



HOPE FOR MARUNTEI **AUGUST 2016** **NEWSLETTER**

A lot of exciting things took place this month within our ministry! We would love to share with you how your prayer and partnership has impacted the Kingdom here in southern Romania!

For even more blessings, here are several ways to contact us:

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Kids & Youth Camp

A group of missionaries had the vision of making a tent camp for the local youth. We organized the camp and this last month 40 kids between the ages of 8-11 got to attend. Throughout the week of camp we sang songs, played games, and studied stories in the Bible. We specifically studied the life of Joseph as an example in how to walk with God. Joseph started following Christ as a young child and continued to follow Him throughout his whole life. We encouraged the kids to begin their journey with Jesus now and walk with Him throughout the rest of their lives. 26 youth between the ages of 12-18 were also brought to camp by some of our missionaries. Before camp, I went into the village of Maruntei to invite the youth, and unfortunately the majority of them declined the invitation. However, two days before camp many of the youth changed their minds and agreed to attend! Six youth from the village of Maruntei joined us for a time of songs, games, and Bible lessons! During youth camp we studied the Parable of the Four Soils (Matthew 13:1-9). By the end of camp, each youth was able to recognize which soil they identified with. They were challenged to think about where they are in their walk with Christ and how they can continue to grow closer to Him. Throughout camp, God worked in big ways in the hearts of the youth! They were able to foster good relationships with one another and experience new things together. At the end of camp, many of the youth said that they wanted to bring their friends back with them next year!

World Race Team

During the month of August, we had the pleasure of hosting a World Race team. This team helped prepare camp for the kids and youth by cutting grass, cleaning, and pulling weeds. They also served throughout camp by putting up and taking down tents and serving tables. This team also helped us continue in our fundraising efforts for the house we would like to get in Maruntei. The assistance and hard work from the team was a huge blessing for me.

"There is such a big harvest of people to bring in. But there are only a few workers to help harvest them. God owns the harvest. Ask Him to send more workers to help bring in His harvest."

Evangelistic Retreat

We got to take one family from Maruntei and one family from Drăgănești to an evangelistic retreat in Căciulata. Through the generosity of a church in Atlanta, we were able to spend two nights in a beautiful hotel with wonderful amenities. Each couple had their own room and had access to the hotel pool! The retreat had a total of 80 attendees - 50 of whom are not Christians. Throughout the weekend, the retreat speaker spoke about forgiveness and each family was able to hear the Gospel. We received positive feedback that the message was extremely powerful and that the families were very touched by it.

Fundraising

We are raising money to buy a building in Maruntei for our church. Thanks to some generous donors, we have raised \$1,200 toward our fundraising goal of \$23,000!

Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer for:

- The kids and youth who attended camp
 - That they would remember what they learned at camp and for them to accept God into their hearts
- The missionaries who took kids to camp
 - That they would have a good follow-up strategy and be able to keep in touch with the 6 youth from Maruntei
- The families that attended the evangelistic retreat
 - That they would decide to start following God and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior
- Fundraising
 - That the remaining funds would be provided for the purchase of our building in Maruntei

We ended this month with a weeklong break for a time of spiritual, physical, and mental rest. We are ready to step into another month of ministry feeling refreshed and rested!

As always, thank you so much for your continued support and prayer! We are looking forward to seeing what the month of September brings!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
Amen.

-Philippians 4:23



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