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were pleased before the entire people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were saved."

In the spirit of this verse, aspiring

"They were praising the Lord and

towards a quality life, we desire to see a numerical growth through the power of the Holy Spirit. So, in the month of Februrary, I was involved in many activities, services and decisions under the guidance of this verse.

For the local plan, I coordinated the general meeting where those who have responsibilities different in departments presented before the church the report of 2015 and also the new objectives for 2016. In the leadership committee, they choose 2 more brothers, George and Octavian. Pray for all who have roles of leadership in different departments for faithfully fulfill to responsibilities for the glory of God.

Alongside us this month served a youth from YFM (Youth for Ministry) from Craiova and together we had many activities of work. In Draganesti through the project "A Fishing Rod, not a Fish" we found a place which would have much to offer if we could find partners and resources. Pray for the potential of this project.

At the zonal level, we had the opportunity to offer a New Testament to every home in the village of Puturi in Dolj County. I was rejoiced to serve alongside these passionate youth and I pray for them to do the will of God in their lives.

I arrived in Bucovina with the mission to present the need for missionaries and to pray for Southern Romania. I chose to go in this zone, because Bucovina has many churches with potential missionaries. We need other workers to go out into His harvest.

Before this, I went to Ukraine where for 2 days, I taught at the theological institute about missiology. Through your prayers and financial support, I was used by God for these students, in which I saw a hunger after God.



As you know, I have repeatedly asked you to pray for those who are far from the Lord. One of these was lonel. God worked in his heart and almost every morning he came to the moment of devotion. Even through his prayers, we could see his heart soften, even though he was still under the addiction to tobacco.

He said that he desire to repent, but that tobacco restrained him from this. Freedom came through a tragic moment, when he had a heart attack. He was taken in an emergency helicopter to Bucharest. I managed to talk to him on the phone and I asked him to repent, not sure if there would be more life for him. He testified on that day that he surrendered everything completely to the Lord. His heart surgery went well, I was able to visit him in Bucharest where in the hospital lobby,



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he testified that he is a new being. Continue to pray for his physical healing. We praise God for the way that He worked in his life.

# **Berechet Octavian**— PIE/Ro Missionary in RESO ministry area, Maruntei

As I said in the previous letter , my focus in this year besides the activities that we do weekly in Maruntei is to look for other missionaries and partners to join this vision of planting a church in Maruntei. So part of my work and attention in February was to promote our ministry in the N-E area of Romania , an area with great potential and large churches. New relationships came out from this mission trip and opened doors for potential partnerships on various projects. It was a time where I planted the seed and we pray that God will call people into the harvest. We had the TPM youth who helped us one day with the evangelizing the people and the kids in Maruntei.



We still can see people who do not know about Jesus and who do not know Jesus as their personal Saviour. So pray for this people to find the hope that we have in our Lord Jesus Christ. I preached in the mornings at Hope church and also I did some visits where I encouraged our

brothers. We thank everyone who is involved and we invite you to continue to fight together with us in prayer for the salvation of the people and for other missionaries to join the team that we want to form in Maruntei . God bless each of you!

# **Dumitru Mircea** – PIE/Ro Missionary in RESO ministry area, Corabia

We thank the Lord for the steps in which we have done until now in the work in the city of Corabia.

Acts 17:17 "So he reasoned in the synagogue



with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there."

The majority of my activity this month consisted in visits to families who are open to the Gospel, and organizing and being involved in the meetings with different categories of people in different locations. Marcel's family and his circle of influence has a big impact of a radius from the hope of Christ. Every week, we go to his house to read the Bible and to understand it. The Gospel according to John is the book which brings light to every meeting. Together with Doug and Adrian, we are very encouraged



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that every time we meet new people, they are either relatives or friends of Mister Marcel. Our visits are not just limited to this family. We share the Gospel and disciple 5 families.

In this month, we began to meet with adolescents. I pray for this ministry to grow and that other youth would accept Jesus, as their Savior. My daughter, Damaris, needs this kind of context to grow in faith. There are 4 boys 3 girls that come to our youth meetings. Pray for these teenagers to grow in faith and to influence other youth who are far away from the Lord. Adrian is the one in whom I entrusted the responsibilities for the youth meetings. Pray that God will use him powerfully and that more teens would come to repentance. In this month, Cornelia was very encouraged by God regarding the children's club. Two young people, one boy and one girl from Craiova decided until the month of May to join Cornelia in evangelizing the children. Each time when they travel from Craiova to Corabia, almost every time the car breaks down. The enemy wants to prevent this work. This is the reason why we have weekly meetings an we pray and cry to God that He would work and intervene in the lives of the children and people and that He would free those who are under their sins.

Every week together we grow in the knowledge of the Lord's will in regards to the work in Corabia. Every Thursday, we have an equipping and discussing time.

This month I rejoiced helping the RESO team to implement the steps of how to plant a church according to Neemiah course that we have been studied.

**Costea Alexe**— PIE/Ro Missionary in RESO ministry area, Comani

Blessed be the Lord

At the beginning of February we were blessed to have alongside us a group of youth from a missions school YFM (Youth for Ministry) with whom we shared the Gospel to people we met on the streets. There are still people, unfortunately, who do not know who is Jesus.

I asked an older, burdened man if he would let us pray for him, but he responded that "we can not pray wherever, only within a holy place are we allowed." What I say to this, then is painful, painful, painful. This is exactly what the Word says "the people are perishing from a lack of knowing."



Friday evening we study the Word of God in small group and we are following the Lord Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. Sunday morning, we started a series on the sermons from the book of Acts starting with the beginning of the churches and what the first Christians did.

At the end of the month of February I was gone travelling to Bucovina, in which the mission was to present the work and need for workers to form a ministry team in Comani. Glory be to God for this opportunity as I was able to speak in different churches. I distributed brochures with information about the work in Comani and I pray that God will touch hearts, to call by name His prepared people for this work.



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At the end of the month, we were visited by Brother Lanny Loe. Together, we made a pastoral visit and I was encouraged to continue the work that God has entrusted to me.

Blessed be to God for the response of our prayers. The Velea family will have electricity soon. We thank you!

# **Vlad Ion-** PIE/Ro Missionary in RESO ministry area, Lisa

We thank the good God for the grace for which He made us to be called His children and to give us this honor to serve Him in expanding the kingdom of heaven. This month the good God helped us to continue Bible Study with the group of women, and to visit and encourage brothers in work.



Also, we made pastoral visits and encouraging visits to widows from the church. We rejoiced for the interest that the Scripture showed the group from Greci.

We thank the Lord for the opportunity that He gave us to travel in Bucovina to make the work of God in the church in Perieti known.

We rejoice for the large number of children who are coming to the After School Program.

Prayer requests: protection for our family; this year to have a new baptism-testamental; numerical growth of the group of believers in

Lisa, Perieti and Greci; the children to be an example at school, to repair the church's van.

# **Opris Daniel-** PIE/Ro collaborator in RESO ministry area, Coteana

I continued the meetings on Sundays and the believers were encouraged to tell their prayers requests in the allotted time of prayer, learn verses and tell them during our meetings or their experiences with God. One of our sisters in Christ shared with us how God protected her of death. One day she wanted to cross the street and in the middle of the street she felt that she needs to stop. In a second she saw how quickly a car passed near her. She could be death if she wouldnt stop. Another lady shared how she worked something handmade and someone bought it. In this way she could pay a bill. So we praise God for how He takes care of us.

The children of the christian families in Coteana learn verses and tell them to encourage the people who attend the meetings on Sunday. But other 2 girls from families who are not believers expressed their desire to learn. After the kid's program endend I asked some of them what kind of things they do that do not please God. After this question one of the girls told me how one day she went in her room asking God for forgiveness for her sins. And another one told me that she didnt obey her mother. I told her that she needs to say sorry to her mom and she said she will do it. Pray for these girls to be a light for their generation.

I meet weekly with those who have opened their heart to understand more about God from the Scriptures. I told them that ifyou want to be a follower of Christ you can not do whatever you want and only what He wants. One man was surprised when I told him but after all he



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accepted that more important is His will not our desires.

# Mark and Florina Darvell - PIE/Ro collaborator in RESO ministry area, Coteana

Nehemiah House vision is to provide a place where people from the local community and mission locations can receive education and support in developing personal skills and by using local resources to self support themselves.



Young people in Romania have developed a mentality of using other western countries as a crutch. Generally many have stopped looking around for domestic solutions, they lose interest in studying at school thinking that they will go to another country and find work and achieve what they want.

Our vision is to help young people around us drop the crutch and start developing their own skills using local resources to achieve what they want.

Last Friday 19th and Saturday 20th of February we had our first 2 days of seminaries with the theme " by developing your personal skills and using local resources you obtain an income.

We had two Christian friends from our home Church in Alba Iulia that do business and have a heart for helping people to develop themselves as well. On the first day 22 people attended to the seminary and on the second they only 12 attended. These 12 young people, have grasped the principle and accepted the idea that they have to drop their crutch because there are great opportunities around us and they have as yet untapped skills to explore the local resources and obtain an income.

The main target for these 2 days seminar was to help people see the importance of reading books that can open their minds and help them to progress to a brighter future. It was not an easy task to motivate people to read, it is one of the hardest things to do, but by the end of the sessions we found that they have accepted this as part of their own personal development.

We offered to pay for their first book to read, we will choose one and pay for it. After the first book they will have to pay half of the cost of the next book and so on. Also we keep in touch with them, we encourage them to read and share what they understand or how the book can help them.

Please pray for resources to order the first book for these people.

Spero Designs Romania- the vision is to help mothers be with their family by helping them work from home.

Last Saturday 20th February we had an American lady named Michelle who lives in Germany, came especially to teach two of the ladies how to sew a bag.

This past weekend we have seen the fulfillment of the vision of giving hope, value and work to people from our community.

It is only a frail beginning but we trust in the Lord who initiated this to guide us and bless the projects for His Glory.

Please continue to keep these 2 projects in your prayers.



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# **Rachel Martin -** PIE/Ro collaborator in RESO ministry area, Daneasa

As I look back upon this last month, all I can think is that God is faithful. When I started to pray about ministry in Daneasa back in June 2015, I never realized that God would use my English speaking skills in such a large way. I say this, because through English, I have been able to develop relationships with youth and children in the community, but also in the school. During the month of February, Daneasa was visited by a few young adults from Craiova, who are a part of YWAM. The intention for the young men to visit Daneasa was an evangelistic opportunity to share the Gospel, however to continue to encourage the children and youth to continue coming to English class. We visited 6 different families, each one of them having a child in my English class. I had no idea what to expect, but God showed up in a big way. The following Saturday, 3 new children came to my English class. When I started the group in the beginning of January, only 4 children showed up for the first visit.



Now, there are 15 children coming. The Lord is using English to reach a community socially, however through English I am able to form relationships and expose the Gospel to them.

This month has also been a time of preparation for Women's Day, which is always on March 8. In order to reach the teachers in the school in Daneasa, The Lord has provided an opportunity for myself and a few other sisters in Christ to share how Christ has affected our lives through a dinner. This year, this event will be on March 12.

God has also been forming our team in Daneasa. As you may be aware, the team in Daneasa is growing! I believe that the Lord has much to do in Daneasa, and wants to show His love to this community in need. However, as a team, we have continued to grow together and the Lord is alive in this team.

Please be in prayer for the following:

- More children to come to English Class
- Further relationships with teachers in Daneasa
- Opportunities to develop stronger relationships with teenagers
- Team Health: both spiritually and physically

I leave you with this from Deuteronomy 7:9. "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments."



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