

Pastoral training in Bulgaria: Passing on the Passion and the Experience - Not Just the Knowledge

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MP director in USA, Nasko Lazarov (on the right)
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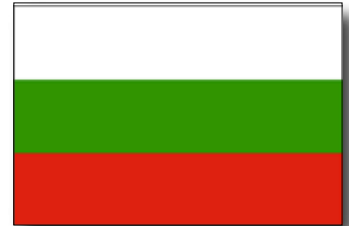
In September, Mission Possible Bulgaria facilitated two large training conferences for pastors and leaders. Our guest speaker, Dale Yerton from Van Buren, AR, taught series from the life of Elijah and Elisha.

Over the years Dale Yerton has become a friend of Bulgaria and by many pastors and church leaders he is viewed as a spiritual father. Over the years, Mission Possible also has come to be well respected in the area of training. It is an honor for us to serve the Evangelical churches in Bulgaria in this worthy cause.

Meeting current, strategic training needs of the Church

The principle behind our seminars is passing on the heart, the passion and the experience - not just the knowledge. Mission Possible in Bulgaria has been developing and implementing training programs since the early 1990's, in order to equip the Church for the work of service.

If we see a training need, we look to see if anyone is doing something for that. And if there is no one meeting that need, we only need a little encouragement to start planning the next steps of how we can be of help.



Mission Possible in Bulgaria is a major provider of teaching and training programs for the churches.

Mission Possible is an international Evangelical missions and aid organization targeting Eastern European countries.

Our goal is to bring people to the Lord through activities in three main directions:

- Evangelism
- Education
- Help for the Needy

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Over 15 conferences a year

Each year Mission Possible in Bulgaria facilitates more than 15 training conferences and seminars, all focusing on the preparation of lay and ordained ministers for local-church-based ministries.

Children's workers, writers and editors, pastors, teachers, leaders of ministries for women, men, and married couples, and literacy teachers – this is an abbreviated version of the list of tracks for which we train people.

When people are eager to learn, our work is very enjoyable. There is no need several times to call people into the sessions. They are ready to start right on the clock!

Focus on the success of the local churches

“We are committed to the success of the local churches in Bulgaria and want to see them thrive and grow. Their success is our success, their loss is our loss, too.”

I will never forget these words of Roumen, our Bulgarian Director. Roumen and his team work to see the Bulgarian churches well prepared and equipped. And they will do even more if would be able to provide them with more resources.

“We need trained and dedicated ministers so that our churches will be able to advance on the spiritual fields of Bulgaria where still 80% of the population lives a life of paganism, mystic religions, agnosticism, or outright, outspoken atheism.”

Join us in helping the Bulgarian Church to be better prepared for the revival which we expect and pray for!

You can help the Mission Possible team in Bulgaria by:

- Praying for them! Almost every weekend is booked with training workshops or seminars. They need good prayerful support for good health and protection of their families

- Financial giving. On the average, a training conference with 50 participants, for 3 days, costs us between \$1500 and \$1800. Whether by a one-time gift or a regular monthly donation – each donated dollar will make a huge impact!

We will continue to strive for excellence in our training programs. And will continue trusting that the Lord will take care of the numbers – both for the statistics as well for the financial needs.



Pastor Dale Yerton

Said at the September seminar:



“We highly value your teaching programs. Thank you that you exist! If you didn't exist, we couldn't exist either; our church would be lacking a great blessing.” Pastor Svetlozar and Zhanna Omaynikov from the Muslim areas of Rodopa Mountain in Southern Bulgaria



“Your ministry carries the spirit of the Kingdom. You don't work for one denomination or church only.” Pastor Atanas and Diana Valkanov, overseer for the Sliven region Pentecostal churches



“Over the years I have used a lot the materials of these pastoral seminars for the blessing of the churches where I minister. Every teaching has made a permanent imprint in my life.” Pastor Tsonko and Valya Atanasov, Yambol region