Romania Missions

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

Mission work. We're thankful that last month we were able to have regular meetings in Bocsa and in all mission points. We also had a one day conference in Petrila (a mountain mining town in the heart of the Carpathian Mountains, in central Romania). The theme was the doctrines of grace. We preached five sermons, with Q&A time after each one. I preached on the attributes of God (including His sovereignty), then Aurel Munteanu had two messages, one on the fall of Adam and its consequences upon all his descendants and the other on election and predestination. After that I preached on the special and particular redemption of Christ. Lastly, Aurel Miclea preached on the effectual calling, the preservation and the perseverance of the saints. Some of those that attended the conference already believed grace, others were Arminians. There were lost people, too, and we presented the Gospel of grace to them. Even though some were antagonistic and eventually left before the conference was over, the effects were encouraging. We hope to go back in that area and have another conference after a while. We received invitations to go to other towns and cities to have such one day conferences. We were praying for years to be able to have one day conferences in the main cities of Romania, and the Lord may open now this door. Please join us in prayer for this. This project requires a huge effort and many resources, but we know that when the Lord opens a door, He provides everything that is necessary to go through it.

The Lord gave us this spiritual victory and encouragement in the middle of many trials. On one side, we have family members that are facing severe health issues. My mother had a heart attack and is currently awaiting bypass surgery. Her situation is complicated, there are risks involved, and we don't know when or if doctors will go ahead with the surgery. Both my parents in law are struggling with their health. Miriam and I had our own share of sickness last month. On the other side, our church is grieved by a brother that rebelled and refuses to repent. We are all fasting and praying and trying to recover him, as we know he is in spiritual danger, even though he is blind to it. We would appreciate you praying for us, as a church, and for this situation.

Literature work. Last month was another busy one for the printing work. We started the reprint of one of our largest projects, *The Sovereignty of God* by Arthur Pink. At the conference, we gave away 75 sets to the participants, each set containing several books and booklets on the doctrines of grace. Last month we had to reprint Gospel booklets, as well, because there is a continual demand for those. We shipped out 25 large packages of literature that are being distributed in most of the regions of Romania.

Our plan for 2021 is to make available all the books and booklets that we have printed so far and also to start printing several new projects. We need to reprint 5 booklets and 1 book in order to have all our materials available for those that request them. We hope to print at least three new titles this year, including a book for children. We plan to start printing materials for teaching children and teenagers. We would really appreciate any recommendation from you regarding good materials for children, that are doctrinally sound. We wish to thank you all again for your faithful support and for praying for us continually! In the middle of hardships and trials, we are encouraged and strengthened by your love! Thank you and may the Lord bless you and reward you abundantly! **Bro. Raul**