

Missionary Volunteer Program



July 2026

Dear Church Family,

The first week of July was our final week in Serbia.

We spent that Saturday at the Public Market and passed out several Bibles and John & Romans Bibles in the Serbian language. We had enough people helping to set up two spots in the market. On Sunday we had another great worship service: attendance was good and we enjoyed a nice time of fellowship and a potluck meal that afternoon. Sunday night's service finished with homemade apple crisp and vanilla ice cream. That week we also met with some of the members and enjoyed a time of friendship and fellowship, and Joanie cooked some special meals.

Back in Florida, our home church had already started our VBS program, so we jumped in to help for the last three days of the program. The theme was KINGDOM KEEPERS, and there was a good turnout. By the end of the program 16 children trusted in Jesus for salvation!

I spoke to a Christian Men's group at a luncheon in town and was blessed to preach at our home church and give them a full mission trip report, including a video of our time in Serbia.

This month Joanie and I completed some follow-up doctor appointments and regularly scheduled blood tests, etc., and prepared for some special visitors.

Our oldest son, Darrell Jay, his wife Heather (who many of you have been praying for), and their three boys came for a week's stay with us. We had a great time together and spent many hours in the pool, fishing in the backyard pond, and enjoying special meals which Nana Joanie loved preparing for everyone.

We were out and about a lot that week, despite the heat being into the 90's but "feeling like" into the 100's! We spent a day visiting two theme parks, tickets generously given to us from a dear military friend, and we all experienced an Escape Room challenge for the first time (and we really did escape!). We took several walks together, and Joanie took the gang to a closer viewing point for a 3:30 a.m. launch from the Cape. Besides viewing a great rocket launch, they saw the first-stage return to the launch area with an impressive sonic boom! There's nothing like great times with family.
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As our summer transitioned from July to August, Joanie and I went to Tennessee for three days to preach and share MVP Missions' ministry with Rutherford County Baptist Church in Smyrna, and to meet Pastor Redden from a supporting church in Murfreesboro. We loved meeting the good folks at RCBC, and we had a nice visit and fellowship with Pastor Redden.

We're now in the thick of preparing for our three-month mission in Tanzania.

Please pray for our travels, safety, and health as we minister at Faith Baptist Church, Morogoro, Tanzania.

For a Greater Harvest, *Darrell and Joanie Bolton*

Our Last Week in Serbia.



Preaching in Smyrna, Tennessee

Meeting Pastor Redden and Sunday with our Family at church

