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Dear Pastors and Churches:

Mission work: We continued our regular meetings in Bocşa and Filiaşi since our last letter. We have added the capitol city of Bucharest as well as a place where we have regular meetings. Aurel Munteanu is going there three weekends/month and I am going there on the other weekend. He also continues the distribution of literature from door to door in the city of Targu Jiu. I have recently made two trips to Bucharest. I just returned from the last one which lasted 5 days. I had 16 meetings and visits during those 5 days. I visited almost all the people that attend or have attended the Bible study group there and some outside Bucharest, as well.

Bro. John and I went to help Sis. Doina (the sister that is paralyzed from waist down). She moved to another place which needs a lot of repair work, but at least she is on the ground level and she can get out. She was very thankful for the love offering she received from Philadelphia Baptist Church in Decatur, AL. She had her eyes checked and got new glasses and she bought firewood for the winter and a wardrobe. Bro. John and I went to help her around the house (splitting firewood, doing some work on the electrical panel and a bit of carpentry).

On Reformation day (Oct. 31st) I had a meeting/debate/discussion in Bucharest with Protestants on the subject *Luther and the Anabaptists*. I defended the Anabaptists. The meeting went well and was well received. I answered all the questions asked. The hosts want to start regular meetings like that (once a month, when I am in the city). So this will be another effort at spreading the truth. Please pray concerning these proposed meetings. I gave all those present a copy of the *Trail of Blood* and also a copy of my book *The AnaBaptists (Why Baptists are not Protestants)*. Aurel Miclea made a trip to Cluj and also started visiting people that would be interested in attending the Bible study group there. We plan to have regular meetings in Timisoara soon.

Vehicle Fund: When I was in the States several churches asked me about the needs that we have for the work here. I mentioned then the need for a vehicle for Aurel Miclea. Both his and my personal cars are old and not safe any more, but his need is more urgent. He has a 1998 Ford Fiesta that he used a lot for the mission trips in Transylvania on very bad roads. On top of that the government is planning to introduce a car tax (another one!!!) based on the age of the car (it is actually a pollution tax. It is based upon the idea that the older the car is, the more it pollutes So those who buy older cars will be forced to pay an exorbitant tax). It sounds like we won't be able to afford to keep our old cars because of that tax (mine is a 1998 model as well).

Aurel travels now back and forth from Timisoara to Bocsa (he comes to the print shop and to the church services here as well as other trips). We had money left last month and this month as well (funds that I received from visiting the churches for my travel expenses in the US) and we started a Vehicle Fund for Aurel. We put \$6,100 into this fund. We hope to be able to buy a 2 or 3 year old Ford Focus or something similar, so that it will have some warranty left on it. I do appreciate your prayers for this matter. A good vehicle is an excellent and necessary tool in the mission work.

Printing work: Now that we have an extra hand (Michael) in the print shop the work of reprinting is advancing at a much faster rate. It is thrilling to see this. I just can't tell you all the load that has been lifted from my shoulders just from having one more full time person in the print shop. And not only from my shoulders, but from Miriam's and Aurel's as well. Our plans are that in the next three months to reprint 11 titles (8 books and 3 booklets). The books will be printed in 2000-3000 copies/edition and the booklets in 6000 copies each. It is a lot of work. Next year we plan to focus on printing several new titles, as we have several important books on the waiting list. Next in line is the *The Bible Doctrine of Election* by C.D. Cole, *Sola Scriptura?* by me (on the Authority of the Scriptures), *What's Wrong With the Children Today?* by Milburn Cockrell and *The Difference between the Old Gospel and the New Gospel* by Rosco Brong

Thank you so much for being a part of the Lord's work in Romania, by your prayers and financial support! *Bro. Raul*

Just a further word: Since our last communication I have had appointments with both my hematologist and eye specialist. All things considered I have gotten good reports from both! Also I want to encourage you to pray regarding the need for a better car for both Aurel and Raul. They use their personal cars often in the work. The oppressive taxes and fees going into effect will work a very real hardship on them – to the point of not being able to meet the yearly fees on older cars. Please pray about these needs! Thank you for your prayers and financial participation. Your "holding the rope" for those engaged in the Romania work is greatly appreciated! *Bro. Curtis*