

Romania Missions

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

Mission work. Services continued as usual in Bocsa and in all mission points. It was harder on the preachers, as I was gone to Peru for two weeks, but Aurel Miclea and Aurel Munteanu managed to keep the services going. Praise the Lord for their faithfulness. Aurel Miclea also made a trip to Cluj, in northern Romania, and one to central Romania, and had multiple stops and visits along the way. Aurel Munteanu preached in Filiasi and Bucharest and continued to distribute literature on the streets there.

Mission trip to Peru. From October 17th to 31st, I was in Peru. It was a tiring, adventurous, but blessed trip. Bro. Nathaniel Hille and I preached in several churches and missions, in Lima, Ventanilla, Huanuco, Tingo Maria and Pucallpa. I preached 15 times in these two weeks, including the conference organized by Mount Hebron Baptist Church of Pucallpa, for pastors and missionaries. There, I preached on the subject *The Church that Jesus Built*. Several pastors asked me for the notes of the series of lessons on the church. They want to teach it in their churches. Bro. Daniel Matsuda, our translator, offered to translate them into Spanish and make them available to all. The brethren were very pleased with the outcome of the conference, and the teachings were very helpful to them. As soon as the conference was over, they asked Bro. Nate and I if we were willing to come back next year to continue the teaching. They plan to involve not only churches in Pucallpa, but all over the country. They are even considering a conference tour for us, starting down south, in Arequipa, where Daniel pastors, and work our way north into the jungle. They are planning to start a fund among churches to cover our expenses, if we are willing to come. This would be a great sacrifice for them, and show how much they treasure these teachings. Several pastors are now considering starting a printing ministry there. Printing is cheap in Peru, but still, for their standard, it is a tremendous effort. But they want to do it, nonetheless. One church managed to print a few publications (*The Trail of Blood, What is a New Testament Church* - anonymous author - and my article, *A Short Description of Historic Baptists*). Our church helped them with part of the cost for *The Trail of Blood* and the rest they did on their own. Now they plan to print Roy Mason's *The Church that Jesus Built* and Nevin's *Alien Baptism and the Baptists* in 1,000 copies each.

Literature work. The new catalog of free literature is ready to be sent out and Bro. Curtis' book, *Three Witnesses for the Baptists* will be ready for distribution soon. We printed 20,000 copies of Gospel booklets and 1,000 copies of Spurgeon's sermon collection. Half of these are going to Bucharest for distribution there. When we send out the catalog, we usually receive many requests of literature, because of the new titles. While we reprinted many publications until now, in large editions, we are still very low with several books, and we expect to run out of them once the catalog is being sent out. We will be re-printing them, but it will probably take us another year of hard work to reprint everything, so that all the titles we have been printed will be available. In the mean time, we are trying to finalize new projects, too. After visiting Peru, where not much literature is available, I was made aware, once again, about the importance of a literature work on a mission field. It is a tremendous help for spreading the Gospel and discipling people. Thank you so much for being part of this work! **Bro. Raul**