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Costea Raul

Pastor at Hope Church Draganesti-Olt, Romania

In Romania, July is considered the month of fire because of its rising temperature in the summer. Even though it's very hot outside, the heat won't stop us from bringing the fire of the Lord to people's hearts!

As you know, the fire of the Lord comes when we preach the Gospel to his people. We are able to do this through a camp that Brandon and I organized. My job for that camp was to preach the Word of God. The main topic we focused on was knowing Jesus as the Living Water, a Light of the World, and as a Good Shepherd.



I was filled with joy when I saw people interacting in small groups and when the youth stepped up to share their faith through their testimonies. Some of them even said, "Now I know Jesus as my Shepherd." I thank you to those

who interceded in prayer for us as well as those who supported financially, as many of the youth are not able to pay for themselves.

Another major blessing was coordinating the Parent Vision Trip (PVT) with Fusion Squad, through which we were able to accomplish another goal from the New Testament Project. We selected a neighborhood in Craiova to distribute a Bible to every single house. Around 900 families were able to receive the New Testament. As you already know, this is a huge accomplishment for us because, although we are not able to plant a church in every single town, we are at least able to bring the Gospel to every single house.

Romans 10:14-15 says, "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'"

In addition to PVT, for the first time in our ministry we had a church from Switzerland join us.

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They sent a team here for a Vision Trip, but they weren't just coming to see the ministry. They were active in passing out the Bibles, distributing food, construction projects, and more! Overall, over 150 kids were blessed by their presence.

Even July was a fire month, as there was a lot of heat, but, by the grace of God, we were able to put a good fire on the altar for God's glory.

Costea Alexe & Veronica, missionaries in Comani

Blessed be the Lord. We would like to thank everyone who is praying for us, and we praise the Lord that He still works in the hearts of the people. In the month of July, we had an opportunity to work with a new World Race team. We did home visits, held kids programs, prayed together, and they served the best they could. We hosted a program called PVT (Parent Vision Trip, where parent's visit their children who have been on the World Race for about 8 months), and were glad to host them and we were able to organize an children's event in Draganesti with this team. Kid's from Comani attended this event and we were amazed to see over 150 children and we hope that we were able to show God's love through us.

We continued construction on the church building, we pray that we can put flooring in the sanctuary of the church because in the winter it is cold and this would help insulate the building. We are blessed in our ministry to have people to help us with this work so that we do not need to serve on our own. We had with us a team from Swizerland and they did street evangelism, worked with the children's program, and home visits; we pray this work glorifies the Lord.



We were blessed to have a team from Texas visit us and a pastor encouraged the church with the Word of God.

Prayer Requests:

- Wisdom to work with the people
- The salvation of Vali, Mariana, Petre, Paul. Corina, Jenica, Emil, Costel, Nicusica

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- To finish the construction of the church
- The salvation of the children

Berechet Octavian & Nicoleta, missionaries in Maruntei

Hello, we are happy to work for the almighty God and to serve Him! However, more important than that we are happy to have close fellowship with Him and with each other. Please pray for us, that we may stay in His word and receive guidance, strength, and wisdom through prayer.

Through the grace of God the ministry in Maruntei continues. We need His power to be with us because there are still people in this city that have not accepted God's grace through Jesus. This month we worked with two girls from the World Race organization.



When we presented them with our ministry and the vision that God has given us, they felt in their hearts that they wanted to help by promoting the project "Building for Building the Kingdom," in Maruntei. We would like to buy a house for the ministry, we ask that you join us in

prayer for this project. We want to obey Him and trust in His timing for provision of the resources with which to buy the ministry house.

Here, in Dragoneshti, we organized a day camp for the kids from all the different mission sites, including Maruntei, there were roughly 150 kids and they had a lot of fun. We pray that these children would come to accept the grace of God and understand His forgiveness in their lives.

Two young boys from Maruntei attended a four-day Discipleship camp, I was with them and helped them better understand God's word while at this camp. We continue to pray that they would remain rooted in good soil so that they can flourish and continue to grow in God's word.



A pastor, a youth pastor, two boys, my wife, and I also went and visited several houses in order to encourage the people there and show them God's love.

Here are some different ways you all can be encouraging us through Prayer.

-For more missionaries and followers of Christ to come alongside us and help us in our effort to plant a church in Maruntei.

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- To buy a house for the ministry in Maruntei
- The salvation of the kids and the people in Maruntei
- Wisdom and courage when we do street evangelism
- That God will guide us to those whom He has prepared their hearts to accept Jesus

Ion si Cristina Vlad missionaries in PERIETI, LISA

This month we had the grace and mercy of the Lord upon us as a church and family. In the Lord's Church in Perieti have been several events that have brought joy to our souls. New Testament baptism was a moment of fulfillment.



Participants were moved by the Word of God, and still another two people have expressed their desire to be baptized.

I was visited by a team of brothers from Switzerland. We worked together and we were able to fulfill the spiritual and material needs of families in need. (Mathew 9:35) We told them the Good News that God loves them and told them of the hope in Jesus.

As a family we were very happy that the Lord answered our prayer and we had the money to pay our work book. We are glad that we have health insurance for our family and we give glory to God for this.

Together with my wife, Cristina, we have participated in the project "A New Testament For Each House" in Dolj county. Much spiritual fulfillment has come when we do what God has told us to do; to take the gospel to those who have not heard.

Prayer Requests:

- Baptism candidates to be attracted to the Father in this farther step
- For wisdom in discipling the Sisiu family
- For the salvation of the people in Perieti and our whole region of ministry
- Spiritual and numerical growth of the Church in Perieti
- For the Lord to bestow His mercy and protect us as a family

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- To have the opportunity to pay our work book each month

Serban George & Dana

missionaries in Stoenesti

This month we held a discipleship camp for teenagers at the Black Sea. For four days people had the opportunity to have fellowship together and were more exposed to God's Word. We studied from the Word of God that Jesus Christ is the savior for man kind and that He is the one that fulfills the needs of the soul, not only the needs of the bodies. There were events for kids and young people where the gospel was presented. We were helped by World Racers and their parents to organize this children's event in Draganesti. Please pray for all the children and young people who attended.

The believers from our church in Stoinesti were blessed by a team from Swizerland, they brought food bags and encouraged the members of the church to stay close to God. I continued the process of doing the paper work to make many the church plants of Hope Church independent, autonomous churches. Thank you for praying for us and your participation in these ministries.

Opris Daniel & Lidia, missionaries

in Coteana

In the month of July we participated in a discipleship camp for youth aged kids. My wife and I took two youth were able to pray together, read, memorize, and discuss God's Word.

From doing street evangelism and visits, I remember a discussion with a few young people who were gathered. One young man has some questions and this led to a discussion about the fact that the Bible is the Word of God without error. During this evangelistic time, I was with a young believer and I urged him to tell these young people his testimony of how he turned to the Lord and that they could see the change that Jesus can make in their lives too.

I did house visits to believers and the families of believers. We have found that they need to be encouraged and advised. Some believers have health problem and sometimes can not come to church and enjoy people visiting them, investing in them, and praying with them.

This month I also participated in giving New Testament Bibles and praying for Muslim students.

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Prayer requests:

- We serve and work in church planting in the town of Coteana Olt. and we are helped by the Darvell family, Mark and Florina. We keep in touch with the Illies family for they plan on moving and taking over the management of the work in Coteana in the future. God willing, they have expressed their desire to move in a few months. Please pray for their ministry and move to Coteana.
- We are in the process of buying a home for gatherings of believers in Coteana and also for the Illies family to live in. Please pray that nothing should prevent buying the house.

Thank you.



I attached a picture of the believers in Coteana and in the middle is the Illies family.

Hope Community Association

Redeeming the time... We had an idea to start a new program for the summer through the Summer School project. This is an offshoot of the After School Program to provide continuity in education to the children who want to deepen the knowledge they gained during the school year. This month eight children participated in the activities. Please pray for their and their family's salvation.

Another thing that happened this month is a new donation from the Organization HOE from Katjwik, Netherlands blessed the people in our mission. Furniture was distributed to about 40 families. We are thankful for the young adults from the program World Race for their help and support in our work. Together we made several visits and blessed many people around us through giving clothes, food, and God's Word.

Thank you for your support in prayer.

Please continue to pray for:

Camp for youth and children help in august

A new location for the After School Program at the beginning of the school year

Workers involved in the social field

Sponsors and partners for the further social projects

Adrian & Dana Jurge, missionaries in Craiova

Dear friends and partners we are greatly thankful to the Lord for this month. We had the privilege to host more Saints and fulfill this calling in our lives. Romans 12:13, Hebrews 13:2 This month was a month of hospitality. The whole month we hosted a christian student who did not have a place to stay to for school. We blessed her, but she also blessed us in the ministry and in our family. We planned two days of surveying on campus with a team of American students. The purpose was to make new relationships and to plan a volleyball event. We had the oppurtunity to meet a lot of students on campus and in the park, but only one student came to the volleyball night and he was a Muslim. I did not get discouraged see only one person because I remember that my role is only to put in their hearts and their minds the truth. My desire is to make disciples but I know that God is the one who is planting and growing that seed.

One Friday night I invited the Muslim student I told you about in the last newsletter to dinner. It was a very interesting experience. A we had a real apologetic discussion for four hours; it was a great time. He asked permission to do his prayer with his face towards Meca. He asked me

about Jesus and about the Bible and it was a wonderful occasion to show him God's love in a practical way and through my words. I showed him the verses from the Bible and this thing was unique for him because the Muslim teachers here are taking the text out of context often. We plan on meeting again to continue the discussion. I want to plan a trip to take muslim students to the city of Oradea with the purpose of exposing them to the Word of God and for them to experience the real God.

We hosted another missionary family, they encouraged us a lot with their behavior and devotion for our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank our Heavenly Father for the joy that comes from opening our homes and hearts for others. Please pray for me to finish my Master's degree and for wisdom in the ministry that God called me. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Stoica Marian & Andrea missionaries in Daneasa

Hab 2:14

God blessed the ministry in Daneasa this month, it was a busy month for me, most of the time I was alone because we were expecting our fourth child. I want to thank you for your prayers for our daughter Ana Lea. Please pray for our family for new season in our life, transitioning to having four children, to be

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united and for to strengthen us towards Him. The Serbanescu family will be moving to Daneasa and we have started raising funds for housing as Hope Church members have voted to buy a parsonage in Daneasa that this family will be using. Please pray to raise all the money we need to buy this house, we have put a down payment and the rest we need to raise by October 2017. Right now we are renovating this house and these last few weeks we have done a lot of work.

I am very thankful for the team of workers and missionaries that God has brought to Daneasa. We have been blessed to see God move to form a family among our ministry partners. This month Cornel proposed to Rachel and I was able to go with Cornel and Rachel to Sighetul Marmatiei, Cornel's home town. They were able to visit family and announce their engagement and we visited his church. I had an opportunity to encourage their church and thank them for their prayers and all their support.

With the addition to our family, and with teams and visitors to our ministry, we are also adding on to our house. This work takes a lot of energy from me and I would greatly appreciate your prayers. Thank you and may God bless you.

Rachel Martin

July was definitely a busy, but exciting month. The beginning of the month started out with a discipleship camp with youth in Navadori on the Black Sea. God was alive as two really important things happened in camp!

1) Camelia, a teenage girl from Daneasa came and I was able to invest in her. Before she came to camp, she desired to know more about Christ, as she felt like something was lacking in her life and wanted to be different. Cami received Christ at camp and even a few weeks later, she is a changed girl! **Please pray for her to continue walking this direction, as there are many obstacles she must walk around.** 2) I got engaged! My boyfriend, Cornel Mich proposed to me! It came as a wonderful surprise and we are more than excited to do life together serving those in Daneasa and Southern Oltenia County.

Following the discipleship camp, parents of World Racers were invited to come and join them in ministry for 3 short days. Over 13 parents received the invitation and over 30 people were involved in this PVT (Parent Vision Trip). Over 3 short days, 13 parents and 9 of the racers handed out over 3,000 Bibles, reached over 160 children for Christ and visited 40 families sharing the hope of Christ and an

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invitation to receive Him in their lives. For us personally in Daneasa, we received a family and encouraged those who have stopped coming to church to re-attend as God desires their relationship with Him. We conducted 3 home visits. We are so grateful for their ministry and willingness to share their lives with Romanians.

Following the PVT, Marian Stoica, Cornel and I went to visit Cornel's home church in Sighetu Marmatiei. Even though the trip was long, we were thankful for the opportunity to share about what God is doing in Daneasa and the surrounding communities.



We thank Jesus for his church and family who are praying for him. This was also a time for me to get to know his family a little bit more, as well as for them to get to know me.

Please pray for me in the following:

- Continued Rest/Energy: lots of teams coming in the summer
- Continued safety for our Daneasa team (Marian and Andrea Stoica, Daniel and Mihaela Serbanescu, Cornel Mich and myself)
- Our construction efforts on the multi-functional house (where we want to build a church)
- For Cornel and I to have wisdom with wedding plans, while serving in Daneasa.

Mark & Florina Darvell

Dear friends and prayer supporters

We thought it's about time to send some quick updated on our work and also some prayer points for those of you that the Holy Spirit has put us and our ministry on your heart.

*Last week it was a great time in the park where about 153 children from all mission locations had lots of fun, games bible stories and songs



*8-12 and 15-19th of august the two camps for the youth and children will take place. We approximate about 80 participants, most of which have yet to be saved. Please pray that the camp will run smoothly and that God will touch their hearts. Also a great blessing the free rent of the tents which enables the camps to take place. Praise the Lord

*Praise the Lord for the church that supported the purchase of the new building in Coteana for the ministry there. The purchase will take place next week, providing all the papers are ready. Thank you Lord

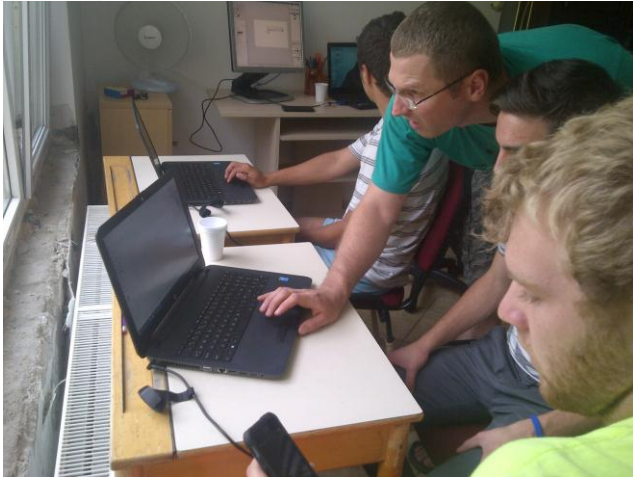
Also we praise the Lord for the family that donated for some work on the house so the new pastor Sami and his wife Loredana can move in, in October.

*Spero Designs - We thank the Lord for all the orders that came in and women at Spero Designs were provided in this way with money for their families, working while at home. This is a great Evangelistic tool as none of our ladies are christian yet, but I see an openness and trust that it's slowly being built step buy step. Please pray for their salvation and also that the Lord will continue to give us wisdom and ideas to help these women have work.

On the 22-24 of August we will have a sewing course on how to make dresses on order fitting on personalized measurements and choice of patterns. Looking forward to this as it will open a new avenue and more chances for work. Of course we need prayers as everything goes better when is lifted in prayer.

*Nehemia House- started a 6 week course for young people on how to use the internet to provide a personal income.

As this area is greatly lacking jobs , again this helps people to self-support themselves. We praise the Lord for all the people that donated and supported this project with a location, computers, money books and time. God bless you and reward you greatly.



The education trough reading practical and motivational books, it's moving slow as people are not so interested in reading anymore. It's hard to motivated people to read a motivational book:) but once they do it they want another one. The next one is going to be some audio seminars that teach people how to think about self support and what to do.

A friend of mine suggested that we should pay people to read as money motivate people more than the knowledge.

Not a bad idea.

God is motivating people to get involved in this 2 practical projects in various ways, either by using their skills and time, praying, purchasing, spreading the word about us or donating.

There is still a great area that is not covered and that is someone to actually work alongside me at all that it takes to make this project "move" better. Please pray that the Lord will send a person to come and work in this project to help
REBUILDING HOPE ONE STORY AT A TIME.

****About the bus-** the Lord has touched the heart of a dear friend to get personally involved and help repairing the bus, so the bus was sent to Pitesti 2 days ago for a massive repair.

Also praise the Lord for all those that donated so far for the repair of the bus. We thank you very much for your support.

We hope and pray that the bus will be ready before the camp that starts on the 8th of August.

***Mark** is excited with taking part and leading in gathering information about new locations for the New Testament project of Church Speranta. Please pray that Mark will learn Romanian better.

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