## Greetings!! From Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Romania



Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Romania 2 – 14 Nov 2016 Antidotal Information

• Miles Covered: 13,512+, more than  $\frac{1}{2}$ ways around the earth Countries Visited: Netherlands, Romania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, then Romania again Modes of Transportation: Planes, Bus, Ferry (across the Danube River), Vans, and Cars

Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Romania 2 – 14 Nov 2016 **Antidotal Information** Population: Bulgaria = 7.5 million Macedonia = 2.0 millionRomania = 21.4 million Money: Bulgarian Lev 1.75 = \$1Macedonian Denair 57.21 = \$1 Romanian Leu = 4.11 = \$1

## Bulgaria 2016 Crossing the Danube River



#### Bulgaria 2016 Welcome to Bulgaria



#### Bulgaria 2016 Map of Bulgaria



## Bulgaria 2016 Our Six Star Hotel



## Bulgaria 2016 Silistra in the Morning Fog



## Bulgaria 2016 Silistra From Our Balcony



## Bulgaria 2016 3<sup>rd</sup> Century Church Ruins

#### THE CHRISTIAN DUROSTORUM-DRASTAR



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Silistra, the antique Durostorum the Middle Age Drastar, is amongst the leading centers of Christianity, Christian culture and civilization in Dobroudja. Here from the end of the 3rd the beginning of the 4th c. there was an early Christian community, in which brighten up the 12 saints, who died as martyrs between the years 303 and 362. Material evidence of their martyr history is two martyr temples and a grave, in which a golden ring with early Christian symbols was found.

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а епископски ис от 870 г. и а западно от ъв български уполен храм, в. резидират и. Силистра е в. The martyr glory of Durostorum is a base for creating a bishop desk about the year 380, which was leaded by Merkurian-Auxentius, a student of the apostle of the Goths Ulfila. In the mere centre of the city were raised basilicas and a bishop's palace. With the arrival of the Asparuh's proto-Bulgarians in the end of the 7th century was set the end of the early Christian past of Durostorum. The early Middle Age Drastar became a pagan center, for which is evidence the temple of Tangra from the 9th century and several sacrificial altars, which were found in the city.

Several sacrificial altars, which were found in the city. After the conversion of the Bulgarians in 865 Drastar became again a bishop center, which was headed by bishop Nikolay, for whom we have the evidence of an inscription from the year 870 and seals. Then on the shore of the Danube was raised a cathedral basilica and western from it a residence. In 927 the Drastar bishop Damian became the first Bulgarian patriarch. The cathedral basilica was reconstructed into a patriarthe first Bulgarian patriarch. The cathedral basilica was reconstructed into a patriarc. found residence the Byzantine bishops, and in the 13th-14th c. the Bulgarian metc. found residence the Byzantine bishops, and in the 13th-14th c. the Bulgarian metropolitan bishops. Silistra is a metropolitan city also during the Ottoman epoch from the 15th to the end of the 19th c.

## Bulgaria 2016 Karen Saying Hello



## Bulgaria 2016 **Picture of Church**

Северка крепостна стека от IV-VI, VIII-XVI в. и





Northern fortress wall from the IV-VI, VIII-XVI century пска и патриаршеска базилика на Дръстър от IX-XIV в. and bishop and patriarch basilica in Drastar from the IX-XIV century

> entury. Later, in the VI or e temple. Probably this is th church of the first bishop of hop of Dr ai. E is a th nce of the first B CXI century the church is a r of the holy gates of the altar is performed a bishop's funeral. After the Tatar invasion fron 1242 it is reconstructed.

## Bulgaria 2016 More Ruins and Danube River



## Bulgaria 2016 Karen Flying With The Pelicans



## Bulgaria 2016 Soviet Union WWII T43



#### Bulgaria 2016 We all Must Die



ОТ ПРИЗНАТЕЛНИТЕ СИЛИ

## Bulgaria 2016 We have a Heart for Silistra



#### Bulgaria 2016 Petrana and David



#### Bulgaria 2016 Over 310 Painting In Her Home



#### Bulgaria 2016 Even on the Ceiling



### Bulgaria 2016 Church of God Silistra

# БОЖИЯ ЦЪРКВА

Богослужения: Сряда - 18.30 ч. Неделя - 10.00 ч.

www.obcsilistra.org

## Bulgaria 2016 Pastor Yanko Warming Things



## Bulgaria 2016 Church of God Praise Team



### Bulgaria 2016 Men's Conference



### Bulgaria 2016 Pastor Niki and David



## Bulgaria 2016 Women's Conference



## Bulgaria 2016 Karen and Yarnea



## Bulgaria 2016 Karen and Yarnea



## Bulgaria 2016 Blowing the Shofar



## Bulgaria 2016 Sunday Morning Service



### Bulgaria 2016 Pastor Yanko Dobrev



## Bulgaria 2016 David and Alexandria



### Bulgaria 2016 David and Alexandria



#### Bulgaria 2016 Pastor Niki Marksov



# Bulgaria 2016 This Way Up Please



## Bulgaria 2016 Come Right In



# Bulgaria 2016 River Church Dobrich



# Bulgaria 2016 Church of God Ruse



# Bulgaria 2016 Pastor Peter Georgiev



## Bulgaria 2016 Members at Worship



## Bulgaria 2016 David Ministering at COG



# Bulgaria 2016 Before Communism



# Bulgaria 2016 During Communism



## Bulgaria 2016 Cabbage for Borsct



# Bulgaria 2016 Even by the Truck Load



# Bulgaria 2016 Town Open Air Market



# Bulgaria 2016 Tall Onions at the Market



# Bulgaria 2016 Annual Supper Out



### Macedonia 2016 Almost to Macedonia



#### Macedonia 2016





# Macedonia 2016 City Seal of Skopje



#### Macedonia 2016 Mother Teresa's Home Place



# Macedonia 2016 Street Outside Our Balcony



#### Macedonia 2016 Other Direction



# Macedonia 2016 Bethuel, Niki, Karen, and Jacob



# Macedonia 2016 6th Century Kale Fortress



#### Macedonia 2016 Lunch on the Albanian Side



## Macedonia 2016 Main Dish After Three Courses



## Macedonia 2016 Alexander the Great



# Macedonia 2016 Orthodox Macedonian Church



# Macedonia 2016 Phillip the Great



#### Macedonia 2016 Stone Bridge (circa) 356 AD



# Macedonia 2016 Romanian Missionary Team



#### Romania 2016 Welcome to Romania



#### Romania 2016 Map of Romania



#### Romania 2016 General Tragen (circa) 109 AD



#### Romania 2016 Apostle Andrew's Cave



# Romania 2016 A Cave of Prayers



# Romania 2016 Holy of Holies



# Romania 2016 Town of Agigea



#### Romania 2016 CRST Mision School

#### CENTRUL ROMAN DE STUDII TRANSCULTURALE CONSTANȚA-AGIGEA

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> CONSILIUL DIRECTOR AL CENTRULUI ROMÁN DE STUDII TRANSCULTURALE DI OCTOMBRIE 2010

## Romania 2016 Karen at the Mission School



## Romania 2016 David and Director Ina Ministering at Morning Chapel



### Romania 2016 Karen Becoming Romanian



### Romania 2016 Betel Church, Constanta



### Romania 2016 History of Betel Church

### BISERICA BETEL 1956 - 2016



### Romania 2016 Members Coming to Worship



## Romania 2016 Family Special



### Romania 2016 Betel's Choir



### Romania 2016 Baptism Sunday



### Romania 2016 David And Pastor Luke



### Romania 2016 Baptizing the New Members



#### BISERICA BETEL 1956 - 2016

### Romania 2016 Praying for the New Members



### Romania 2016 Flame of Hope Church



### Romania 2016 Church Praise Team



## Romania 2016 David (61) and David (16)



### Romania 20016 Group Church Picture



### Romania 2016 Pastor Gabe and David



### Romania 2016 Annual Supper at the Irish Pub



# QUESTIONS??



### **BEHOLDING HIS GLORY**



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