

# RESO Spreading the Gospel in Southern Oltenia

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July, a month with new challenges both for me and for those in whom I invest intentionally and consistently. My soul was built this month by reading and deepening of Scripture and the book *The Reformed Pastor* by Richard Baxter. In this context I urged the local church to step to another level in terms of discipleship,



from individual discipleship to group discipleship whether adults or children.

Pray for consistency, passion for people and the wisdom in this process of discipleship.

Two festive moments brought me joy in my soul. The day when as a church we chose the servants of Hope Church, now an autonomous church: Mihai Ileana-presbyter, Octavian Berechet missionary in Maruntei, George Serban missionary in Stoenesti, Costea Alexe missionary in Comani, Stoica Marian-missionary in Daneasa, Mircea Dumitru missionary in Corabia, Opriș Daniel missionary in Coteana.

It was a moment of celebration for Hope Church choosing these missionaries who have served faithfully for years among people in Oltenia. And the second

moment was when the sister Jenny confirmed her personal faith in Jesus Christ through the baptism that I officiated in the Adriatic Sea.



A team of brothers from Jonesboro Church USA, came to serve the interests of the Kingdom of God. Even if I wasn't involved in managing their time spent here, yet I

have strengthened and deepened the



relationship with this them and we established some principles of collaboration. Pray to have wisdom to manage the partnership with the church in Jonesboro, a church with potential and vision for mission in Oltenia.

Thanks to all who are praying for me and for the RESO ministry.

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### Costea Alexe- Comani

Blessed be God for another month allowed in our lives and for the honor of being His co-workers on the mission field in Oltenia. We continued the church meetings every Sunday morning, kid's ministry and the visits.



We had the opportunity to preach the Word of God. After waiting for over two months we managed to do the fireproof for the top of the church building.



We continued to work the rooms' walls and putting the concrete floor. With God's help we hope to reach the end of the construction work soon. In this holiday season we decided to make two weekly programs for children.

Pray that God may touch their hearts and many may come to know him.

I had a great event in my personal life and also in ministry. I was recommended for ordination as a missionary pastor in Comani and I received all support from the Hope church. Praise God!

One of the women who quit coming to church because her husband refuses to let her, is in five months pregnant and these days he began to vomit blood. Her father is hospitalized at a tuberculosis treatment hospital and the doctors sent her to the same hospital TB treatment. Pray for her and her husband. It is very difficult to go through such trials without knowing the Lord. Let us pray for their family, may the Lord have mercy on them and above all to save them and heal their souls and bodies.

#### **Prayer requests:**

Wisdom in work with people

New relations in Comani

Worship Leader

A minibus for work

Protection for our family

The kids Camp on August 18th

#### Dumitru Mircea- Corabia

Whenever I went out to the park with my family, watching the crowd of young people my heart was broken because I didn't all I could to bring them to Christ.

In July, God helped us to start the youth ministry in town. On July 12 a group of six young people from Craiova with brother Dougllas came in order to bind relationships with young people here. We made use of their enjoyment to play football. There were 4 teams that means 20 young boys. We told them that our desire is to show them that we can play football without violence and we communicated the fact that we serve the Christ.

***Pray that God will bring somebody to work just with the young.***

There are huge possibilities thinking that during school year youth from surrounding villages come to study here. On August 23 we will have again sports and we plan to have regular meetings for youth also. The children ministry has increased. On July 27 the



group Little Explorers sang during the worship program. As I listen them I began to think in my mind: Here's the

future worship group of our church. The other group of kids from the C1 block, impressed me when at the end of the meeting they shouted at Cornelia "We love you". We were glad to see these children who

come from an environment full of violence as they begin to learn what love is.â

I continued with Dougllas, Daniel Claudiu and Dumitru to do visits to people at C1 Block. People started inviting us in their apartments and tell us



their prayer requests. We talked with them about the power of the Gospel to change

their lives.

Towards the end of this month a group of young people from Timisoara, who are volunteers in Bible for all organization came and helped us in distributing flyers to people here.

We were glad to receive their help!

#### Serban George- Stoenesti, Farcasele



Earlier this year we have had a few goals and two of them aimed the construction of the church building: roof and heating system on wood. We prayed

to have the necessary financial resources for these projects and the Lord answered. We are

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encouraged by His faithfulness and His desires to make Himself known to the people who do not know Him.

I wrote last month about the Dana health issue that she was going to have on July 14 a new medical intervention. She had 11,800 of extra systoles per day after the first intervention and before that 49,900. We arrived at the hospital on July 14 and she was hospitalized. Before the doctor to do surgery he did few preliminary tests and he found that there was no more extra systole. The same doctor who recommended the surgery be done again, now says that it is not necessary because there are no more extra systoles. A human error or divine intervention? We believe in the power of prayer and that God is the same God who works miracles. Thank you all that you have prayed for this problem. God be praised!

Towards the end of this month, a group of young people from Timisoara came to help us for 10 days. There were in 12 villages and they distributed over 10,000 Christian brochures and many children have heard the Good News.

We were glad that the young people whom we disciple they were also involved in this ministry (Liliana, Catalina and Florin). Pray for them to remain faithful in God's Word in any situation.

Thank you for your support both financial and spiritual, which not only makes it possible our staying in this place but also motivates us to have a service worthy of our great and holy God.

### Berechet Octavian- Maruntei

In July, we started to focus on serving adults. In this regard we did evangelistic visits during which we had the opportunity to speak the Word of God. Together with a group of brothers and sisters from Hope Church we went on the streets of Maruntei and we talked to people that God has prepared them to hear the Good News. We had a good time. We have met people who have asked us to give them Christian music CDs, Christian literature and who have expressed a desire to know more about God. Some rejected us, others had no knowledge of what it



means salvation or who is the Son of God. Pray for their repentance and many people in the

town may get to know the truth which is Jesus Christ.

Please pray for me and my wife, Nicoleta, to have wisdom as we proclaim the Gospel, to have passion and consistency in the process of discipleship. Other workers are need here, we pray for them and for a church to be planted in this village

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#### **Stoica Marian – Daneasa**

We want to share with you the joy we had from our Lord in July. We had many things to plan, a lot of work to do and we needed much patience. Looking back now we see how our Heavenly Father has faithfully helped us in all. We can only worship Him and praise Him.

As an answer to our prayers, and as a helper in need, Sabrina, a young believer came to us. She lived in our house and she served us with great joy. We thank the Lord her help and we want to keep Sabrina in our prayer, especially for her father's salvation and for peace into her family for the time she will return to her family.

Moving into new house and fitting everything in the right place took shape little by little. We know that the power to solve all these administrative things, open doors, the right people at the right time, all came from the love of God through the prayers of many brothers. We want our accommodate into the new area to be easy. We want to be led by the Holy Spirit to make new relations with our neighbors leading to the proclamation of the Gospel. Pray for us to be a good witness for them at any time and for them to see God in our life and be saved.

Thank you all for your perseverance in prayer and that your intercession for us did not stops. Pray for Andrea, for the birth which will take place, our Heavenly Father may strengthen and protect her and we may return from Germany safely to our home! Praise the Lord for all!

#### **Vlad Ion – Perieti**

Thanks to everyone who prayed for the projects that took place in our mission points. Brother Mimi and Pastor Jim Richmond coordinated the team from America who came to serve with us here in spreading the Kingdom of God.

We shared the New Testaments to people and we offer them eyeglasses. About 5,000 people have been blessed by these projects. Pastor Rich has held a conference about discipleship and church planting at Hope Church in Drăgănești Olt.

There were moments where we were strengthen and we learned more about how to make disciples.

In the context of discipleship we organized an evangelistic event for women in the Perieti.

Pray that those who took part to get to know the True. We are glad to see that we do not work in vain, and that God wants people to be saved. A family in a village expressed the desire to know more about God and another man named Marian began to come constantly to our church meetings inn Perieti. Praise the Lord!



#### Prayer requests:

Pray for wisdom in both spiritual and administration work.

Families that we evangelize to open their hearts more and more for God

Material needs of our mission to be covered, including minibus repairs.

#### Social Housing Project– Drăganesti-Olt

In the spring of this year we began the construction of a social housing. We want to offer to those in need a temporary shelter: orphans, individuals or families in need. We are thankful to God for the resources we had and used up to now and for all the progress we made. We thank the churches that took part both financially and in a practical way. Please continue to pray for us, especially for those who manage the project and those who labor. May God bless us to finish this project on time!



#### Opris Daniel– Coteana

This month I made home visits to unsaved people and I urged them to repent and put their trust in Jesus. In Coteana is a woman with cancer that I visited and I preached the gospel. We prayed for her and soon after she could walk on her own and to get out of the house. Until then she was lying in bed. Next we went to visit her she looked much better.

A brother from Drăgănești had a serious accident. He cut his forearm to the bone. He was hospitalized and all believers from Hope Church prayed for him and the doctors saved his arm and the tendons and nerves were successfully rebuilt. Now he can move his fingers again. Praise God!

We continued to offer brochures to people that we met on the street and we had evangelistic discussions with some of them. During our biblical studies, a boy and a girl admitted they still have not given their lives to the Lord. I urge them to do that. I also offer my counsel to a young girl who wants to come to church about the danger of having relationships with boys who do not know God.

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