

Romania Missions

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

Mission work. The summer months are the busiest for us and we are very thankful that the restrictions caused by the pandemic were lifted almost entirely and we are being able to meet, travel and distribute literature in public places. Brother Aurel Miclea in Timisoara and brother Aurel Munteanu in Bucharest have been doing this. Sister Stefania from Turda has been distributing literature in her town, as well as sister Doina from Bucharest. She is in a wheelchair, but still takes every opportunity to distribute literature. This is a great and encouraging thing and we are very thankful that our members have the desire to share the Gospel and the truth with others.

Aurel Munteanu continued to preach in Filiasi and Bucharest, making regular visits there. Aurel Miclea continued preaching in Timisoara. I have been preaching in Bocsa and made two big trips last month. The first was a 6 day trip to northern Romania (Transylvania), where we visited church members, relatives and other brethren who are in contact with us. We had a blessed time there. Among those whom we visited was a sister that is studying with us. She lives in the city of Cluj (the capital of Transylvania). She is deaf and mute. She was a Catholic, but the Lord brought her out of there. She now believes grace and the Lord is opening her heart to church truth. She and her husband and her young daughter were travelling through Bucharest and she really wanted to meet the brethren there. They had a blessed time and the brethren were a good testimony for her husband, who is not a believer. We are praying that the Lord will lead her to join our congregation by baptism. We received other requests for literature from this city, as well. We hope that the Lord will open a door for us in this major Romanian city in the future. Be in prayer with us about this.

The second mission trip I made was a week long trip to Bucharest. Aurel Munteanu and I spent three days with bro. Ion and his family, helping them with some work projects at their home. We had a blessed time. We were glad we could help, and we were happier for the time of fellowship we had there. We were a good testimony to his mother in law, who is a devout Orthodox and does not like repenters at all. She gave them a hard time when they were baptized and didn't like our presence there when we visited them before, but now she has become friendly and talkative and after we left she kept praising us to her relatives. We do pray that the Lord will touch her heart with the Gospel.

For the rest of the summer, we're planning to host here in Bocsa several rounds of guests and visitors (brethren from Romania, Austria and Germany) and a Bible conference, though smaller in the number of guests than usual. We also plan several big trips (one to Bucharest, one to Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria and one to Chisinau, the capital of Republic of Moldova).

Literature work. Last month we shipped out 27 large packages with literature and continued to reprint Gospel booklets. For the first time in 10 years (the time when we started printing several books/year, not just booklets), we have all our publications in stock (18 books and 25 booklets). We reached this very important mark after several years of reprinting large editions of everything. From now on, Lord willing, we will be focusing on printing new titles in Romanian. The next big step will be to start printing materials in other European languages, as well. We're already gathering, translating and preparing to publish materials in several languages in electronic format, on our app and website. Thank you all for your prayers and support and for being part of this work! **Bro. Raul**