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The ministry of Jesus is the model for our lives and for all our team workers. Both in equipping servants and in evangelizing unbelievers, Jesus excelled through his organized and also deeply spiritual ministry.

The Gospels abound in public or individual evangelism, but also in



withdrawal times for equipping disciples. In July, RESO team along with a group of brothers and sisters from Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, we enjoyed a time of fellowship and edification. During this time, our team relations were strengthened and new challenges in the management of regional mission were launched. I want to thank those who prayed, organized and financed this retreat for our team.

The importance of these moments cannot be easily described in words, but I want to emphasize the value of them with the Scripture from Mark 6:31

*“Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, - Come*

*with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”*

June was intense in both public and individual evangelism, recruitment and equipping activities for workers in our area.



I want to share two cases with your as prayer request. It is about the possibility of recruiting two servants, Helen and Saige. After few conversations with them I realized that Helen was burdened in her heart for the children in our area. She wants to tell and show them God's love. Saige was moved by the old people and her heart's desire is to help them. In both cases I used the example of Nehemiah who heard about a vulnerable Jerusalem, without walls and with a lost reputation. This burden caused him to act later. So the burdened Nehemiah (chapter 1:1-4) made the difference for Israelites (chapter 6:15-16). God's Spirit used His Word to bring light and clarity for those two girls. Both of them are right now in

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the process of seeking God's will for their lives. In the second case is about a young man who was about to commit suicide (from his stories). We had long discussions, we prayed and I encouraged him to see his

life from an eternal perspective. I helped him to overcome this critical time in his life and to open his heart to God. Pray for me to continue this rehabilitation process to his conversion.

Even if it was one exhausting month, intense, sometimes with conflicts and problems, hard mediation cases, however in my soul I am honored to celebrate my King, Jesus!

## **Comani-** Costea Alexe

Blessed be the Lord!

This month began with the visit of the AIM (Adventure in Mission) team which was indeed a blessing to the ministry in Comani. Together we managed with God's help to give over 700 New Testaments. We organized daily English lessons, children's programs and visits. It was a blessed time!



One of my best friends from Army of God

Association, Dani, suggest me to invite brother Tony Antony, author of Taming the Tiger, for an evangelistic event. He came along with Ghita Ignat, National Champion in K1 and MMA, a Romanian Christian sportive. God has worked and people came to Him hearing their testimonies. Praise the Lord!



Pray for Corina. She is not coming to church, her husband stops her. Lord may work in her heart and change her. She was so eager to know more God. Once she said that she wants to know what it means to live life moment by moment with God.

Pray that people would respond to the Gospel, to be stirred in their being a desire to know God. Pray for Jeni and Cornel who let themselves deceived by the evil rather than be strengthened by God.

We thank all those of you who carry us in your prayers and we believe that this (your prayers) is a part of the ministry in Comani.

Blessed be the Lord for all!

## Dumitru Mircea- Corabia

This year we knew we had to start a new kids club. I knew because God put this on our hearts. We thought that this will be in Tia Mare village but this month we started a group of children in the area where we have our Sunday gathering space. Few missionaries' girls from the World Race organization have been of a great help for us.



The good hand of God was over us in organizing an evangelistic event called Christian values. We invited 40 people and adults and only 24 came. But in the hall where the event took place there were another 20 other people sitting there who had the chance to hear the Gospel message. After this event Mr. mircea decided to follow the Lord. Our joy was great when we saw that all our church members were actively involved in organizing the event. Even the unsaved have brought friends to hear the Gospel.



Together with his Doug Droll, Daniel Dumitru Ovidiu and Razvan we did went in the area we chose to focus on spreading the Gospel. We did prayer walking on every street. And when you meet people, we talked to them about God. We asked God save people in that area, to untie all sin and wrong mentality that keeps them away from the Him.

### Prayer requests:

- For Dan's retirement file. He had five strokes. Pray that God will help him to get approval for a caregiver because he cannot handle alone.
- In July we will have a youth sporting event. During this event young Christians from Craiova will share their testimonies. Pray that God will touch the hearts of many young people in Corabia..

## Serban George- Stoenesti, Farcasele

When we think of people who are not saved, the need to preach or any kind we have, we understand how important it is to let ourselves be guided by God in everything we do. He put burden for people in our heart, and we want to carry the sinners need for salvation in prayer. And we invite you to join us!

I noticed regarding missionaries team from abroad, that besides the support we get in ministry, they are also encouraged in their walk with the Lord. He is working in their hearts. Often they leave with more love for God and the desire to engage more in mission.

Last month I told you about Florin. Now he comes regularly to the meetings on Thursday and Sunday and he understood that he alone cannot raise himself to the standard of God but he can do so

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only through Jesus. Continue to pray for Florin to resist the pressures that come upon him from other young people the same age with him.

After the evangelistic event with Tony Anthony, Lili, one of the girls who came from Stoenesti expressed the desire to accept Jesus as Savior. Pray for her to face the challenges and the insults coming from her colleagues. She comes to church every Sunday and her grandmother is a member of our church. Also, that evening, our 9 year old girl, Lydia, came forward at Tony calling for repentance. At the end I asked her why she came out and she responded that she wants to give her life to Jesus. We thank God for these beautiful experiences! He deserves all our praise.



Earlier this month we held an evangelistic event in partnership with Luis Palau Organization. The event took place at a restaurant in the area. There were

invited three age groups, most of them were unbelievers and they had the opportunity to hear the Gospel. Please pray for all of them the Spirit of the Lord, to remind them of the words of Scripture and to begin to seek the Lord.

I would like to live another prayer request, for Dana. Last month she had a heart surgery, the results were not good and she was scheduled for another surgery on July 14.

## Berechet Octavian- Maruntei

I want to say thank you for your prayers and support for our ministry in Maruntei. The prayers and support help to encourage us and build us up in order to continue our work of kid's clubs, visitations, and discipleship. Through all of these activities, we want to see people be saved and a church to be built up in this village.

Last month we held an event for youth. Many youth from the surrounding areas attended, and there were 6 youth from Maruntei who expressed an interest in follow up conversations. Please pray for these conversations, that the Lord would guide the words that are said and that He is working in the hearts of these youth.



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Also, as mentioned last month, we continue to face opposition from religious traditions. Please pray for the people of Maruntei, that the bonds of legalism would be broken and that they would be able to see who Jesus truly is. Pray that as people come to know Jesus, they would be able to share Him with the people around them, and that the village of Maruntei would be transformed by the gospel.

## **Ileana Maria-** Hope for the Community Organization



Since early this month, three girls in the group WR were involved in our activities. Together we made packages with clothes and shoes that were distributed to about 10 families and Radomirești and Drăgănești. During Afterschool program this month we focused more on learning English and various activities to encourage teamwork relationships, altruistic behavior and creativity. For summer vacation we want to have continuity for Afterschool program and we started a program called Summer School. The activities we focus on are reviewing the subjects taught at school:

Romanian language, math, English lessons, and several workshops for creativity, learning and encouraging a moral behavior which may please to God.

Pray for:

- Children who participate in our activities, to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, have the desire to learn and to be an example in school and at home;
- All beneficiaries of our projects to know the love of God;
- our space to run the projects (buy or rent).

Thank you for your prayers and support!

## **Stoica Marian – Daneasa**

This month was a very busy month. There were ups and downs, but through it all we give glory to God. My family and I had the privilege of working with a team from the World Race (The Last Battle) this month. During this time we attempted to reach out to the children in a village called Daneasa, and hope to continue to grow in that area. We had a Louis Palau event that was very successful in reaching out to the youth in Draganesti & the village Daneasa. I manage to invite a number of 15 youth.

My family was also in the process of moving into a new house. However, the week we were

supposed to move in, the insides of the house began to (crumble). So moving has been postponed until we can get everything fixed. We give thanks to God that He continues to take care of us. Thank you for your continual prayers and support. They are felt every day, so please continue to pray for us and for what God has lined up for us in the future.

Earlier this year we started a social project for young people both believers and non-believers who want to follow a education form but they cannot afford because of the financial conditions of the families to which they belong.

This month we were visited by a sister in Austria, a possible collaborator in this project. She wants to start a group of young Christians in Austria who will help young people in our area to continue and finish their school programs. During her stay here, we visited 4 cases (families with teenagers) that you she will present to her colleagues in Austria. Please support us in prayer! God bless you!

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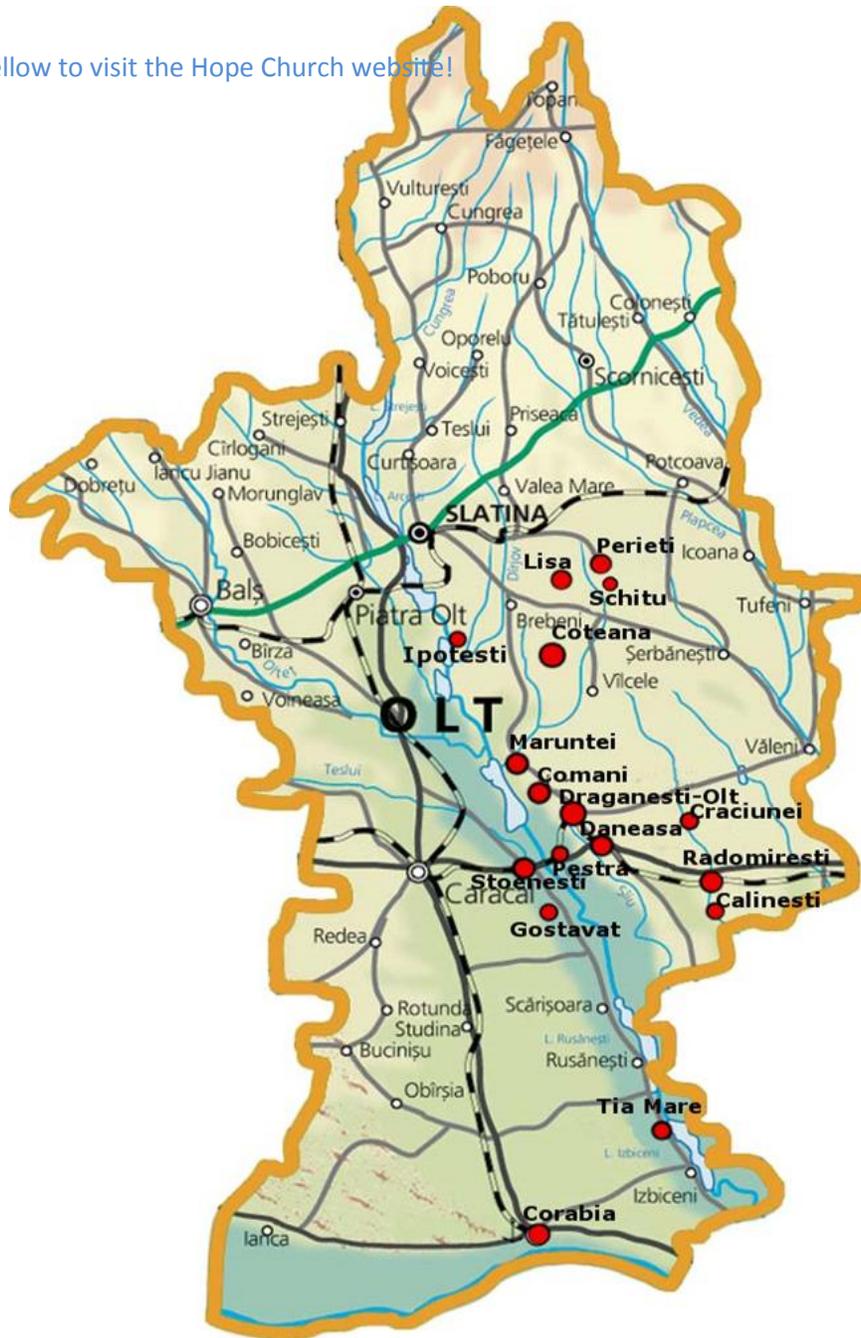
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