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## May 15 Missions Letter

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**From:** David Bennett**To:** David Bennett**Sent:** Saturday, May 04, 2013 7:47 PM**Subject:** Bennett Update May 2013

Добър ден ... Good Afternoon, (in Bulgarian)

The 2013 Deaflympics are just 80 days away!

We are very excited about the upcoming **evangelistic trip** to reach the Deaf at the 22nd Deaf Olympic Games to be held in Bulgaria. We have said much about it in months gone by because it is such a **great opportunity**. We want to see many international Deaf have the chance to "hear" the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the very first time. That may seem like an exaggeration ... until you travel in the Deaf world for a while and see Deaf people within range of fundamental churches, but none that provide interpreting or services for them. (Most of the pastors I have met in India have never even heard of a church reaching Deaf people.)

On the Day of Pentecost, there were at least 15 language groups represented and 3000 were saved. I wonder how many were even present to hear the message that day! At the Deaflympics, we are told that there will be **"about 5,000 athletes representing approximately 80 countries."**

Imagine being around **5000 Deaf athletes** from around the world along with hundreds or thousands more Deaf who will be there for other reasons! Add to that number all the interpreters, family members, coaches, referees and judges, medical personnel, media personnel, and fans. Then there will be people like us who are there for other reasons. I believe we may see **upwards of 20,000 people** there as a direct result of the Deaflympics plus about 1.2 million Bulgarians who live in the region!

As always, we have **three needs**.**1) We need people like you to PRAY!**

I will list some prayer requests at the end of this letter. Please pray fervently for this ministry opportunity!

**2) We need people like you to GIVE!**

Why? Funds are needed to buy Gospel tracts and DVDs. We will be distributing two different Gospel DVDs to Deaf from all around the world. These DVDs will possibly go into 80 or more countries. (Some countries will have Deaf at the event but not have Deaf participating in the competition. Thus, it is possible to send Evangelistic DVDs with Deaf people back to possibly 100 countries.) Of course, there are other expenses on trips like this as well. Your investment in this evangelistic opportunity is greatly appreciated.

**3) We need people like you to GO!** Just yesterday, I had another person call and ask for information. Praise the Lord! We even have one TEAM MEMBER coming from Argentina! However, we still have a **spot open for YOU! Call me about this now.**

If you plan to go to Bulgaria with the SWMI evangelistic team for the Deaflympics... PLEASE write and let me know...even if you have already told me. The reason for this is to get a realistic count of who is planning on attending and helping us. I do not want to tell someone they cannot go because I am holding your spot and then find out later that the person could have gone because you changed your mind.

The cost, in case you missed it or forgot, will be around \$3800 per person. That is round trip from the USA. I will make all the airline arrangements for those traveling from the USA. I need to know which airport you want to fly out of, if you have not told me that yet. Please confirm that for me.

Also, if you plan to take other people with you I need a confirmation on that. You may be taking a son or daughter. I need to know who is going... and their name(s). You may be taking your spouse, as is the case with some. Please make it very clear to me who is going from your family or church.

If you know of people who plan to go but you are not sure if they are getting my emails, please send their email address to me. I will contact them. You can ask them to write me also.

So, which is it? PRAY? GIVE? And/or GO? If you have any questions, please call me at [423-322-7995](tel:423-322-7995). Or you may email me at [davidbennett@swmi.org](mailto:davidbennett@swmi.org).

I need to hear from you this week, if possible. I leave for Africa on Thursday and want to get as much as this taken care of as possible before leaving the USA.

Thank you so much and may God bless you richly.

## Prayer Requests for the SWMI 2013 Deaflympics Outreach

- 1) Financing for All the Team Members
- 2) Power of God as Testimonies are Given in Bulgaria
- 3) Power of God as Messages are Delivered in Bulgaria
- 4) Safety as Team Travels to Bulgaria, Greece, & Home
- 5) Wisdom for David Bennett to Lead Team in Bulgaria/Greece
- 6) Bulgarian Team of People to Help Us
- 7) Grace and Strength to Stand and Fight Against the Forces of Evil
- 8) Preparation of Hearts to Receive Tracts and DVDs in Bulgaria
- 9) Boldness to Distribute Literature and Witness
- 10) Twelve People to be Saved on Trip
- 11) Divine Comfort and Help for Those Who Fear Flying
- 12) Team Members to Sleep Well on Trip
- 13) Divine Provision and Help for Those Who Fear Foreign Food
- 14) God's Blessing while we Tour Philippi, Berea, and Thessaloniki
- 15) God to Call Out More Laborers for His Harvest

For Lost Deaf Souls Worldwide,

David Bennett  
Director SWMI

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Psalm 2:8

***Making a Spiritual Difference in the World of the Deaf for the Glory of God***

"Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God"

– William Carey, who is called the father of modern missions

*"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply."*

-- Hudson Taylor