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Dear Pastors and Churches:

Warmest Christian greetings from cold wintry Romania!

Mission work: It seems that winter came earlier than usual. We've had our first frost and snow. Coming home from the last mission trip I encountered snow, sleet, rain, as well as fog. Perfect weather conditions to stay in, but we still need to be out and about on our King's business. Since our last letter we have continued our regular meetings in Bocsa, Filiasi and Bucharest. Aurel Miclea made visits in Timisoara. He also made a quick trip north to Cluj. Aurel Munteanu traveled to Bucharest three times last month. I traveled there once and I stayed 6 days. We had the Sunday meeting and every day I had additional meetings. One was with some of the people that participated in the debate/discussion on Luther and the Anabaptists that took place last month. We discussed at this last meeting the Preservation and Perseverance of the Saints. Most of those who attended have been taught that you can lose your salvation. We pray that the Lord will open more doors. We had a lost person calling us after receiving literature. He wants to come to the meetings. A believer and his wife met Aurel Munteanu and John and asked for Gospel literature as they were distributing it on the streets in Bucharest. They asked them to come preach the Gospel in some villages north of Bucharest. On my way back from Bucharest I came through central Romania (Transylvania) and made three stops on the way, visiting one brother and two families. After 6 days and almost 1,000 miles covered, I arrived home safely: tired in the flesh, but refreshed in the spirit.

We are now praying that the Lord will show us His will about a trip to Western Europe. One way I know the Lord is preparing another missionary trip is that I start receiving calls or e-mails from people on a certain route just about when we begin planning the trip. We were already expected in Germany, but this time we received more calls and invitations. Our plan is to go to Western Germany and from there to Belgium then back to Southern Germany and work our way back toward Romania making stops in Austria and hopefully, Slovenia. We have been fasting and praying for this trip as it is an important one. But road conditions are already difficult and the freeways will be crowded as we make our way back since many Romanians will be traveling home for holidays. In the Alps and in the flat lands of Hungary you can get stuck on the freeway for many many hours in case of a snow storm. We know that our God is sovereign over these things and we pray that He will show us if this is the time to make this trip.

Vehicle Fund: We are making progress with the fund for a newer vehicle for Aurel Miclea. We wish to thank Portland B.C. of Plummerville, AR for the special gift. We now have a little over \$7,000. We are hoping to buy a 2 or 3 year old Ford Focus or something similar, so that it will have some warranty left on it. We need something cost efficient. The fuel keeps going up. It is now \$5.20-5.50 U.S. per gallon. And the government is talking about adding more taxes on cars according to the pollution level. We need a good dependable vehicle that would last for a good number of years. It is a necessary tool for the work. We do appreciate your concern for our needs and your prayers for them.

Printing work: The reprinting is going well, but it is a lot of work. We managed to reprint 3 booklets last month, 6000 copies each. We need to get busy reprinting several larger books, but we are running out of other (Gospel) booklets which are priorities. (Reprinting involves printing, binding, trimming and packaging - CAP). Miriam, Aurel and Michael are working hard in the print shop and I am trying to keep up with them proofreading, checking and editing the publications. It is necessary that I keep trying my best to stay ahead of them so that they won't need to wait for me. I estimated that the reprinting of the essential titles will take us three months, but it may take more than that. Though it is a lot of work, we are thankful for the interest of people in the truth and we are also thankful to you, for being part of this work! May the Lord bless you plentifully! *Bro. Raul*

Hello from Oklahoma! I think that all of us who are involved in this mission effort stand sort of open-mouthed as we observe what God is doing. There are struggles, difficulties, opposition and all the mundane trials of life, but God blesses His Word and those laboring to publish it both vocally and in print. Next month I believe Bro. Raul will have more news about an enlargement of the preaching and teaching ministry. It is exciting to watch God work – and produces a great carefulness in that our desire is for God's continued blessing so we seek to do as God leads.

Raul told me today of recurring sewer problems there. Such things as this along with other mundane, but time and effort consuming things happen to those who would rather be busy in Gospel work. So we who cannot help physically with such seeming hindrances can pray and do what God leads in providing for the needs of the work. Thank you – each and every one – who individually and corporately as churches help in this mission work by earnest prayer and faithful financial support! Keep holding the rope! God bless! *Bro. Curtis*