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"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."

I want to thank you for all your support in 2014, for you involvement in the mission work in southern Olt county. With God's help, in 2015, I want to continue to do our Heavenly Father's will, to do the deeds He prepared beforehand for me.

In the context of consolidation and expansion, in the month of January 2015 I started to put into practice what God spoke to me in the last months of 2014: to strengthen the pastoral team of Hope Church, the mission points and the new local leaders team I train. According to their gifts and responsibilities, the pastoral team is made up of four ministers who have assumed the responsibility of ministering the Hope Church members and visitors and also the believers in our mission points.

The local leaders team is in the process of learning how to make responsible discipleship with the members of the cell groups they lead. We have seen progress regarding the punctuality and words they use. Praise God for the patience He has with us. He gives us the privilege to be workers for His Kingdom.

God used the organization BIG to train our team members. Our friends from BIG returned to advise RESO team and the church committee for greatest effectiveness in mission work. We were encouraged, taught and we were provided tools for personal and team



equipment.

Following their visit, God burdened me more, according to my spiritual gift, with responsibility to recruit other missionaries within RESO team. We invite you to pray that in 2015 other workers would come into his harvest!

Berechet Octavian– Maruntei

January is a month of planning, objectives, structure, and change both in our personal lives as well in our mission in Maruntei.



Our vision is planting a church here and for this we need your support in prayers and other missionaries to come along side with us. On this occasion we want to encourage you, if you know someone who wants to make short or long term mission in Romania, southern county of



- Buying or renting a house where we can carry out our activities
- Developing relationships with the local authorities
- Tavi to learn how to write in English
- Childrens group to grow numerically and have a real desire for Jesus

We also ask you to pray for a few families. Pray for them to be enlightened, to understand the Gospel and to be determined to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. Buzurin family, Ungureanu, Enache, Moldoveanu, Stoica

Please pray for our health and sanctification, for our daughters, Damaris and Ana-Maria. We want to be good examples among people God has placed us.

Thank you!

<http://bisericasperanta.ro/en/maruntei>

Opris Daniel– Coteana

At the current stage of our ministry we needed a house to hold our meetings. So far we have met in our brothers home in Coteana. We considered it God's will for us to rent a house for adult and children group meetings. The Lord has directed our attention to a centrally located house and after we prayed and fasted we made contact with the owners. The Lord has put on their hearts to give us the house to use without asking money for rent. Now we want to arrange a room. We have, by the grace of God, a stove, so we have heating. We also have a few chairs.

We enjoyed how God has answered our prayers and we are glad we moved into the new place.

In January we continued to do visits to the brothers and their unsaved friends in Coteana . There were people who were glad that we visited and preached to them. We could help some individuals and families with physical needs. We praise the Lord that He worked beautifully in the life of a family of believers in Coteana and brought a better understanding between husband and wife. God is working in the lives of believers also during Wednesday night prayer meetings.

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Dumitru Mircea– Corabia

One of the goals the Lord gave us for this year is for those who have been evangelized in 2014 and believed in Him to be baptized. That's why this month we focused on visiting them and studying the Bible with them. We did this twice a week. Some of them have gone through various trials. Catalin's father had a surgery and one of his legs was amputated. Catalin has suffered a lot. Nina has a daughter who suffers from asthma. Please pray for their situations!

Adrian Magaon is a young man from Craiova. While serving here, God gave him a greater desire to serve Him. He is studying in Sighet Marmatiei to prepare to be a missionary. This month he has worked with us in Corabia. I invested intentionally his life in order to clarify



the calling the Lord has for him. I encouraged him to seek God's will in every aspect of his life and to discover his spiritual gifts. Every Sunday he was involved in giving exhortations or short messages during worship time. We pray that after he will finish his studies to join us in Corabia.



This month we had a particular experience. A group of six young people we know and who know that we preach the gospel, surrounded us and using a violent language they tried to intimidate us. One of them was violent, and took my eyeglasses trying to break them. At that time we prayed that the Lord would give us self control so we wouldn't say or do something that we may regret afterwards. Acting wrong we could close the opportunity to proclaim the Gospel in the area. That day we continued our visits in that area. After 3 days I went back and I noticed that all of them were hiding. They were ashamed to look us in the face. Pray for them that God will change their lives.

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George Serban–Stoenesti

Earlier this year we prayed and asked the Lord's guidance to see in which direction to go. After we prayed we realized that the Lord wants this year:



- to take care and spend more time with my family
- to make disciples, to counsel people both in local church and our ministry zone
- to recruit a family to do ministry in Stoenesti
- to start a study group in Pestra, where there are 2 families of believers
- to do evangelism at each house in Stoenesti and Gostavatu
- to promote other leaders in the children's ministry- few teenagers are getting ready to do this ministry
- we complete the church building construction,inside and outside

We ask you to carry us in prayer for these objectives to be reached this year for God's glory and for advancing His Kingdom.

We were glad to have with us brothers from Timisoara, the brother Gelu Paul'sl Baptist Church. We were trained in a study that takes into account the role of each team member in ministry. We made sure that each person fulfills its mission role. The counsel we received was very helpful and we thank God and our brothers for this beneficial time for our team.



A woman who regularly comes to church showed a real interest in the gospel. Following a meeting she responded affirmatively that she wants to start a relationship with Jesus. Pray for her!

Also pray for Florin. He asked to be baptized at the next baptism. Catalina, a girl who loves Jesus, with an opened heart for God wants also to be baptized. Pray for Liliana too. She comes to our meetings but she is still attracted to this world entourage.

Pray for our family that the Lord will continue to accompany us in ministry so we can reflect His love toward people who do not know. Thank you for financial support which is a big help for us.

With love in Christ!

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Alexe Costea – Comani

We started the new year by making our mission more clear -to fulfill spiritual and material needs of those around us. This month I served more of the people in our community and I did less evangelism. I understand that it is God's will for me. People have become more open to share their problems and the number of people attending the church has grown. After the winter holidays we resumed the study group every Friday night. Every Saturday we have a special time for youth and I was glad to see that their number has doubled.

There are 4 women who come regularly to our church program and we invite you to pray for them: Vali, Alexandra, Cornelia and Jeni. We pray that the Lord will work not only in their hearts but also in their husbands' lives. We want their families to be families who serve God. We ask prayer also for a worker with children. Their last meeting was attended by over 40 children. May God bless them!

With the help of brothers from Spain we could cover heating needs of 3 families. Those who have received were very happy. Almost like they could not believe that they are receiving such a great blessing, firewood.



We also thank our brothers in Germany. This year they continued to help a family in Comani with food.

Prayer requests

- Wisdom in ministry
- A worker with children
- For the salvation of : Nicoleta, Larisa, Bianca, Vasilica, Ionut, Giorgiana, Cosmin
- Guidance from the Lord in everything I do
- Completion of the church building construction



Mariana Ileana– Hope for the Community Association



The beginning of 2015 brings new challenges and new desires. We want to create and to develop new

opportunities of service in the southern county of Olt. We want to encourage volunteerism and to provide an appropriate frame for those who wish to serve in the social field. We also wish to recruit social workers for all of the RESO mission are. Pray with us for this need and if anyone is interested, please contact us.

18 children attend regularly the After School program. We are glad to see progress in the lives of many of them. Thank God for his faithfulness to take care of snacks for lunch. We thank everyone who donated for this purpose. This year we want to expand the program to other localities. Pray that God will take care of the necessary resources, human and financial.

One of the challenges we face is the lack of a suitable place for carrying out our activities. Because we use the church building, some activities are often interrupted and we had to stop some of them. In order to develop the existing projects or to launch another this year we need a new location, rented or purchased. Carry us in your prayers for us to have resources, power, wisdom and love of the Lord to bring

hope through the work that we have been entrusted.

Thank you for your support!

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Dorothy Reid– [RESO kids ministry coordinator](#)

A special joy this month thanks to Mariana Ileana and the association she is with was the chance to bless some people with firewood. I knew of one widow who burned her whole fence last winter to provide heat for herself and a baby grandson she was taking caring of. Another



man cares for his adoptive Mom who is completely bedridden so he has little opportunity to get a job. At one home the wood was dropped by the side of the road, but 8 neighbours willingly worked to move a ton and a half of wood to help in this needy situation.

Another pleasure was to visit some clubs and deliver hand knitted winter wear made by



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women from churches and even a native American reserve in Canada and brought over by a team of

Bible college students who were here for 6 weeks.

As of January our Saturday club, Hope for the Children, is now meeting Sunday mornings. The children have come to a church for years and now the idea is to see them integrated in the Church and participating with the Body of Christ. The children agreed to try it for 3 months. Our first Sunday I did not have high expectations as it is a big change for them. I wondered if even 4 children would remember to come. To my surprise and joy we had 18 plus and many were there for there for the first time!

As well, we have been praying about starting children's church again in the evening service as there are many boys and girls from surrounding communities who come in with missionary families.

The challenge has been to find workers who would be committed every Sunday. We had a good turn out of people who expressed interest and signed up to serve "din cand in cand" (from time to time).

At first I was disappointed, but after praying and asking the Lord what His solution was the thought came: "If people are willing to help part-time then hold meetings once in a while."

So we began.

The first Sunday of each month we are all together for the Lord's Supper. The



second and fourth Sundays a service is held in the church basement for children up to 11 years of age, and on the third Sunday two teachers take a group for adolescents between 12-15 years old. Thus far it has been going well and is a blessing to both the children and workers.

Pray for the workers as they prepare that God will guide them and they will be excited about the lessons and how to share them at the level of the children's understanding.



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