

NEWS 2009/2010/2011

Feb 2009

We have a court case ongoing and today the 16 Feb 2009 we had to go and tell the Judge we owe no money to Buy Sell. We owe no money to Christopher Violerus CEO of Buy Sell. He says we owe on a contract signed in 2005 when in fact the contract is no more than a English translation of the original Bulgarian contract. Word for word the same, dated the same, money amount the same, condition of contract the same.

In court today he changed the reason for the contract to a loan made by him to us for the use of buying a car . So, we have a contract to pay Buy Sell 15,000 Euro in Bulgarian, for land, and one in English for another 15,000 Euro for the purchase of a car. Why not one for 30,000? Because the English one is a translation. Mr Violerus is trying to cheat us out of all we own with the use of a document not fit for use in the toilet. Now we have to prove we only expected to pay once. Even in the accounts of Buy Sell there is only one exception lodged for the payment of this money.

We have to go back to the court on the 9th March 2009. We will see if this madness goes on from there. God Is Good All The Time we will be sent an Angel. Amen.

Thank you to all who have given gifts and support over the last month. Please keep on sending and giving. God Bless you all.

God is still working in our lives you need to read our story on-line to see the great things He has done and is still doing. God is still writing the words on our hearts and I myself can't wait to see what God has in store for us. Its getting exciting!

March 2009

We have been to court over the false document claiming money from us by buy sell Bulgaria. We brought a witness from England to give evidence in the case. Our witness was there when the documents were signed. He knows what the documents are and he knows that we do not owe any money to this man. He has the same documents, one in Bulgarian and one in English as a translation. Our witness told the court the documents he has are the same and he gave them to the Judge. In the accounts of buy sell it shows that only one amount of money was expected to be claimed. Today the Lawyer for buy sell produced new documents saying the money was expected from both our documents. The Court appointed accountant said this document is new and has only been made up for this case. The lawyer for buy sell did not ask for another accountant to look at the paperwork. I think it went well and we will get an answer from the court on the 9th April 2009. Our witness came all the way from England with only two weeks notice. He gave his evidence very well even though it was a long time ago. We can not stress too much the importance of what he did for us. He will be blessed greatly for this. All things come from The Lord even this witness. He was put there at the signing of this document so he could be a witness for us. He never bought any land or followed through with the contract he signed. God is good all the time even when we don't know we need a witness he sends us one. Praise The Lord.

24th March 2009

Today is a good day because God made it so. We have been to Church and we have helped people. Yesterday Rita gave some small coins to a man looking for food in the rubbish bins over the road from the church. He was crying with joy when we left him. God gives so you can give. He blesses those who bless others. That's why Jesus said, What did you do for me? What you did for the least you did for me.

We came out of Church to go to the bank. The walk was to take us past our lawyer's office. Half way there I got a phone call. The man on the other end asked for me by name. Yes, I said that's me, it was our lawyer to say the court as made their decision in our case and he said you have won. We have won the case and all the glory is God's. Nothing can happen to God's people without His sayso.

Praise the Lord.

April 2009

Well, today is the 1st of April and what a good month March has been. We thank you all for your help and support in these testing times. If you have not yet had an answer to your email please wait just a day or two and Rita will answer all your emails herself. We want to give you a personal response so be patient. Thank you.

We have had some good news about the site of our retreat but I can't go into it now, keep reading we should know more by May. We are looking for ten people who will send us one thousand Euro each. Or twenty people for five hundred Euro, to cover the cost of legal work needed for the retreat land. Be a partner with us and we will send you Rita's Book. Free also for your gift we will send you the DVD of her speaking. We love you and thank you.

†The cross is Easter, not the Easter bunny. The rabbit did not die on the cross for you and me the rabbi, Jesus Christ did. Not only did Jesus die, He suffered first at the hands of his accusers. He was scourged. He was whipped with leather thongs. Just for Jesus the leather strands had shards of bone and metal embedder into them. His skin was stripped from His bones. He was topped off with a garland of thorns. The thorns God put into the world after Adam first sinned. He was as Isaac was from **Genesis 22, v6**. The Cross was carried by Jesus who was the sacrifice for all sin. Only a pure lamb could be offered for sacrifice. Only one that bore no sin could be the last sacrifice for **all** our sin. Only Jesus Christ could set us free from death by taking it on Himself. *Life Though the Spirit Romans 8, v1-17*. the body dies our spirit lives on. We are all sinful in body but pure in Spirit because we all have Jesus's Spirit in us when we believe and accept Him as our Lord and Saviour. Even those who don't believe. Jesus died for them. On the third day He was raised from the dead. He took our sin and gave us Righteousness.(That is to say making us Right with God) Non believers still have to spend Eternity somewhere death is on its way. Come to the cross now it is closer than you think. Eternity is a long time to spend kicking yourself. God bless you all We love you and God loves you. Whether you like it or not.

God is good. We have just had our second Easter in our church. The Orthodox church celebrates Easter in line with the Jewish passover. Not with the fazes of the moon like other Christians. So He is risen indeed once more. This is a Great Day. In Bulgaria that is what we call this Sunday. Even better for us because we have more money to add to what we need. Our old car has risen too after the winter damage. We still need to sell our new book but God will send us a publisher just at the right time, His time. I was called to look at Proverbs 19. In church today and found it speaking to me about all the people who over the last four month have been trying to rob us of, not only our land and home, but our peace and joy. v21 Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. Through the week we got one of those emails that are sent on to others. The modern-day chain letter. It gave a bible chapter and verse. Psalm 46: 19 Be still and know that I am God;..... First it asked not to stop this by not passing it on as it had been started back in 1998. I find it sad that no one bothered to look in the bible for the chapter before passing it on. There is no verse 19 to Psalm 46. The words quoted are from Psalm 46: v10. I once read a book of misquotes from the bible, Money is the root of all evil being the best known of them. Have a look, that's not what it says. Read the book more and don't fall down on your quotes. You never know. You may come to know The Truth. Praise The Lord.

Don't be fooled by the news of doom and gloom given every day on the TV, in the Press or even on the internet. There is nothing that can happen to us that God does not allow. No man can serve two masters: **Matthew 6, 24-26**says, **No one can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and**

love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Mammon. For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink: nor for your body, as to what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

When I open the door in the morning I see the birds building their nests and singing in full voice a song of joy I have never heard a song-bird singing a song of woe. They do not love money or property. When the young have left the nest they even abandon their home and move on. God will

give them another nest when they need one. My bible says in **Luke 6, 24-25**. But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full. Woe to you who are well-fed now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Don't put your trust in money. That will only help you live your life here and now, for seventy years or so, if you are blessed. Half of which you'll spend amassing your wealth. The man who works day and night at the expense of his family to fill up his bank account is greatly appreciated by his wife's next husband. Or may be like H. Hughes all his live is devoted to making money without a family. When he was asked how much is enough, He answered just a little more. **Luke 6, 20** says in my bible. And turning His gaze on His disciples, He began to say. Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Freddie Mac, Fanny Mae, need I go on? The wealth given by God to these companies was put to no good and now it has all gone. Where is it? Don't be fooled by doom and gloom. But don't build counting houses for your money. Use It For The Good Of Others, Or Lose It! I would like to say sorry to two friends who have helped us out over our times of trouble. I posted on this site comments that offended them and that was wrong. We unreservedly say sorry for any pain they felt over this and thank them here for all their support. They have only done good to us. It says on our word page don't be robbed. This is not to do with money. People can rob you of your Joy. Other friends have tried to rob us of our joy with talking out of turn. We should have seen this for what it was and not let it rob us of our joy.

May 2009

1st of May and the weather is getting warmer. For one week in Bulgaria it is a holiday so nothing will be done this week.

27th of May Well it has been a long time but life is moving on we still have not got our land or our

house back yet. We have the money and I want to do the deal but it is not going smoothly. It is at times like this I remember how easy it was when I was a gangster. Problem one day, the next day gone. A lot can be put right in one night.

God is good, time and time again He has blessed us with good people. The devil comes in many shapes and sizes. some times we don't see him until he shows his true colours. We don't need to fight the devil, that is God's job and God beat him in heaven and again on the cross. We stand in victory through Jesus Christ.

29 of May 2009

All who come to the table to eat and are fed by the word of God should tithe at that place.

Malachi:

3 6-18

If you are in a good Church then your tithe should go there. But don't forget your contributions, blessings. The need here is great so pray for God's will to be done through you. Listen to your heart, God speaks to hearts not your head. My book, A Murder Of Crows, is coming on and only one hundred pages to go until publication. To self publish will be about five thousand dollars. All the profits will go to the building of God's house here in Bulgaria. Ten people can do it for five hundred each. Just click on the Donate button and go to our secure pay-pal account for Trinity Builders Ltd. If you can't send any money send us your prayers by e-mail.

We now have all our land back with our house. God is good and no weapon formed against God's people will prosper. We can now get on with building a house for God here in Bulgaria. The need is great even with the 98% Christian population. This is a number that is only on paper. In reality Bulgaria is not a born again Christian country. They hang on to old ways and still offer up lambs as a sacrifice when ever the need.

June 2009

This month will be good, I know it. Let us hear from all our brothers and sisters in Christ. We all have to work hard to lift Bulgaria out of old ways and into Jesus's ways. The poor people of this country are forgotten about in their own country. Some, even not seen to be of this country but outcasts and live in cardboard villages without sanitation. We, that is all of us have to help. What can you do? God sends people to do his work, that's us. Others are given the job of supporting those sent. That's you.

We are working long and hard to move forward in God's work, with God's help. June has gone by very fast. Cherry season now so we are all eating cherries. On the 21st we went out to meet with a group from Exeter who come to Bulgaria yearly. They fund an orphanage in a small village near to us. The children are aged from two years up to eighteen. By that time the children find work and are found a home of their own. I was very impressed with the children. They are well adjusted and a credit to the people who run the home. Sorry I have not posted more for this month. Every last Sunday of every month we hold an English speaking service at our church here in Varna. This month I gave the message, The Power Of The Spoken Word. Rita is going to put it on The Word page so look out for that coming up soon. Thank you to all who have helped us this month. God bless you.

July 2009

Working for Christian brothers and sisters in Christ this month. Roof for one. Extension for another. Lots of work with a house to build for a young newly wed couple. That is in the first stage. Here it could take some time. We have been given roof tiles for our house for free by Christian friends. Then all our neighbours, Bulgarians, came round and put them on the roof for us. We had some food and a glass of wine after the work was done. Thanks be to God. The first week of July had been wet. Today there has been a big storm. God's timing is perfect we have our roof tiles.

Work is coming in now and we are giving more for the glory of God. The more we get the more we give but we can not out give God. Our computer is falling apart at the seams. I took it a part and now it works, but with some small glitches. The key board has a mind of it's own so if a comma comes up in the wrong place you know why.

We are meeting with the land register people soon to see about the regulation of our land. We will need help if we can regulate it. Some of the help I hope will come from my book, A Murder Of Crows that I have just about finished I'm on the last chapter. We still need a publisher to take the book on so come on who do you know that can help? Every day God gives us our daily bread. But man can not live on bread alone.

Send your email this month and you will be sent a free copy of Rita's DVD giving her testimony. There is a limited number of DVDs so do it now.

August 2009

All this month we have been working long and hard to move on here in Bulgaria. I have had a bad tooth for a month but no money to sort it out. Now our good friend and neighbour has taken me to his dentist and it is sorted. One of our dogs is very ill and I think will not last much longer. Well that's the bad news, now we are all fit for the winter. Our internet went down for three week so sorry to all you who had to wait for an answer to your e-mails, we are back on line now and will get to all of you soon.

We still have a few of Rita's DVD's to give away to any one who sends us a request by e-mail to rita@ritanightingale.org

Rita is amazed at the people who have contacted her this month. Thank you for taking the time to give her words of encouragement.

My book is still in need of a good publisher; with twenty pages to go till it is finished time is tight. I do know that God's timing is never wrong so I stand on His word.

Have you ever had some one, not a Christian, say to you something like "call yourself a Christian?" Or "for a Christian I thought you wouldn't do that". I have had that just this month and not for the first time. Isaiah 54-17 says: **No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgement you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servant of the Lord.**

And their vindication is Me, declares the Lord. Who is that who says these things to us? John 10-10: **The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly. He** comes to destroy, he comes to deceive. He comes to steal. To kill. The Bible says. All have sinned and fallen short, so why do they say we have fallen when we know all we can do is try hard to do God's will? Then get up again when we have fallen. God will judge us all one day, both you and me. He will judge us as we have judged others. He will judge us not by our deeds but by our belief in his Son Jesus Christ.

Do not let the devil take your faith in Jesus Christ by telling you you're not a real Christian. The bible is full of great men of God who made bad decisions in the face of God. Even the first murderer, Cain, didn't fall out of God's grace. God loves us so much He sent His only begotten Son to die for us. For our falling. It's paid for in full by Jesus on the cross. Next time some one uses your faith against you try to say 'God bless you, I hope to see you in Heaven'. Face the devil and he will flee.

September 2009

Happy New Year to you all.

This is the month of change here in Bulgaria. The weather is getting colder, the birds are moving on to warmer homes for winter. Our dog Jessica died of her sickness.

Rita has a new phone. A good friend in the UK sent a phone for her to use. God is working in our lives every day and I can't wait to see how He is going to bless us next! We are asking God for the money to finish our home. This week we were given materials and next week our new windows and doors are coming. We asked God for a new computer and got one, we asked God for a phone for Rita, and got one, we asked Father God for our home to be finished and we are moving toward having it. Rita is missing her daughter, Lucy who is in the UK. On the 18th she may be coming here for a holiday. All we need God will give to us in His time. And for our good.

October 2009

I want to start a feeding ministry for the children of the gypsy ghetto here in Varna. In the warm months there is a lot of food that can be found growing wild. Surplus food from fruit markets can be collected by the Children. Most of the children savage on the rubbish tips by day, moving to city bars at night begging for money from holidaymakers.

The winter yields very little for the children to eat and there are very few tourists in the city. We are hoping to feed two hundred people per night, three times a week from now until the end of March. We need one Euro per person, per feeding day. Every week we need six hundred Euro to feed the children of the ghetto. What can you do to help us, help them?

When we were in Germany it cost one Euro to use the toilet. For that one Euro we can feed a child.

MATTHEW 25-35, For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;

December 2009

Rita has been to the UK for Christmas to visit with her family. The first attempt was a disaster because of the weather. Varna airport was closed and she missed her flight from Sofia to Manchester. The next day was no better, However with help from The Holy Spirit she got to Sofia and there she was able to book a new flight to the UK.

I stayed here but was very ill for two days. I had to call on The Word of God to come to me with healing. in two days I was on the mend. With no medication and no money to buy any I had to go to the Bible and see what it told me to do. Go to the elders of the Church, confess your sin, ask for anointing and have them pray for you. So that's what I did. God's word works.

My book is finished and I have sent it to a publisher for a reading. Pray for the book and that it will be put into print.

We still need your help to feed the children of Varna. A big thanks to the people who are already giving to the food program.

Coldest winter in Varna for over 30 years began on 18th January and didn't get above freezing for weeks. Even the sea froze for up to 300 meters it was an amazing sight to see, like smoke hovering

over the surface, it was actually freezing.

The beauty of our winter wonderland was breath taking, but practically it was very challenging. All the water supply froze, so only bottles from the spring in the village. The electricity was so low we couldn't use the microwave or toaster and the lights were like candle power. The car was buried and no chance of getting to the main road, thank the Lord for the 4x4 which came to the rescue of many neighbours, getting supplies of fresh bread and drinking water, even pulling some cars out of the deep deep snow.

Thank God for good friends, great neighbours who all pulled together and an even greater God who supplied every one of our needs on a daily basis.

The plus side of all this weather that Tony couldn't go out to work, he had enough work around our house and the neighbours. He had time to work on his book and get it ready for publishing .

JANUARY 2010

After much prayer and consideration we decided at the beginning of this new year, to try a new church as we felt we had more to offer to serve the Lord and that we were basically filling a seat every Sunday. We prayed that God would make it very clear where we were to be. On the very first service we attended we were both asked to give our testimonies. So our second visit Tony gave a message and his testimony. After the service He was asked to get involved with the prison ministry, praise God. When I gave my testimony I was immediately asked to get involved with the women's ministry by the pastors wife and after the service a young women came up and asked us both to meet with a group within the church who were all either ex drug addicts, recovering alcoholics or ex prisoners! How we praised God that at last we felt we could serve God in a deeper way in the church.

After saying all that we miss very much the saints of God who so faithfully prayed for us during the previous year and a time of just being in fellowship.

We have been asked to give an interview to a Bulgarian Newspaper. God is moving fast for us now. We will use the interview for His work and invite churches to ask us to speak.

MARCH 2010

The book. A Murder Of Crows, Salvation is now out and you can get it here on our books page just click on the buy it button and go to our Pay Pal page and its done.

Brother Ray is not well and is having a hard time so lets lift him up by sending him a good word. send your comments and I will pass them on to him.

APRIL 2010

Thank you for all your support for brother Ray. He is doing a lot better now and adding gems to his pages.

This is a time of great joy. The time has come once more for the remembrance of the last meal Jesus had with his first disciples, in that upper room. A meal that took place every year to mark the passover of the Jews from captivity into freedom. A meal that was held well before any Christian was thought of by mankind. When Jesus did it this time he changed it to represent the passover from death to life. A new life for those who believe in Him. Jew or Gentile. The next passover with Jesus will be the wedding feast, when He comes back for his bride. That's Us. Are you ready?

The first consignment of Tony's book, A Murder of Crows, Salvation; is now on its way to the UK. We are planning our visit to England and hope to be there later in the year. God willing. Get in touch if you would like to be added to our tour. Our diary will be filling up soon so don't miss this chance to hear one story with many messages. God has done wonderful things in our lives. If we can show you how God has blessed us, you will know how much He can do for you. **Mark 5. v 19**

...."Go home to your people, and tell them how much Adonai (Lord) in his mercy has done for you."

John 15. v 5 *I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who stay united with me, and I with them, are the ones who bear much fruit; because apart from me you can't do a thing.*

We had a great day with friends when we kept the feast of Passover or Pesach. Given the name in Christianity, The Last Supper because it was the last time it would be done in that way. Jesus was

here with us and the coming of the Redeemer need no longer be looked for. On the Passover some one would go out into the road and look to see if Elijah was coming. It is written, first Elijah will come to make straight the way of The Lord. The Jewish people missed it. John the baptist was the spirit of Elijah. Jesus picked up the bread that was for Elijah and broke it when he said this is my body, He then took the cup of wine that was set out for Him and said this is my blood and drank it. If He wasn't THE ONE he had just committed a great sin. This was the bread and the wine that only The Saviour could eat and drink. The twelve knew very well that if The Saviour didn't come the bread and the wine was not used and they would say lets do it all again next year in the new Jerusalem rebuilt.

Jesus was saying to them, I am here, it is me you're looking for, this bread is for me, this wine is for me. Then he offered them the last cup of wine. He said, HE WOULD NOT DRINK OF IT TILL HE CAME AGAIN. When the Jewish man would ask for a girl's hand in marriage he would offer her a glass of wine, If she drank it she was saying I do. The man would not drink until he came back to get her when he had made a new room on his father's house. Jesus said I go to prepare a place for you then I will come again. That's when He will come back for us all. And he said, In my father's house there are many rooms. That is for His many brides. Us. The Church. The body of Christ. Are you ready for the wedding feast? Sorry but it as nothing to do with bunnies or eggs or whatever else man may have put on it. If Jesus didn't do it on that night in the upper room it has no place in the feast. Have your Easter and eat your eggs but put Jesus Christ back in the engagement party. He is risen. He is risen indeed Hallelujah.

I was asked the other day if I was a pentecostal now! As I'm not sure what a pentecostal is, I said. I'm the same as I was when I got saved and gave my life to Jesus Christ. When I was witnessing to a guy in the airport, while waiting for a flight from the UK, he asked me what were you born? I told him I was born a baby and at the age of 42 I was born again as a Christian (John three). A word not found in the bible. I was born, and still am a follower of Jesus Christ. I was born of The Spirit. Please read the; What we believe page of this website and maybe you can tell me what I should answer next time some one needs to fit me into a religious box. God bless all the children of Abraham, for it is written he is the father of ALL BELIEVERS . Amen.

May 2010

May and a lot warmer here. We have started working with the church prison ministry. After a month of getting past the security checks Tony can now go into the prison, It wasn't that difficult for him to get into jail last time. There is a picnic on Friday the seventh of May where we will read the Word whilst having some food and fellowship on the Galata coast, over looking the Black sea and Varna city. God's world is beautiful.

The book A Murder Of Crows, Salvation, is doing well if you would like to sell it in your church or Christian book shop email Tony for a discount price to: tony@ritanightingale.org.

The second book in the trilogy, A Murder Of Crows, Deliverance, is on its way. We are using the book sales to fund the work we are doing here so come on and help us help them . God bless those who are helping now.

Next month we will be in the UK on our tour hope to see some of you then. I will post the date soon.

Don't forget to keep looking on Brother Ray's pages for up-to-date insight into the word.

14th May 2010

The party for English speaking people went very well last night with a good attendance.

<http://www.epcvarna.org>

[org/epc/v1RC/index.php](http://www.epcvarna.org/epc/v1RC/index.php) It would seem the all of Europe was represented coming together under one God and one language. Does that sound a bit Biblical? The tower of Babel comes to mind when God confused the people so they couldn't understand each others tongues.

16th of May 2010

we are invited to speak in the Church at Shumen we would love to see you there. Rita has a good word to give.

A Spirit filled Church was what we got at the Christian Outreach Centre in Shumen. Pastors Rod

and Nina Johnson made Rita and I very welcome, we thank them for a great day walking with the Lord.

Another Sunday and a new church for Rita and myself to give a message, along with our testimony. The small village of Sava is in a beautiful cleft at the foot hills on the way to Bulgaria's biggest lake. We were met by a small gathering of believers ready to listen to what we had for them. I felt the message for them was forgive. As the Father has forgiven you so must you forgive. Both Rita and I have found it difficult in the past to forgive. We both held onto anger against the ones who helped put us into prison cells, we did not deserve. Not that we weren't sinners. No, we were very much in the world and of it. We put ourselves into them places by living life our way and not His way. If you do it your way don't call out to God asking, WHY ME? Forgive them, whoever they are, it is stopping you entering The Kingdom of God.

After the service we went with one of the women to her home and met with her husband. He was recovering from a brain operation and still hadn't the full use of his right arm and right leg. We laid hands on him and anointed him with oil and told him to accept his healing, when we left, after food fit for a king he lifted his hand and waved us off praise be to God.

02 of June. 2010

This day was a blow against justice. Kevin J Commons was my Friend and my Lawyer and a victim, along with 11 others, of the poor guy who, for whatever reason, went on a killing spree in Cumbria. This is what I have to say about Kevin.

Kevin **J**oseph **C**ommons

was my solicitor, but more than that he was my friend. He once told me if he wasn't a solicitor he would be in prison himself. I didn't ask why and he never told me any more than that. K. J. C. for me will always mean what the man behind the initials was.

The K is for the Kindness he showed to my mother and I when I was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment for a crime he knew I didn't commit. His genuine acts of Kindness to my Mother were the actions of more than just a lawyer to his client. When my sister died he was only too happy to represent the family in all matters. He stepped in and stopped the custody fight for my dead sisters young children, winning the day for my Mother. Kevin worked on the case pro bone for much of the time. He took time out from his busy work load to send my Mother flowers and champagne on her birthday when I was in prison. When the jail stopped me from wearing my suit in court he thought nothing of going out and buying me a new one using his own money. When I sent Kevin the draft manuscript of my book A Murder of Crows, Salvation he told me I had got his eye colour wrong. I said they were blue and in fact they are green. I told him I have poetic licence and they should be blue to match his warm loving personality. Portly was the only other thing he pulled me on. Only because the girls in the office found it funny the boss was described as portly.

The J stands for; what else but Justice. Kevin stood up for justice where ever it was and would seek it out where ever it was hiding. How he kept his continence in the face of clear injustice is a credit to him. He told me he was one of the authors of The Bail Act, an act that was meant to free from prison people who were waiting for their court date. It was, still is, abused by the CPS. Justice he told me, 'was not served today' when he sat with me in a prison cell at Keswick after the police told lie after lie to obtain the committal to Carlisle Crown Court. Justice was what he was thinking about when he told me my plan to beat the police was wrong. I had a plan to fight lies with lies but Kevin told me you are better than them, you shouldn't lower yourself to their immoral standards. He was right. My plan was perfect, it would have closed the door on the lies told by the police and opened a door that meant I was no better than them. He wouldn't lie or cheat even when all around him justice was being attacked with great venom. When someone involved in my case went to him years after I was jailed and asked him to act for them in court he told them it would be a conflict of interest. How many lawyers would have just taken the job and the legal aid cheque?

The C stands for Collector. Kevin told me his love of old buses. A million miles away from crime and courts. He collected books and I was glad when only two months ago he told me he had retained, as he put it, a book I gave him in 2000. The book, Words of a Demented Prisoner is one of only eight printed. I know because I printed it and bound it in Garth prison. It's my words and I was

that demented prisoner. After reading the poetry book Kevin sent to me a tome of a thesaurus along with a equally huge dictionary. I can't help thinking now of the times I had to carry them from jail to jail and cell to cell.

Now Kevin is collecting accolades for a life of servitude. From a community he choose as his own and a county he called home. From Carlisle to Barrow in Furness he is a household name. When the police break down the door of a suspect the cry goes out "Call Kevin J Commons". A gentleman with integrity, how could he have been a lawyer? He was a friend who knew the law. I hope he has been promoted from The Bar to a far off star. Sleep well my friend.

After the shootings in Whitehaven, my old town back in the UK, I have to ask the question "How long have you got left in this life?" The people who died that morning got up from their beds for just another day in their lives. They never got to see that day end. They were not ill. They were going to live for a long time after that day. They thought. The point is they didn't know it was to be their last day. We can't know when our time is up in this life. Are you ready to go today? Do you know where you're going. Do you know Jesus and are you a bride of Christ ready for the wedding feast?

In the old Jewish tradition this is how the wedding took place.

The man would offer to his beloved a cup of wine. She knew what this was and that if she drank from the cup she was accepting his proposal of marriage. The man didn't drink from the cup, only the woman drank. The man then went back to his fathers house to make a room for him and his new bride to live in. The drinking of the wine was the first stage of the marriage. From that day they are married, however the marriage is not consummated so not complete. When the room in the father's house is to the satisfaction of the father, usually one year after the first stage, the father tells his son "Go and get your bride and bring her home". The groom goes for her at midnight. He takes her to the room in his father's house and the final part of the marriage is undertaken, the consummation. to show the bride waited for her groom and was pure the show of blood on the bed sheet is taken to the father and the elders as proof she has been faithful to him. Then the wedding feast is the first time since that day the bride drank the wine that the groom takes his drink. The bible and Jesus followed this same tradition. When Jesus offered the cup of wine in the feast of passover it doesn't say he drank it, he said "I will not drink of this cup again until I come into my kingdom". When Jesus was asked can we come with you, he said "Where I go you can not come, but I go to prepare a place for you. I will return for you when the time is right." Remember Jesus said "In my father's house there are many mansions? Some translations say rooms. Or places. Then the disciples asked Jesus when will you come again? He says "Only the father knows the time". Then there's that parable of the wedding feast. The one who was not dressed properly was put out of the wedding banquet, he was not clothed in the righteousness of God. You are the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ if you are the bride. Have you drank the wine? Are you married to Jesus and are you waiting faithfully for Jesus to come for you today? "Do this in remembrance of me." Remember Jesus died for your righteousness and that he is coming back for you as his bride. Jew or none Jew if you drink from the cup Jesus is coming for you. God Bless You. Jesus Loves his bride.

July 2010

I can't believe that half this year is behind us. We said this would be a great year and that's just what it's turning out to be. We have done more here in this six months than we have in all the time we have been here. But we have built on good foundations put down when times were hard and we were in a time of God's quiver. A Murder Of Crows Salvation is doing well. We still plan on going to the UK for our talking trip round England. Two Church leaders have asked us to speak there. We need more so don't miss out, send us an email: rita@ritanightingale.org

The next book, A Murder of Crows, Deliverance is coming to life on the page, you can read the first chapter by clicking this free link [Deliverance](#) This is a first draft so please forgive any typos. I have given A Murder of Crows Deliverance to the memory of my lawyer and friend Kevin. I hope he has been delivered into the arms of Jesus Christ.

11th July 2010

What a great time we had today at the house of a follower of Jesus. We were asked to join the worship and speak to the gathering. A large table was set with cool drinks and biscuits. The meeting was outside under over hanging grape vines. Giving shade but more, giving the feeling Jesus must have had when, on many occasions he sat under a tree or in a vineyard as he spoke to the ordinary people. Those who didn't go into the Synagogue. The first church was in homes of believers. The small village is 20 kilometres from us with an

orthodox church, as is the case in most villages. The people here still think of the church as a state run institution. However the ones who believe in Christ still make Sunday His day. We spoke about the love God has for all his children, the love we should all have for each other. Rita spoke to the young girls about the love for the one man who she will marry.

I asked the question of un-forgiveness. Not God's; that was dealt with on the cross. The un-forgiveness of a family member or a once good friend. Forgive as God forgave us and get right with The Spirit, you will have a peace that Jesus said will pass all understanding. The time together ended when we prayed and anointed a baby girl, the child had been born without tear ducts, her mother was a widow with 2 other young children, living in a near derelict house. We prayed in English one friend in Bulgarian and another in Hebrew you just know our loving heavenly Father heard that prayer!

28 July 2010

Are you embarrassed by a good Samaritan? Would you have helped the guy on the road without question, or would you have walked by? Would you have asked what will be the cost to me, before helping, or would you put yourself second and the guy in need first? Jesus said what you do for the least of them you do for me. I was having car trouble and could not fulfil a work commitment. The job being a 50 kilometres round trip. A Christian, after some weeks phoned me out of the blue and offered to help. I can't help thinking the help was for the person I was working for rather than myself. He said the work really needed doing and to assist I could use a bike that he had. I could then cycle the 25 k do a days work and then cycle back. Up-until then I thought he was offering me a motor bike. A very good mountain bike was his words. Just as well; 4 kilometres of the trip is up a mountain. When I was a younger man I may have taken him up on his very kind offer. However I have no intention of working a week and laying in hospital two weeks. Suffering from the damage done.

After the kind offer of the bike from the man of God. A none Christian asked me if I needed help. The none Christian was prepared to drive in his car the 24 k, pick me up, take me to the job and at the end of the day drive me home again. The first thing on his mind was how could he help me. He asked nothing in return and the cost to him, in time and money didn't come into it. Are we being embarrassed by none believers? We are told to put others first and ourselves last. The bible puts it this way; The first shall be last and the last shall be first. In heaven that is. If you put yourself first in this life you can expect to be last in the next. That is if you ever get to be in the glory of God's presence.

August 2010

Hot, hot, hot. Book signing in Varna and working has been the order of the week for this first week. We have a new car that cost us nothing, once we get the money for the old one that is. We still have a problem with the 4x4 gearbox but we are trusting in The Lord to sort it out in His time. Brother Ray has sent us some great stuff so have a look at the new pages on his link, top right of this page.

We have been that busy this month I have just now had time to up-date the news page. Sorry. Where to start? On the 14th we had a BBQ for all the people who have helped us over the year. We started with a plan, one kg of chicken wings, a banana and nut cake and the blessings from God. There were ten neighbours, fifteen from church and two from Dobrich along with Rita and myself. At the end we had enough food left over to keep us for two days. What a great day we had ending with a healing for Nasco after an anointing from the leaders. He accepted the healing and is now walking in it.

22ed On the way to Beloslav, to give a word in the small church there, we stopped for petrol. A good Christian friend was at the petrol station and knew we were going to give God's word. "Fill the tank with petrol and I will pay" I was told by my friend, so I did just that and the bill was paid by God.

The message we gave was taken in by all the people ending with prayers for the sick. The pastor took Rita and I along with our ' young-in-Christ' friend Dancho over the lake to a small Christian restaurant for lunch, what a joyful day. We have been invited back and I can't wait. We have some good contacts for the Christian Centre to go onto the next stage. But we still can't do it without YOU. Help us help these people now.

29th Apostle Tomo Hayden

The conference in Varna was all weekend and the speaker, Tomo Hayden from South Africa gave great teaching on the spiritual family Rita found it interesting when he told us about the churches of the bible coming under one title, he used the illustration of all the churches in Varna would be addressed as; The Church of Varna. If that is so why was I asked by a church leader in Varna if I was now a pentecostal Christian? I now know what to say. I belong to, The Church of Varna. Amen.

September 2010

The mission team from the UK were a joy to meet and I hope we can get together soon in the UK. Carol is doing a great job in her village just outside Dobrich.

The weather is so good, God is even better!

Numbers 23 v 20 – I have received a command to bless, He (God) has blessed, and I cannot change it.

No one can reverse the blessing of God. Receive it. Know it. Live it.

Until next time.

Today the 11th September Rita and I had a wonderful meeting with a Christian Architect here in Bulgaria. The plot that will become, The Christian Centre of Learning, named THE ARK has entered a new stage. An application is to be made this month for a change of use. This is the first step in a long journey, one that marks the beginning of a new era here in Varna. The children will have a modern facility including accommodation, a refuge run with Christian values to a high standard. NVQ educated people will lift the veil of poverty off the city of Varna and show the whole of Bulgaria, and the world, the old but true adage that if you give a man the ability to catch his own fish you don't have to feed him every day. He can feed not only himself, but his family, and with Christian principals, his village as well. Young girls won't have to sell themselves into prostitution and boys won't need to live on the rubbish dumps of the city

It's better to give wisdom than money. With wisdom you can get money. But with money you can't buy wisdom for that you need education. All things come from God through people who do God's work.

We are here to do just that and we need you to do your work from where you are. Some are sent to do and some are told to support them that are sent. Support The Christian Centre of Learning (THE TALLIT) so we can move on to that next stage. We need 10,000 Euro by May 2011. Right now we need 1,000 Euro to get things moving before the land-law here changes and we fall into a legal trap. We have given 60,000 Euro to the centre so far, with more coming in from book sales but we need this money now. If you can help with anything, contact us on; rita@ritanightingale.org a non profit organisation set-up to build this centre. Don't leave it to someone else listen to what God puts on your heart.

Working for The Lord Rita & Tony. God bless you.

[Go to our secure PayPal page now and help with whatever you can.](#)

19th September 2010

Rita and I set off for the town of Yambol. About 150 miles from Varna city. The car had a small leak on the radiator but with some radiator fixer and extra water in the car I was sure we would do Okay. The trip was the result of an invitation to take part in a TV interview for, CHRISTIAN TV BULGARIA. On Monday the 20th. Two very good Christian friends asked us to stay with them in the not-so-near town of Kazanlak. All was well until we got to Kalyonovo. I stopped to see how the radiator was holding up and it wasn't. The water was coming out faster than I was pouring it in. It was finished. A long life along with the Bulgarian weather had taken it's toll. Our friend and the pastor of his church came to the rescue. We were very close to the TV studio but a long way from our promised roast beef dinner. The car was towed to the TV station and parked up until the morning when we could find a radiator from a breakers yard.

The beef dinner was a trip back to the UK for our now Bulgarian palate. How English is apple crumble and custard to follow? Nellie, a wonderful woman of God with a healing that could only be God-given was our translator for the TV show. You can see the whole show on the link from our LINKS page. Or click here.

After the show we had the task of finding a radiator. I got that Bulgarian nod of the head every time

I said, Rover 400 radiator? The nod that anywhere else would be a yes. But here it's a no. Two days and more scrap cars than I've seen in a long time gave me what I needed. A short time with my head stuck in the car engine and we were ready for the trip home. Forty Euro lighter. The cost of the radiator. I hope the show impacts people in a way that will help us do God's work here. We still need money for the land to be regulated for building THE TALLIT, that's the new name of the centre. It will save the people from the world's flood of poverty. Like in the days of Noah when the flood was water and the Ark saved his family. Only when the door was closed did everyone else believe.

October 2010

We have been to meet with the pastor of Provadia. He would like Rita and I to work with him in the ministry for teenage boys and girls who, as he put it; 'are troubled'. I find the teenagers are not usually that troubled, its the parents who are. In fact, the kids don't care one way or the other. However, we gave him the answer he was hoping for. Because we have had a life they will identify with, he says, we will be a great asset to him.

God puts people in your life who you will need later on. He sets up the people and the time for what is to come and we don't always see it coming.

As we were looking round a small village for a good land location within an area covered by European funding. We found a Church that looked like it had been closed down for a long time it was derelict. The sign on the door said Baptist Church. May be a good place for a Saturday school for the young children. The next day I went back to talk to the Mayor. He was out of town. No help was forthcoming so we went to see Dancho's mother in a small village close by. It was there that the Holy Spirit spoke to me. "Go and talk to the pastor of Provadia". Always listening to The Spirit we went. It took about an hour to find the church where we had met about a week ago. It hadn't moved, my memory isn't what it once was. The church was locked with no one to be found. On the door was a small business card with a phone number on it. I rang the number and Dancho spoke to the pastor who was only too pleased to come and meet us. Over a cup of coffee I told him what we were doing and asked him did he know the Mayor or the Pastor of this small village? There is no Pastor and no I don't know the Mayor. Was his response, why not do the centre here in Provadia? He asked me. Because its not in one of the zones on the European list. I then told him it had to be one of only two sites. The other one is a town 15 k from Provadia. When I told him and asked if he knew the Pastor of that town he smiled and said yes I do, I am the Pastor and the Mayor is a very good friend of mine. He phoned the Mayor and arranged a meeting. Dancho who is a new believer in Christ said, "This is from God, in one small conference, over a coffee you have everything. A room in a church a meeting with the Mayor and a Pastor to help." How good is our God?

Rita and I went to meet the Mayor. We told him what we were doing and that we felt his town was the place to do it. What do you want he asked, so I told him. a room for Saturday mornings and in time a big lump of land to build a school on. Then I told him we have no money so I want you to give it for free. He said there wasn't a piece of land that big in the town. But we don't need it in the town, just in the area will do. If I find the land can I have it then? He told me to put together a plan and lay out the project so he could put it before the community and then they will decide. God is in it. And if God be for you who can be against you?

Rita and I are going to the UK on the 12th Oct to speak and sell my book A Murder Of Crows, Salvation, the money is for the centre, The Tallit. Contact us now if you would like us to visit you at your church. May God bless and keep you all, we love you and God loves you.

UK TRIP 2010

Our trip to the UK was great. Landing at Luton late on the 12th October we picked up a hire car for the long journey north. The money for the car came from a tax rebate given out-of-the-blue by the inland revenue. God provides all are needs. Rita had to drive, which was good because I was use to driving on the right side of the road. The first problem came at the first roundabout. I told Rita to go right, she should have gone left. We stopped and asked the Holy Spirit to help us drive on the wrong side of the road. All through the night we drove, stopping to rest at the service stations that now look like shopping malls. We were going to phone Rita's sister to let her know we were on our way.

Not one public phone box was to be found.

Blackburn was closed when we arrived at five in the morning. The twenty-four hour supermarkets were closed for breakfast. It was too early to wake Rita's sister so we rested in the car before ending our journey at her house. The welcome was a joy. To make it even more special it was Rita's Birthday! Refreshed and renewed in strength Friday morning we went to the Christian bookshop to sell the book and meet with old friends of Rita's. We headed for Whitehaven late Saturday morning. The wedding feast of my nephew was that night but first we needed to find accommodation. One call to my uncle sorted that. What a good time to witness to church-going believers. What do I mean by that? They go to church and they read the bible but my spirit lifted when my aunt told me 'but I don't understand it.' The Holy Spirit was working in me. I was on fire giving her the word and showing her the hidden things that we are told to seek out. The church they go to turned down a new young pastor, who gave a good message; because he didn't have a neck tie on. My uncle commented Jesus never wore a tie. But religion won the day and once more Jesus was nailed to the tree. What do they not get about setting the captives free? Our first invite was to an evangelical church at Moor Row just outside Whitehaven. The message I had prepared was The Wedding Feast and Jewish tradition. However The Spirit had a plan and even though Rita and I looked twice in Blackburn to make sure we had everything with us, we left the bibles and all my notes on the wedding feast there. I know The Spirit and I know to listen to Him. Seek first God and put Him first in all things and all will be given to you. 2 Timothy 2-12 If you disown him he will disown you. This was to be the message. Do what God says and do it when he says to do it. Hold nothing above him. He is the alpha and the omega.

At the church I told the leaders what had happened and the guy who had stepped down to let me speak told me put God first was to be his message. All the songs set the stage for the message, the worship was uplifting. After the message the power-point presentation told what we are doing here in Bulgaria. The books sold well and the church gave a love gift to our ministry. If you're in that area call in you'll be made welcome. We have been invited back next year. God bless them in all they do.

Cornerstone Christian books in Church street took the book and now offer it for sale. Call in and see them. All the book shops in Cumbria can get the book from Hills of Workington so ask for it and get it into as many shops as we can. Remember the money goes to The Tallit Christian Centre here. Next stop Blackburn for another night of hospitality from Rita's sister and to pick up our bibles. Onward we go to the east coast and the town of Great Grimsby. The trip was a joy to behold, through beautiful countryside with stunning views. I forgot how nice parts of England could be. The once busy fishing town is a hive of activity. The Ice House is where we left books for sale before moving on to Skegness Butlins to stay with Rita's daughter for three days. On the Sunday Rita and I attended the service of a small but Spirit filled church called The New Day Christian Centre. The pastor spoke great prophesy over us both and invited us back for the evening service to speak. We gave testimony and played our power-point promotion. With book sales and gifts we left there very happy. With our trip to Bristol now looking like it wouldn't be happening due to a mixup that I still don't understand we booked our flight home. London Gatwick to Varna on the 28 October with BA. But first we had to return to Grimsby. A Church there now had links to The Ice House asked us to speak at their Wednesday evening meeting. A small church but once on fire for God and in touch with the Jewish roots of our faith. I gave the word and we had another great meeting with book sales and fellowship.

The new hire car got us to Gatwick in good time even with the great volume of traffic on the Dartford crossing (M25). Thanks to all the people who made the trip a great success. They know who they are and we look forward to the next trip. Watch the power-point by clicking [here>>>>](#) We need your help.

Please pray for our brother Ray in this the final chapter of his life here in the world. We ask that he will be at the wedding feast when Christ Jesus comes for his bride. Amen.

November 2010

Work back in Bulgaria is hard and fast meetings with NGO organisers, Builders and EU agents for

the information that will move us on our way to building The Tallit Academy. The Pastor of the town is working to find a room for the New Year so we will have a Saturday Club for young children. The Money that we made from our trip is paying for the starting up of The Club, thank you for that. The winter time is a time of hardship for those who live in the cardboard villages. With no heating or electric for most and open fires for some it's not good to see it and be able to do little. So much can be done with a little money. Only if it can be used to give hope of better things to come next year; and the year after that. We need to change the time now forever not just for this year.

December 2010

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Support this work. Make it your good cause in 2011. Go to our Pay Pal account Trinity Builders Ltd or send a donation to IBAN: BG28BUIN70061028661111 all money goes to the children's work here.

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This month we've been busy, as you can see we have a new look website, I hope you enjoy it. The work Carol is doing in Dobrich is producing fruit. Rita and I went there for the weekend to help with the children's club. I think the help was more for us than Carol. She is doing a great job in her village. So we know we can do it in our chosen village, Suvorovo. When we came home we couldn't wait to see our children who we will work and play with. The pastor of the church came to speak in the Varna church we attend. After the service we talked to him and he asked us to visit his

church in Suvorovo the next weekend. Were we could give the message and tell the people what God wants to do in their town. The next Sunday was foggy and wet but the wood-burning fire in the centre of the church gave a warmth only surpassed by the presence of The Holy Spirit and the warmth of the people. After the service a meeting with the Pastor resulted in a room for the children's club on Sundays after the church service, taking advantage of the warmth left behind from the morning worship and the fire.

Now we have a venue we needed books and paper for the kids to use. Children's Bibles for were donated by Agape Bulgaria Varna. Annie Ben-Ari and Jordan gave materials to use and they gave their time too. Others have given toys. Thank you to you all you know who you are. We are making a difference in the lives of children and from this beginning the Tallit Academy will come.

Now for light entertaining news of life in Bulgaria. The old computer we use died and was to be buried according to the computer Doctor in the service department. His words were "where did you find such an old computer? If my boss sees this he wont even let me open it up." So what were we to do? We have no money for even a second-hand one. Pray. That's always a good thing to do first so that's what we did. Two days later the shop rang Annie; the old boy was working and was ready for some new work, praise God. The bill was picked up by a well wisher so we were blessed twice.

Rita was in our garden gathering small sticks for the fire, as she does, her contribution to the heating for the home, when a good Shepard with his flock came over the hill. Thirty sheep and about six goats poured into the garden without any control from the drunken Shepard. Our dog went into defence mode and the washing on the line went into the goats mouth mode. The good Shepard beat the wayward animals with a big stick and used Bulgarian words never used in any church I've been in. I thought of the verse, spare the rod and spoil the child. Then I thought, 'I know my sheep and my sheep now my voice.' I bet they do and that's why they were running in the other direction. I'm pleased Christ is not that kind of Good Shepard.

Well that's it for now look again soon and we'll have more from life down on the farm. God bless and we love you. Remember we can't do it on our own. Buy the book or give a gift to The Tallit Academy. This is our bank number NGO PENDING **IBAN: BG28BUIN70061028661111**

The first children's club.

We held the first kids-club in Suvorovo on Sunday 30th. It was a cold day with a warm church to welcome the children. From small seeds great things grow. the first child to come was a six year old from close by. Her grandmother was with her for her first visit. The girl was born with a eye problem and even now needed glasses. The whole family prayed for her healing when she was a baby and of course she began to get better. Still today she is improving. The cold outside kept some away, so next week we will collect the children in the car and take them home at the end.

February

The kids club needs a new place to meet so we are working hard to find one, winter makes it hard but we'll get there. The kids are a joy to work with so we really need God's help please pray for the kids. Tony started working in Varna prison; some of the men have spent half thier lives in a prison cell. Some in and out on the rounderbout of crime others all in one go serving a life sentence. All are God's children, all need to hear The Word. For two hours on Thursdays the time is split into three. First the lifers who have killed more that one, as the prison puts it, then the lifers who killed once. Then it's into the cinema for the rest who want to come. Some can't read and some don't know the bible at all. Even muslim boys from the gypsy community come.

A problem with the steam powered internet here has meant no news for some time. Now it looks

like we can trust the net not to wipe out the website if we try to up-date the news page we'll give it a go.

On the 10th of February Tony started the prison ministry in Varna prison. The first time in the prison was a strange time for Tony, walking back into a prison after all this time felt like that first experience in the UK. Jail is jail and people are people what ever the jail and what ever the country. After telling them how, when and where Tony became a Christian the next task was to tell them who Christ Jesus is and why He came to save the world. Starting in the beginning when Adam and Eve fell from the grace of God; and the devil took over the world. The message was "you are all children of God" that's why the devil wants to attack you. We are all made in the image of God and that's what the devil can not stand. Every time the devil sees you he sees God. Every time the devil can influence you; or turn you into a drug addict or a drunk, a down and out, the devil can say to God "that is what you made. That laying in the gutter is the image of you?" And the biggest thing that the devil just can't tolerate is. "This is what you made to take my place to worship you?"

The message is that they are in the middle of a war and that war is between God and the devil. Don't let the devil use you as a weapon against God the Father. After two weeks of giving the good news fifteen men gave their life to Christ and stop doing the work of the devil. God loves all his children and that is you.

The prison has two separate groups, one is the lifers who meet in a small room on their wing or Zone as its called here, the other is everyone else who meet in the cinema. Not a multiplex so don't use your imagination to envisage the setting. The jail is old and I can't say what it compares to in the UK. However prison is prison and if you think one is better than another you've never been in one.

The lifers are well grounded and that's normal however, they owe no one nothing and if they don't like what we do they will soon let us know. We have to hold two meetings; one group doesn't get on with the other group. Jail politics. We are working on reconciling the lifers so we can have just the one group for all of them at once. Please pray for that. We have found that the lifers read the word and know the scriptures. However, they need teaching what the word is saying. They know the word but don't see the meaning to their lives. All five lifers have given their lives.

The other group, are an unruly lot and need to be handled with a strong hand but with compassion. Most can't read so no bible reading for them in their quiet times of solitude. All they know is what they hear from us. Faith comes from hearing and hearing from the word. There are jewels in the midsts of this chorus. When some one says, "where is that in the bible I know what it says but I have never seen that". Or "I read that and didn't understand it as meaning that". Pray for this ministry. Yordan is the voice they hear, he is a great translator and knows the bible very well so knows where the next step is leading to. Without him there could be no prison ministry. The Spirit fills the room, you can see it in the faces of the men. When Tony is speaking all eyes are on him and all mouths are open. God gives us all the tools to do His work. Testimony is for the glory of God not the boast of men. Boast only in The Lord.

The latest on, A Murder Of Crows Salvation, is that it's now available on Amazon Kindle [CLICK HERE](#)

along with Rita's book renamed No Going Back and formatted into e-book downloadable file for any pad reading device or PC e-book reader. [CLICK HERE](#)

Send us a message letting us know what you think. The next book Deliverance is slowly coming along I can't wait to see it in print. The love story is one only topped by the love Jesus has for the world. I think so anyway.

The kids club is still on the go; with all the problems of the bureaucracy here slowing things down we have to take one step at a time. Rita is helping out in a new Christian centre close to home, but that is just in its infant stage. Big things are happening here so watch Bulgaria God has His hand on His people.

April

The prison work is keeping us busy, with Easter being all important for winning over the hearts and minds of the men. Salvation has found the prison. Life sentence prisoners have a hard time understanding the life God has for them. They only see the cell and nothing in their life could be for God. We remember Paul and all the others who were in prison from the bible, God used them all. Moses was a murderer, Having read some of Paul's letters to them one guy said but that's not the world I live in, I'm in prison. So was Paul when he was rejoicing in the Lord.

A great day was had here with friends from church. On Easter Saturday or Great Day as the Bulgarians call it, we held a banquet fit for Jesus's sacrifice on the cross. Thanks to lots of people we are where we are today. The support we get keeps us doing the work we are doing. We have no support from any big organisations, all we get is for God's people who want to help the ones less well-off than themselves. If you think you're poor come and see what we deal with daily.

May

There's a new law in Bulgaria which stops anyone selling scrap metal to the many collection Dept. This was a main means of income for many illiterate Bulgarians who chose to forage for scrap rather than steal for a living. This will be another nail in the coffin for the poorest of the people. Food and medication is a must for children and adults alike, the cost is high with little if any help. We are that help. Don't leave it to others. DO YOUR BIT. Matthew 25: 34-41

June

We are working with Agape Bulgaria in the new Christian Information Centre Asparuchovo. The children enjoyed the party in the park and all left with Christian books and bibles. We now hope to build on this and involve the parents to get involved. The church in Bulgaria is Orthodox, a lasting legacy from communism. All other forms of religion are thought to be cults, this still hangs on today. It's a fight to be accepted by some who still live with the mindset of the past. We pray God will open their eyes and their hearts so we can lift them out of this thought manipulation. The culture of superstition and old pagan customs fills every home, even some born again Christians hold these "Bulgarian Traditions". It's a bit like going to see the witch doctor after coming out of the hospital.

Why The Tallit?

NOTES ON THE TALLIT

by Brother Ray

In Yeshua's day, there were two different "Tallits" one of cotton for better weather and one of wool for winter and cooler periods. More than just a religious raiment, they were regular clothes with signature attachments, much like a biker's jacket with various patches and identifying items. With each Tallit, there are 613 fringes, (tzitzit) one for each of the 613 dos and don'ts in Leviticus (there are more don'ts and dos). Hebrew tradition, which places great interest in numbers, also notes that 613 is the total of 360 (days in the Hebrew year) and 253 (the number of bones in the human body created by the Lord). Non-believing Hebrews still wear their Tallit or prayer shawls to this day which you can see daily at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. In Messianic synagogues (Hebrews who believe in Yeshua), Tallits are often provided for believers at the door for those who don't have

them. For prayer, Hebrews would pull the tallit over their heads to shut out the world when they were talking with God or praying or entering God's protective tent. As an aside, in the Middle East when you were in somebody's tent you were protected and safe as long as you stayed. When and if you left you were again on your own. The same is true of the Tallit or tent provided by The Word and faith in Yeshua.....The corners are called the wings, mentioned in scripture is God's wings, and His protection. In the time of Yeshua and Sa'ul, rabbinical student (it wasn't free) often earned their room and board, fees and spending money by making Tallits or tents. Tallits had to be carefully made, attention given to the right colours, counting the 613 fringes etc. You did not go down to the store and buy a Tallit. It was under rabbinical supervision and control, even in the synagogues in the diaspora (all over the world). Sa'ul (Paul) was said to be a "tent maker". It is very plausible that as he ministered to the heathens, the "goyim", he (a) always went to the synagogue first and (b) earned his own way by working - and that his occupation as tent maker can mean he MADE TALLITS. Remember that Yeshua and his apostles, his disciples, his emissaries were all Torah observant. They had the same respect for and knowledge of the Tallit as before. Whereas Yeshua came not to change the Torah but to full fill it (see Matthew 5:17), the Tallit remains today as before (there is only one Lord, one Word, one teaching to follow, one tent or Tallit each of us should seek. Like the Tallit, following Yeshua is an everyday affair. Now we have a Tallit covering our hearts (Jeremiah 31:31).

The 613 Torah teachings enumerated in Leviticus and represented in the Tallit were summarized in 11 commands (or "mitzvot") by King David in the Psalm 15 (read it) and then two, merely two by Lord Yeshua, Deuteronomy 6:14 (the shema) and Leviticus 17:18. (Also see the unity of the Lord and Torah in John 17.

All Hebrew words contain either two or three base or root letters. The letters today are the 7th generation of the very first Hebrew Yahweh used in giving the Torah to Moshe Avinu. The first human words Yahweh used were not letters as we know them but pictures or pictographs (much like the hieroglyphics seen on the walls of Egyptian pyramids or even on the famous Code of Hammurabi. The pictures are very real concepts easily understood by our early Hebrew brothers and sisters.

The three root word/pictures in Tallit are "t", "l" and "t".. Early Hebrews would have read this the TAV, WAV, LAMED and TAV. The four pictographs are (1) a tree, (2) a tent peg, (3) a shepherd's staff or crook and (4) a tree. In our language today, and for believers, the tree is a symbol of cross, the tent peg ties the believer to God's tent, the shepherd's crook is the Good Shepherd coming to get us and the tree or cross is what gives him that right.

So dear brothers and sisters, the Tallit is not only a symbol. Its meaning is alive and breathing. The very root pictures of the Tallit tells us of the gospel story. Those three Hebrew pictographs that spell Tallit were not chosen at random or by accident for as the rabbis of old have told us there are no accidents or coincidences in God's word.

(Is it a coincidence Brother Tony and Sister Rita have chosen the idea and name of their work TALLIT? We think not. Rather, we think the choice was foreordained in the spirit and communicates God's approval and blessing of their direction and work.)

(As always, remember ACTS 17:11, which says don't take anything from Brother Ray - or anybody else) as true or worthy without verifying it in scripture. If something is not scripturally sound, dump it forthwith.)

While on the matter of the 22 original pictures of pictographs in the Hebrew language, consider this:

When Yahweh gave Torah to Moshe Avinu, pictographs were still in use.

When the complete Book of Isaiah was rediscovered in the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1948 (the same year Israel became a nation again) the book of Isaiah was still using at least some pictographs (as late as 700 BC).

When God changes somebody's name, He often is changing the root Hebrew pictographs from one thing to another. When God changed Avram's name to AvramHam and Sarai to SaraH, the picture God added was the Hey. The picture for Hey was a man (or woman) raising his or her hands to God (to the Creator), indicating communication, trust, faith, obedience and union. Yahweh was welcoming Avram and Sarai and promising His blessings upon them.

The same is true with God changing Saul to Paul. Both include the "L" or lamed or shepherd's crook. Both include the wav or tent peg. What changes is a shift from the P (or Ph) picture to the SH picture. Paul's old name meant being called to the tent by "man's two front teeth" whereas his new name meant being called to the tent by an open mouth. What does man's two front teeth imply? From man or tradition. What does an open mouth indicate to the believer? The Gospel message which is both from God and open to all. Was Paul's name change accidental or without purpose? Not in any way.

One could go on and on with name changes, or the root meanings of the words or names or places God has given us in The Word. It is worthy of a lifetime of study and then as the words in Amazing Grace tell us we will only have just begun.

The 22 pictures or pictographs (easily found on the internet by "Googling" HEBREW PICTOGRAPHS). Look for it. Find it. Download it. Print it. Fold it inside your bible.

The 22 pictures/pictographs begin with ALEPH meaning the head man, the father, the creator. It ends with the TAV, the tree and for the believer the cross. The 20 between give us the way, the truth and life. The 22 pictures are the gospel message.

As we know, all languages point TO JERUSALEM, where God will live. Hebrew comes from east of Jerusalem so is written from right to left (from righteousness to the unrighteous?). English and European languages are written from left to right (from unrighteousness to righteousness). Chinese is written top down, from north to south. Pointing to Jerusalem. The original Chinese language was, like Hebrew, written in pictures (and indeed even today Chinese letters really are pictures). The original Chinese languages have an even bigger surprise for us: they tell the story of the great flood. Again, an accident? We don't think so.

Another dimension of the original pictures - they are ALL pictures that directly relate to the senses of sight, touch, feel, smell etc. Whereas Greek is a much more abstract language pointing to ideas and concepts. (Which is exactly why we must be very, very wary of the Greek ideas particularly when it defines "law" from the Hebrew "teachings.") One can easily detect a scripture true to the Hebrew origins, i.e., the Lord maketh me to lie down in green pastures, or conversely is more abstract or Grecianized, i.e., the first verses of John. It is of more than unusual interest that only in the last decades have we found copies of the Gospel of Matthew WRITTEN IN HEBREW, NOT GREEK. Matthew's Hebrew name was Levi Ben Helfi (many people in those times had a Hebrew name, a Roman name, a Greek name, sometimes all three) Mark we know in his Roman name, but he was Hebrew. Luke is known by his Greek name but that does not mean he was not a Hebrew.

When Yeshua arose in His tomb, His head covering, or "Tallit" was taken off and carefully folded separately from his other burial clothes - a manifestation that He now longer needed an earthly tent or covering and was indeed risen and inside "Yahweh's" "tent and sitting at the Father's side, a position He had earned at the cross.

Hebrew tradition has it when the prophet Isaiah was martyred by being place in a tree and then the tree sawed into pieces while he was still alive, it was only discovered where he was when the tree was sawed into pieces and the fringes (tzitzit) of his Tallit came into view at the end of one of the pieces of the cut up log.

It's just turned September so why no news up date?

Well we are kept busy with working in the prison and in the villages. God's work is first in our order of must does. Book sales are slow so why not pass on the word and get your friends and family to buy our books? No Going Back is Rita's book in ebook format and A murder of Crows Salvation is Tony's Book Go to our books page and help us help them. The best way to see what we are doing day-to-day is by following us on Twitter or Facebook, if you don't use them you can go to our Links page where you'll find a live feed to both pages. I hope you join us and if you can help us here why not drop an email to info@ritanightingale.org

THE TALLIT / PRISON WORK

Well this year is just about in, it's been a very busy one, the work in the Asparuhovo Christian Centre, the prison work along with the village visits where we are always welcomed with a smile and a warm heart. There will always be a need here; I hope we make a difference to some. Jesus said, the poor you will always have with you. He also said feed my sheep. We have a new ministry starting in the local orphanage. The manager is very keen to have us there, that in-itself is not the normal attitude for Bulgaria. God is with us.

The Tallit is still in need of funding and we wait on The Lord and listen daily to The Holy Spirit. We believe we are in the last days the race is coming to its end. One last big push is needed to fill heaven and empty hell. The religion of this country is born out of communism where the people were told of man's traditions and superstitions rather than the love of God and a personal relationship with our saviour Christ Jesus, who paid the price for us all.

The Bulgarians live a life very much of the here and now. We need to educate them into the kingdom. The Tallit will do just that and be a place of refuge for the victims the adversary, that red dragon.

The Sofia prison ministry team has just opened its first home for ex prisoners. The re-offending rate here is 75%. As always this says prison is not working, if its aim is to address offending behaviour. There is a better way and The Tallit will work with a proven plan that has a 70% success rate. Please pray for The Tallit, That it will find funding this year and we will have a base and a home for God's work.

Proverbs 21: 13. *Whoever stops up his ears at the cry of the poor will himself cry, but not be answered.*

Is God answering you? It's not all about money. Resources are people what can you do? A book deal for The Tallit? Or a movie telling the story of our amazing testimony? 'Gold and silver I have none but what I have I give to you.' Merry CHRISTmas keep Christ in your home this December.