## Romania Mission Work

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Greetings in the Name of our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

**Mission work.** The month of December started with a special conference. We spent the weekend studying the confession of faith, had a business meeting and the Lord's Supper. We plan to have a few more such conferences, until we finish studying the confession of faith and adding the new articles (we need to add some articles that are important topics here, such as the family, church-state relationship, ecumenism). Everyone in the congregation loves to study it and to bring their contribution. It is interesting to see how a confession of faith creates such a bond between members and is so treasured, as an expression of our identity.

The following week, we made a trip to Ukraine on the northern route (David, Aurel Munteanu and I), and two weeks later, we made another trip to Ukraine, on the eastern route (I was sick with covid then, and Aurel Miclea, Aurel Munteanu and his brother in law, Cornel, went). We needed to get urgent help to all those whom we help.

We had several health issues in December. Miriam and I had covid for the third time, which disrupted our usual services in Bocsa, but we got over it, and even though we felt the usual fatigue after the virus, we managed to finish everything we had planned for the end of the year. We were blessed with having many visitors and great time of fellowship. Miriam received a good report from the eye doctor. The fluid behind the retina is almost gone, and she should be off the medication in February. Thank you very much for your prayers for her.

Last month I preached the Gospel in Pakistan, through a video-conference. A brother there that wants to become our kind of Baptist, translated for me. We plan to have more such preaching/teaching conferences, as well as to continue translating materials into their language. We will continue printing some of them, if we'll have funds. He invited us in Pakistan, and we are praying for this. Be in prayer for this, please. Through him, we started translating Gospel, grace and church truth materials into Arabic, as well. We don't know what the Lord has in store for us in this direction, but we want to use this opportunity to reach the Muslim world with the Gospel and the truths of the Bible.

Literature work. We finished the first batch of Ukrainian Gospel booklets, and we took everything to our volunteers in the two December trips. We ran against the clock to get the end of the year letter to the post office in due time. We sent out 760 letters to all our readers. We received many mails and phone calls from them, with words of appreciation. Last year was a very busy year for us. We printed 143,500 copies of literature, more than in any other year (62,000 of them were in Ukrainian and Russian). We also printed 3000 copies in Pakistan. But we also distributed more literature than ever before (157,177 copies). The total number of printed copies from 2002 to 2022 is 1,461,158. Out of those, 90,450 are books. These are more than numbers to us, they express countless work hours and a huge effort, but they also express the fact that the Lord is using this work to reach many people with the Gospel and His truths. Because the literature does not stay on shelves, but is being distributed, it reaches people, it sometimes changes hands several times, and it is bringing forth fruit for God's glory. It is a powerful instrument for the truth. We wish to thank each and everyone of you for all the prayers, support and love that you show us, and for being active part of this work here! **Bro. Raul**