

Romania Mission Work

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

Mission work. On June 21st, 14 years ago, our congregation in Romania was organized. To our knowledge, we are the only one in this part of the world. Europe sunk in spiritual darkness, and we take seriously our mission to be a strong beacon of light throughout Europe, an embassy of the Kingdom of Heaven to a territory that is becoming increasingly more morally corrupt, more atheistic and more hostile to true Christianity. We know that we must be busy proclaiming our King's message and live our lives in a manner worthy of the One whom we represent. We are truly thankful to the Lord for the work He has started in our midst. He was always faithful, protecting His church, providing for all our needs, guiding us, cleansing us, edifying and growing us day after day. We've had quite a portion of spiritual battles, trials and temptations, but He was always there, never forsaking us or letting us go our own ways. During these years, we experienced sweet joys, great victories, but also deep sorrows, especially when we had members overtaken by sin or error, forsaking the assembly and betraying their call. Our hearts ache for them, while we pray and long for their repentance. More than ever, we are thankful for God's faithful ones, whose loyalty to our Lord and zeal for His cause are continually increasing. To me, it is such a privilege to serve such precious saints as pastor. I am thankful to the Lord for the spiritual and the numerical growth of the church, but, more than anything, I am thankful for His presence in our midst.

Early in June, bro. David and I made a trip to Zalau (northern Romania) to visit the brethren there. This is the location where the Lord is leading us to start a mission work. Brother Florin offered his home for us to start regular services there. It is 5 hours north of Bocsa.



Bro. Florin Negru, our newest member.

In the last weekend of June, we had a special meeting in Filiasi and a baptism service, followed by the Lord's Supper. Bro. Florin from Zalau followed the Lord in baptism and became a member of our congregation.

Literature work. The printing and the translation work are progressing. We are preparing to start translating materials into Farsi (Iranian language). A brother from Iran received literature that was translated into Urdu (Pakistan's language), and expressed his desire to translate into his language this literature, as he loved the content. I will inform you more about this in the next month's prayer letter. But be in prayer for this, as well. The distribution of literature is going well, too. Last month alone we shipped out 25 large packages of literature. Thank you for being part of this work, through your prayers and financial support! Thank you for your e-mails, messages, letters and cards! **Bro. Raul**