds for this year's outreach. Your participation and investment is vitally important not just because you will practically help someone overseas living in utter poverty but I know you will also receive the benefit of knowing that you have shared with



Above, His expression says it all. Perhaps if we lived in poverty not knowing where our next meal would come from, we would also be overjoyed to receive a simple bag of groceries.



Last Christmas, our gift to Liliana brought much happiness and above all, the knowledge that someone somewhere overseas cared about her.

Below, Our Chairman of Trustees Mr John Eld who took part in the Christmas outreach last year was privileged to meet many of the poor beneficiaries like Penka and Stoyen.





Above, This lady's face in the congregation at Razgrad should convince you of the value of sharing Christian love at Christmas time in Bulgaria.

Right, Dimitrinka was one of the many whose happiness last Christmas reached new heights because someone cared about her and showed love in a practical way.



Keeping a careful check on all the parcels that are sent to the 24 satellite churches is Church Secretary Donka (right) who this year has also suffered from the devastating effects of breast cancer and all the trauma that brings.

THIS IS HOW WE PRAY AND PLAN TO RAISE OUR BUDGET TARGET:	
2 benefactor gifts of £1000 would provide	£ 2,000
4 major donations of £500 will add up to	£ 2,000
5 church collections of £200 will supply	£ 1,000
30 Christmas gifts of £50 will yield	£ 1,500
30 family gifts of £25 will furnish	£ 750
150 personal donations of £10 will account	£ 1,500
And, 250 'widows' mites' of £5 will bring in	£ 1,250
TOTAL REQUIRED BY 20TH DECEMBER 2019 PLEASE	£10,000

someone this Christmas who is in real need.

Investment donations of £5, £10, £50, £100 or even more will I know cause you to rejoice in your own heart because you will have shared with someone extremely deserving who is unable to personally thank you.

Please look through the photos again and allow the Holy Spirit to minister to your own soul and just listen for that quiet prompting as to how much you should invest with Siloam this month to make it possible to help a vulnerable pensioner or deserving child this Christmas.

May you be challenged and richly blessed as you consider how much of this ambitious Siloam outreach programme in Bulgaria, you would like to invest in.

Yours sincerely on behalf of Peter Georgiev and his team



Richard Norton
Director-Siloam UK

P.S. If you want to experience a little of the joy of the believers last year as they received their Christmas food parcels then please request a copy of our free DVD and share it with your friends at home or church to give this ministry greater exposure.

P.P.S. However, if you prefer to consider helping vulnerable children in Kenya as an alternative or in addition to this outreach in Bulgaria, then please read through our brochure from our partners at Blessed Generation with whom Siloam has also been working since the early 1990s. – Thank you.



Please request a copy of our DVD of last year's Christmas outreach by mentioning that on your response form when you forward your investment.

“.... And share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared” Nehemiah 8:10 (N.L.T.).



This is just part of the 1,100 food parcels prepared by church volunteers and distributed to poor people in Bulgaria last December. It was a privilege to send Mr John Eld our Chairman of Trustees (left) who witnessed for himself the joy experienced by these vulnerable and grateful people.

Enjoy your Christmas more by sharing your **Christian love** with the poor, the elderly and vulnerable in **Bulgaria**

The contents of a typical food parcel shown here valued at £7.60. Please look inside to see a complete list of what was enclosed.



Reporting on last year's project: 039



Many church volunteers began preparing the parcels on the 8th December. Our Chairman Mr John Eld arrived on the 7th to take part in the outreach.

John with Pavlina one of the grateful recipients of one of our food parcels.



The volunteers gave their time and effort to pack 1100 bags of groceries. Peter Georgiev (far right) oversaw the programme as he has done for a number of years.



The contents of a Christmas food parcel. Canned Fish / pate / canned meat / rice / flour / spaghetti /



Preparing parcels for distant satellite churches to be sent by freight to Sliven and Vidin is much cheaper than by delivering them in the new church minibus. The parcels are securely wrapped to avoid pilfering and damage.



Pastor George loading up his vehicle with aid to be taken to churches in distant towns.



The children were excited about the goodies provided by...



Pastor Boris from Lom, signing for his parcels from the Church Secretary Donka. During the year Pastor Boris started a new mission field in Medkovetz. In this area most of the people are old, very poor and extremely lonely. They shed tears as they received their parcels from Siloam. Pastor Boris said that the homes were mostly hovels, often with mud floors and without any heating.



John was able to see first-hand the usefulness of our 'new' minibus that we provided for the church last June at a cost of almost £23,000. These funds were provided by Siloam investors who responded to our special appeal in 2017.



The anticipation shown really says it all. Simple run orphanages, bro...



For some groups in the villages, parcels were delivered by volunteer drivers to people who were either 'shut-in' or unable to travel to church during the bad weather.



On December 16th, 140 poor deserving people e... church. A simple meal for these dear folk cost ab...



...titled to receive a parcel with a few simple someone overseas whom they have never met.



The contents of a child's gift parcel cost about £1.60. 650 packets were put together to encourage the children and give them items that their parents would not normally have sufficient funds to purchase.



This dear lady's face in the church at Razgrad really shows how she was blessed by receiving a bag of groceries.



...own by the expressions of the children's faces the gifts for children many from government ...ought much happiness.



Vulnerable folk like Veliko and Elena were greatly touched by this gift of love made possible by Siloam supporters.

Please send your gift investment by 20th December 2019 – Thank you.



...enjoyed lunch at the ...out £1.60 per person.



Catia was another one of these 'shut-in' widows who was grateful for a parcel of groceries. The pensions in Bulgaria are extremely low by our standards and many older people go hungry during the cold winter months.



The church members were greatly encouraged by the new folk who came to hear Christmas messages in the church which we hope will inspire new believers to start their walk with Christ.



John here standing with Vesko in his former military uniform with his dear wife Petya, were so typical for older people in need of love and support.

The Church Secretary Donka (left) is responsible for ensuring that all the paperwork is carefully completed to ensure that everyone receives their gift parcel of grocery on time.



Perhaps this photo says it all? 1,100 parcels ready for distribution to the poor and needy in late December last year.



Please take a look at our special video online at www.videobulgariaparcels.org.uk and then please send it to a friend to help us win more supporters.

We are just grateful that Siloam supporters were able to fund the £10,000 last year to make this 'Love in Action' project the great success that it was.



On Sunday the 12th of December, 45 widows enjoyed lunch at the church. This was also a rich time of fellowship as they gave thanks for the provision of this simple act of Christian love.



Pastor Plamen Spagov with Veliko and Elena. As you enjoy your Christmas lunch this year, just think about those in Bulgaria whom we hope to help again this Christmas with your help.



Liliana, would so much like to thank you and others who contributed last year to make her Christmas a little more enjoyable.



Please request a copy of our special video for you to share with others in your church.