Romania Mission Work

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

Mission work. We are thankful that the Lord blessed us with good services everywhere, in Bocsa, Filiasi, Bucharest and Timisoara. We had new visitors in Bucharest. We thank the Lord for this. The two Aurels made a trip to Ukraine, and had opportunities to preach there. They spent 4 days there.

An encouraging news comes from the weekdays evening Bible study group is growing. Bro. Aurel Munteanu and a few other brethren from the church started this group some years ago and it is an excellent tool for outreach and discipleship. Every evening, from 8:00-9:00 PM, people from all over Romania and some from outside enter in a conference call and they study together various books of the Bible, verse by verse. The recordings are posted on a dedicated group on WhatsApp, Telegram and Facebook. The Facebook group has 945 members now.

We thank you for your prayers for the needs, trials and challenges we had been facing, some of which I posted last month. We still are in the middle of a good share of challenges and trials. Please continue to lift us up in prayer.

A special prayer request, please, for Miriam: she started having an issue on both her eyes, but her left eye is serious. A liquid leaked from its place behind the retina, and her sight is blurry and deformed in certain spots. We saw a doctor, and did all the tests. The only medical option is some strong medication for 3-6 months, which has a lot of adverse reactions. It is likely that it is triggered by stress. Her sight is improving slowly, but there is a danger for permanent damage in her left eye. Please be in prayer for her.

Literature work. Miriam and Aurel finished reprinting *The Sovereignty of God* by Arthur Pink, the largest printing project we undertake in our print shop. We thank the Lord for a continued interest in this book. We have now finished editing and preparing the second edition of our two Gospel booklets in Ukrainian; they will be reprinted in a large quantity. We will prepare Russian editions, as well. We have a new booklet in Russian and Ukrainian, Bro. Curtis Pugh's *What Is a New Testament Church*. The translation work into Ukrainian and Russian is ongoing. Please be in prayer for this work. There is a lot of interest there, not only for the Gospel booklets, but for doctrinal, as well. We hear reports from central Ukraine where a number of refugees professed salvation through the means of these booklets.

Last month we started a translation work into Urdu (the language of Pakistan) and also Arabic. Bro. Khadim, an English teacher from Pakistan, with whom I corresponded for some time now, is doing it. A teacher of Arabic is also helping. Bro. Khadim expressed his desire for us to start the first Baptist church there (our kind of Baptists, at least). He is studying about church truth and is excited to learn about the true nature of the New Testament Church. So far, he translated 4 Gospel articles from us and also my article *A Short Description of Historic Baptists*, and our congregation helped him print them all in one large booklet. We printed 1500 copies and they were all distributed. I don't have room this time either for pictures from there and from here. But I will keep you updated about this work, as well. Thank you all for all the prayers and love that you send our way. Thank you for the faithful support! You are such an encouragement to us! May the Lord bless you abundantly! **Bro. Raul**