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Reaching Europe Ministries- North Macedonia

Dear Pastor,

I want to share an important update regarding our upcoming church plant and ministry in Skopje. After much prayer and cultural study, we have chosen the name:

"Grace Bible Fellowship"

In Macedonia, the word "church" is almost always understood in connection with the Orthodox tradition. For most people, it brings to mind rituals such as lighting candles, reciting formal prayers, and confessing to a priest. While these practices are deeply rooted in the culture, they do not communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ or the new life found in Him. Because of this, we have chosen to use the word "Fellowship (Заедница)" instead. This allows us to highlight what we truly desire to build: a community of local believers centered on God's Word, known by relationship, and shaped by the grace of God, without creating barriers of misunderstanding from the very start.

This also communicates our ministry model more clearly. Our goal is to meet not only in a fixed location for weekly services, but also in homes, in coffee shops, and even online through social media, where people can hear the preaching and teaching of God's Word. Another important part of this choice is that the government of Macedonia does not allow more than one "Baptist" church to be registered. This would hinder us legally if we used Baptist in the name.

At the same time, this is only a beginning identity. Once the called-out assembly of new believers is firmly established and ready to form its own identification, the believers themselves will prayerfully choose the name under which they will continue. My task is to plant, disciple, and equip a biblical assembly that will be national-led and Christ-centered.

We are deeply grateful for your prayers and faithful support. Thank you for standing with us as we labour to see the gospel firmly planted in Macedonia.

I have also put together the start of a new website for Macedonia. Please take a look, and you will see that our doctrine has not changed — only our approach, in order to match the cultural and legal challenges we face. https://www.grace2mk.com/doctrine

Feel free to call me or my pastor with any questions. William Brooks 903-495-8668

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