Parking on the Sidewalk... Walking in the Street

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Back to Bulgaria

Just a quick note to let you know that we are on our way back to Bulgaria tomorrow for at least 3 weeks, but a bit of an uncertain timetable. When we left, we had round trip tickets knowing we would likely need to go back at some point. The search for a new pastor of the church has not gone as quickly as we had hoped - largely due to Covid - so Paul has been continuing in many aspects of that role. This trip will be an opportunity to reconnect more personally with people in the church and perhaps bring closure to more aspects of our official relationship. (I anticipate lots of walks outside with somewhat warmer weather than here.)

Our trip has gone through numerous changes - the last one occurring this afternoon when the Netherlands put new restrictions in place requiring us to have a second and different Covid test in order to transit through Amsterdam (and, as it turns out, Paris.) So, instead of leaving at 12:40pm tomorrow, we leave at 5:30am and spend 9 hours in Atlanta in order to be sure we can complete the necessary test. Then we’ll have a quick 2 hours in Paris before arriving in Sofia around 2pm.

We'll be able to stay in our old apartment, making a lot of things easier and familiar. We’d appreciate prayers for all aspects of our flights, layovers, safety from Covid, time in Sofia (including some official documents we need to complete), ongoing search for a new pastor and as yet unscheduled return home. Please also pray for our family here - we will miss them all a great deal after the last months of significant change and lots of time together.

Blessings, dear friends, who have followed us on this journey! Kathy

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