



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

15a Newbold Street, Leamington Spa CV32 4HN

☎ Telephone: 01926-335037 email: info@siloom.org.uk www.siloom.org.uk

Project:
039

*Let's be a blessing
to a believer (or
seeker) in Bulgaria
this Christmas.*

*...and send portions unto them for whom
nothing is prepared. (Nehemiah 8:10)*

October 2025

Dear Siloam prayerful ministry investors

Bulgaria is a pretty grim place to spend Christmas as any visitor will tell you, particularly in the northwest corner that has a border with Romania. For almost 30 years in which time a number of our Trustees have taken part in this ministry, this is Siloam's most popular Christmas outreach. Although we still hold a Christmas outreach of a much smaller and modest dimension in Guinea-Bissau, project: 031, this project because of the church's organisational ability we are able to touch the hearts of many poor people and greatly increase practical outreach ministry of 26 local Bulgarian churches.

As they say, these photos 'speak volumes' and show what can be done when so many folk like you, contribute towards the success of this practical Christian love outreach. Last year because of the economic turndown and higher energy costs, I only promised Pastor Darin Ivanov a contribution of £8,000 to fund last year's outreach. This was indeed a reduction of £2,000 on the previous year. (2023)

However, because so many folk got behind this appeal, we were able to send £8,500 at the beginning of December so 1,550 poor people received a Christmas food parcel and 550 poor children received a small gift package which they really appreciated

But, in addition to this, many folk sent gifts in later than our 'cut-off' date which means that we have £2,600 leftover from last year to begin this year's appeal!!

So, bearing in mind we are still suffering the effects of

Along with food parcels distributed in the main church building, this dear soul welcomes his copy of book 'God's Word for everyday', to help build up his soul.



The outreach is organised from the main church in Rousse known as The Church of the God of Prophecy, which now occupies a former synagogue building which they took over after the Jews returned to Israel after it was established in 1948.



Mostly the old, the frail and infirm benefit from Siloam's Christmas food parcel ministry.



550 packages of Christmas goodies were distributed to needy children requiring encouragement.



Many of those helped are single mothers barely surviving in this desperately poor area of northwest Bulgaria.



An unexpected parcel of food can bring great happiness and open hearts for the Christian gospel message.



Many of those helped are 'shut-in' individuals who hardly anyone visits and few care about.

*Imagine receiving
a package that
will 'keep body and
soul together' for
several weeks from
a stranger. This
type of practical
Christian action
opens hearts and
minds because
folk want to know
why we care about
them.*

We touch the hearts of many poor people in 26 local Bulgarian churches.

THIS IS WHERE YOUR INVESTMENTS WERE DIRECTED LAST YEAR

These are the towns and villages helped with your generous donations – December 2024

1. Lom, Archar + Barkachevo	£2,410
2. Poroino + Dulovo	£ 195
3. Tutrakan + Staro Selo	£ 326
4. Razgrad	£ 782
5. Sliven – 1 (Pastor Mihail)	£ 304
6. Vidin – 2 (Pastor Nikolay)	£ 337
7. Sliven – 2 (Pastor Dean)	£ 239
8. Yambol – (Pastor Yasen)	£ 239
9. Sliven – 2 (Pastor Georgi)	£ 465
10. Zlataritzza (Pastor Marin)	£ 369
11. Bogdanzi – 2 (Pastor Asan)	£ 313
12. Rousse, Dev Mogily, Byala, Straklevo, Goliamo, Vranovo, Slivo Pole, Tarnovia and the Turkish church in Rousse	£2,450
Local taxes and fund distribution costs only	£ 39
TOTAL	£8,468

Just imagine that you have nowhere else to go for help but suddenly the church steps in with a gift of Christmas groceries.

No Christmas turkeys or plum puddings here, just basic foodstuff that you would find in your own refrigerator.



So many small churches were blessed because supporters like you cared last Christmas.



In all the 26 churches which took part in this Christian outreach, many folk were blessed by the kindness of Siloam's supporters here in the UK.



For many living on the breadline, our parcels brought great encouragement.

government cutbacks and higher energy bills, **I am only going to ask our supporters this year for a total of £7,400.** Because with what we have leftover from last year, **we can hopefully send a gift to Pastor Darin of £10,000!!**

So, my question to you is, **"Do you want to be a blessing to a believer or a 'seeker' in Bulgaria this Christmas?"** If so, £5, £10, £15, £20 or even more will add up to fund this Christmas outreach which will bless so many in this desperately poor area of northwest Bulgaria.

Please look at our postcard and pray over how you can be a part of this ministry for Christmas 2025. Please ask the Lord Jesus to lay on your heart, that which you should share with us this Christmas in Bulgaria.

I am not going to labour this point because I know that many investors will want to share the love of Jesus this Christmas with others in Bulgaria whom they will probably never meet. I know, because of the success we have recently had with raising the funds that we needed for the Siloam Gospel Clinic in Ghana, that you will be challenged again in a positive way and want to make this year's programme a great success again.

Just look at the photos and see the expressions on the faces of the old, the poor and those who were 'shut-in' and just ask yourself, "If I was in need like these dear people, how would I like others to respond?"

Thanks again for being such a faithful supporter throughout the year, **I look forward to receiving your prayerful investment**, the last for 2025 so you may be richly blessed as you enjoy your own Christmas with your family, friends and those you share your Christian faith with.

Yours sincerely on behalf of those we love and serve in the developing world

Richard Norton

Richard Norton

Director-Siloam UK



Our co-worker in charge of the distribution outreach was Pastor Darin Ivanov assisted by his wife Vesy and their young son Darin Jr.

P.S. If you would like to learn more about this outreach ministry, then please do visit our website www.siloam.org.uk and scroll down to project: 039 where you will learn much more about how we can be of a real blessing to the believers and ('seekers') in Bulgaria this Christmas.

Remember, each parcel of food contains simple items of groceries like rice, pâté, flour, spaghetti, sugar, salami and macaroni as well as the book entitled 'God's Word for everyday.' – Thank you.

Please make all your donations payable to: Siloam Christian Ministries

Registered under the Charities Act 1960 No. 327396. Registered in the United Kingdom as a Limited Company by Guarantee No. 02104165

Registered Office: 18 Mulberry Avenue, Turnstone Business Park, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 0WN

member of
evangelical alliance
together making Jesus known

Registered with
FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR