



# The Stahlman Family

Serving as European Field Director

February 2024

Dear praying friends,

Cathy and I got off to a busy start at the beginning of January and have spoken at conferences and preached the gospel in South Dakota, Minnesota, Washington, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Missouri, and the Cayman Islands. Most of these meetings were missions oriented, and we were able to encourage churches to take a more active role in the Great Commission and meet with families who are considering becoming missionaries themselves. Along the way, we were privileged to share Christ with many people the Lord put in our path including people from more than a dozen different nations. Just today, I was able to share our burden for Greece with the owner of a Greek restaurant. When I asked him if he was orthodox, his reply was, "Of course." I shared with him how I was raised in a religious home, but as I began to seek truth for myself, I found that the scripture told me of an intimate and personal relationship that I needed with Christ. Although I was raised Baptist and he orthodox, both of our religions would lead us to a Christless eternity. I was surprised by his eagerness to listen and his enthusiasm when he took my story tract.

We are finding it very hard to juggle our current ministry responsibilities with the need to do deputation. It seems like each month our schedule tends to be heavily lopsided towards ministry, and we fail to get very much deputation done. I know that I need to change that pattern, but it is difficult to turn down the ministry opportunities that are producing fruit. Since March of last year, we have only had 11 official deputation meetings, and we are only at 38% of our needed monthly support. If your church is not currently supporting us, I would like to ask you again to please consider partnering with our family as we engage the world with the gospel. Also, please consider recommending our family to other churches and pastors who may be looking for new missionary families.

Lastly, please continue to pray for us as we face a busy summer schedule. Out of the next 21 weeks, 19 are full of conferences, camps, and missionary training. Pray that the Lord will give us strength and boldness as we do street evangelism in very difficult places and provision for the upcoming camps. Here are a few specific needs for our summer outreach that we would ask you to pray for.

1. Passenger van for summer transportation. (\$8,000)
2. A portable sound system for street evangelism. (\$2,600)
3. Finances for printed materials and whole Bibles for summer street outreach in the US and Europe. (\$4,000)
4. Safety as our family and team travel and do training.
5. Wisdom and boldness to share Christ in places that are culturally and religiously diverse.

Thank you for your friendship, generosity, and prayer!

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