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Costea Raul

Pastor at Hope Church Draganesti-Olt, Romania / RESO Ministry Coordinator

On March 5th we organized a special meeting in the church for evangelizing to women. For the first time since organizing these meetings, the Bible message was not given by a woman. I was invited to preach and God guided me to speak about the Gospel from Luke chapter 7; the sinful woman who learned about forgiveness at the feet of Jesus. It was a blessed time and we pray that these women would find and receive forgiveness at the feet of Jesus.



In the evening, I had a meeting with a youth group.

Instead of holding the planned study, I was guided to evangelize. One of them has admitted mistakes and has prayed to receive the Lord. After a few weeks I asked him about his spiritual health and he told me that from that day he believes he is a child of God. We are glad that the Holy Spirit convinces people of their sinful condition and He gives custody to belong to God.

A group of students from a Christian school in Phoenix, Arizona, USA came to help with missionary work.

Their leader was Brother Derek and together we organized several events in different locations. We offered New Testaments to those who were opened in Craiova.

We spent a nice time together helping all the ministries: evangelism, pastoral visits, and more.

I felt this welded a relationship that can generate a long-term partnership.

For seven days I was in the Balkans in order to develop partnerships with various churches and missionary projects to plan for 2016 and 2017.



I advised, guided, and gave examples of our serving local leaders from Balkan countries; which inspired and helped in their mission work. Three organizations represented by one leader and I along with Brother Marian Stoica traveled to Bulgaria- Dubnita, Thessaloniki, Stip-Macedonia, Albania Korce-, -Kosovo Mitrovica and Nis - Serbia. people to receive the Lord. We have established partnerships, and by reaching out to existing partnerships have cultivated a strategic collaboration whereby Hope Church and its partners can be involved

in the development of these missions. The vision is to take the hope in Christ to the Balkan countries for millions of people to receive the Lord.

The Jurge family moved to Craiova and began working among students. Please pray for their accommodation, for God to use them with power, and that many students would reach the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. A mission house was rented to host short-term mission teams and where they will conduct evangelism.

Serban George - PIE/Ro collaborator in RESO ministry area, Coteana

We thank God for His grace that was shown to us this month. We live the reality of His presence in life and in the works that He has called us to. It is so important to have this awareness of His presence that if I did not have it I would be confused and unmotivated.

But he is faithful, and when He tells us to go; He promises to be with us. He is the

one who accompanies us and shows us His ways, and we learn that we must depend on Him in everything we do. We pray to be obedient to Him and ask His advice and guidance always, so we may have part of the blessing of His presence in the work to which He has called us.

This month I had an evangelistic event with the women in Stoenesti. We focused on a specific group of women, and 40 of these women responded to the invitation.

They listened to songs, testimonies, and the Gospel message. After this event, the women went to their homes encouraged to approach the Lord and begin to trust in him to cope with all the difficulties they face. Many of these women live in poverty; others are abused by their husbands. Please pray for them to know the freedom offered by Jesus and to find a purpose in their lives.

Earlier this month, I had a brother in Sibiu who was with us on the street to tell people about Jesus. I had the

opportunity to speak with many families and single people—old and young. One remarkable thing of the evangelistic meeting was that brother Ilie was with the mayor. I met the mayor on the street when Brother Elijah came, talking to him and telling him that he was local councilor in a village near Sibiu. He came here to talk about the Lord.

The mayor has a cousin who lives in America and is baptist believer. From what I understood, that cousin tells him to believe in Jesus and encourages him to change his life. Please pray to the Lord for the Mayor to change his life and to have his sins forgiven.

During the week we meet in groups in our homes; one group studies the Gospel of John, and the other group studies the Sermon on the Mount. We are glad to see how the Word changes lives, and how people pray and seek the Lord. Pray for these believers to remain strong in their faith, and those who have

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not decided to follow the Lord to make this decision.

Please pray for a woman who's name is Cristina, she gave her life to the Lord and wants to be baptized, but is not married to the father of their 4 children. Please pray for a resolve in this; that they would get married.

In church we are studying the book of Acts and we see how this book motivates us to take the gospel where it has not reached, even if there is opposition. People need to hear this message, because only this message of the gospel can change their lives.

Please pray for our group of young people to remain faithful to the Lord in the midst of bids from the world. Please pray for Florin, Liliana, Catalina, Loredana, Mirela, and Ionel to remain near the Lord.

Thank you for your prayers and for joining us in this work.

Ileana Mariana- PIE/Ro collaborator in RESO ministry area, Coteana

"Her children arise and call her blessed ..." Proverbs 31: 28a

The mother is a being with whom God has entrusted the privilege of giving birth, educating, and helping shape the character of her tiny, feeble, beings as they grow into trustworthy people. This is the feeling of gratitude and appreciation we wanted to share with children in the After-School Program and their mothers. Taking advantage of the occasion of Women's Day, we organized a program dedicated to our mothers.



Children have prepared with great love: poems, songs, plays, dance and small

gifts for their mothers. Together, we tried to show their mothers their importance and influence in the harmonious development of the child. We pray that these mothers are open to the teaching of the Word and advice we provide.

This month in the After-School Program, we introduced several new elements; which we hope will be beneficial to children. I extended the program 30 minutes to allow us to make a regular Bible study and other additional activities. We also have some challenges and we ask for prayers. We know that evil wants to keep people away from the influence of the Holy Spirit, and five children, after I began regular Bible study, did not participate in the program. Pray for the children and their families to receive the Word of God and be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The goodness of the Lord never ceases to amaze us. Although spring

came, someone wanted to buy wood for a family in need. I thought it was too late to buy wood for someone in need, but the same day I received it, God had prepared a family. In a conversation with a mother whose husband works in Bucharest to support his family, she said she had wood for a day without telling me anything about using heat. God wanted to bless this family because He knew they had to undergo a cold period. Thank God and those who donated to help families in the southern county of Olt!

Please pray with us for:

- The salvation of children and parents who are experiencing God's goodness;
- A worker / missionary in the social field;
- More space for conducting the After-School Program;
- To facilitate getting the Association's accreditation.

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

The Apostle Paul tells us in Philippians: "I thank my God ... for they take the gospel from the first day until now." In chorus with him and the Corabia team, we say: thank God for the help and encouragement that our partners gave; coming and getting involved in ministry.

"Romania, and especially the people of the town Corabia, have a special place in our hearts," this was the message of Brother Bill and Brother Bob, who worked with us in Corabia. They are members in Deer Park Baptist Church in Charleston, South Carolina.



Our goals with them were:

- To strengthen our relationships with the both them and their church.
- To proclaim the gospel to the unsaved.
- To strengthen the people who have made a decision for God
- To make another step in buying a home project to help the work of the Corabia.

By God's grace, we managed to proclaim the Gospel in Corabia, Visina-Noua, and in Tia-Mare. Please pray for the people who heard the message, that they may receive salvation which comes only through Jesus Christ.

The team from South Carolina was an encouragement for us and for the team that works with us. Every morning we had a time of devotion together, our relationship with God and closeness with their team was reinforced. Please pray for this partnership to become more efficient to the work of God in Corabia.

In our evangelism to children, the Lord gave His blessing. Every Saturday Jemimah and Laviniu come from Craiova in order to help Cornelia in influencing these children toward God.



Some of the children who come to the group have shown signs of change in their behavior and attitude towards God. One of the children prays every Sunday for his family and his mother to start coming to the worship meetings.

Thoughts of thanksgiving are raised to God in our heart for the support given by the Baptist Church in Sebes-Alba, Northern Romania. This community of believers support us through prayer and financial support for renting the house where we now meet for worship.

Opportunities for involvement:

- God has helped to make a connection with the people in Visina-Noua, Vadastra, and Vadastrita. You can get involved in a short term trip and see all ministry opportunities.
- From September to June the city of Corabia is full of young people from surrounding villages come to study in high school. There is a need for a leader to work among them.

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

Blessed be the Lord!

As we know, March is the month in which women enjoy more. Considering this aspect, we organized on the occasion of March 8 (Women's day) an event in which the Word and God's love were proclaimed. Around 70 women attended, and Sister Gabi Maior had an extraordinary message from God for them.



Prayer group continues to meet every morning from Monday to Friday, during which we intercede for the lost people in Comani and beyond. God be blessed for each response received. Whenever the ladies at prayer have received a response, they rejoice greatly and enjoy God's Glory.

Children from a children's group come every Saturday at 3 o'clock and are excited about each program. They learn verses and are almost always disappointed when the program ends.

I made a visit with Brother Contiu Ilie and his wife, and did evangelistic visits all this month. Brother Ionel Nistor visited our church and preached about the character of Peter.

In the study group we are discovering wonderful things from the Gospel of Luke. Brother Marin and Brother Ionut are growing in their faith in the discipleship study that we have every week. Together with the church on Sunday mornings, we are learning together in the book of Acts and are letting God work His truth in us.

Prayer Requests:

- Wicked ties to be untied in Comani
- Wisdom in working with people
- God to add workers to work with the Comani team
- Protection over my family
- Construction completion
- Work with children-Salvation!

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

Thank God for the care and kindness that befell on us this month as a family, and the area that we serve. We are glad to see new people at the Perieti church and how God works in their lives. Some of those who were in the process of

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evangelization are now at the stage of catechism and these things bring joy to us as ministers and a church. We thank those who support us in prayer.



We continue to study the Bible with the group of women in Perieti, children's groups from Lisa and Perieti, make pastoral and evangelical visits, and to do administrative ministries. I also had a trip to Alba Iulia, in Northern Romania, where we had a time of training and fellowship with brothers in the organization PIEI.

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

By God's grace we visited unsaved people and families and they heard the gospel. We were glad to see how a lady attending the meeting in Coteana invited her son in law, neighbors, friends at home, a sister of faith, and neighbors outside on benches to hear the Word of God. Also, after I sang a, brother proclaimed to them God's Word.

I tried to talk with people I have met on the street and quite a few have accepted. I gave Christian literature, but probably more useful were discussions with them. I have continued Bible Study meetings, discussing the Bible, particularly with those who say they want to follow the Lord and want to be taught. Girls come to the children's program and really enjoy learning about Jesus. There is one boy who has a measure of adversity in his family, but who wants to keep in touch with me and

comes to gatherings on Sunday in Coteana.



I visited a family of believers, and one brother in the faith had a health problem, a physical pain that will not leave him. The family will need someone to take an interest in them, to talk about the Lord, encourage them. The Lord has put on a another brother's heart, with whom I visited, to help with a sum of money for their needs and medications. I was glad that I could serve this family.

It was a great joy for the family with children from the picture to receive some wood for heat. They felt that God really cares about their family. Mirela, their mother often has very painful headaches and dizziness. Please

remember her in your prayers, and please pray for the salvation of the entire family.



In Coteana we want to buy, with God's help, a home for church meetings. I found a house for sale in the center of town. The missionaries, the believers from Coteana, and we are praying to the Lord. Also, we appeal to you who are reading this, to please pray with us.

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

✓ The Lord showered blessing upon me during the month of March. As you are aware, I have been teaching English in the school in Daneasa and for Women's Day (March 8), I

alongside some sisters from Hope Church had the opportunity to share the Gospel with 9 teachers from the communities of Daneasa, as well as the villages of Berindei and Pestra. This was such an encouragement for me, as I saw potential seeds being planted. Two teachers really shared with me afterwards that the testimony and event really made them think “Why am I Orthodox and what does this mean?” **Please be praying for these women who have such a large impact in the community of Daneasa.**



- ✓ As well, Hope Church received a short-term team from Adventures in

Missions (AIM) this month. Included in the team were 14 high school students, 4 chaperones and 1 staff leader from AIM. The team came to Draganesti-Olt to assist the ministry of Hope Church and I was so encouraged to see fruit being planted through these young people. On Monday, March 7th, their whole team of 19 and a handful of missionaries/workers from Hope Church went to Craiova to share the Gospel and to distribute Bibles to those who were interested.



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I was divided into a “team” with a young woman and we encountered an older woman. This older woman had been receiving Christian books from her neighbor and the book always

referenced either the Psalms or Proverbs. She didn't have Bible to look up these passages, so she was overjoyed to receive the Bible.

Continue to pray for Maria, as she is in a part of town that is watched very closely by the priests.

- ✓ As some of you may be aware, during my trip to the States, I was diagnosed with an eye condition that could only be treated through experimental treatment in Europe. Praise the Lord that I already live in Europe. The Lord positioned me perfectly where He has desired me. With the Lord's grace, I was able to receive this treatment at the beginning of the month and the health of my eye has continued to improve. I do have days in which I receive headaches and are hard for me to do anything, but I know that the Lord is continuing to heal my body. **Please pray for the health of my eye.**

- ✓ The Lord is moving in mighty ways in Daneasa. After many years of planting seeds, God continues to challenge me with the scripture from Revelation 21:5, in which says "...I am making everything new," as well as Isaiah 43:19, in which states "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." For so long, Daneasa has been this wasteland, but the Lord doesn't desire to keep Daneasa as this. He has so much more for Daneasa.

- ✓ **Please join in prayer as we know there is a harvest to be reaped in the coming months and years in Daneasa.** Thank you everyone for your faithful support in our lives and in the Lord's ministry here in Southern Oltenia!

Marian Stoica- PIE/Ro collaborator in RESO ministry area, Daneasa

In March, I made several visits to Germany in order to strengthen our relationships with our partners and present mission opportunities in Daneasa. Together with the whole family, we visited our circle of friends and relatives who have in their heart the ministry in Romania. I had a blessed and encouraging time.



Together with our partners in UK organization GEM (Grace Evangelistic Ministry), we served a Hungarian / Romanian church in Ketegyhaza, where I assisted in an organizational and logistical conference on: The impact of the lives of the faithful. I was edified and encouraged to evaluate and live every

day more and more into the likeness of Jesus. Life can not be achieved other than through the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.



Thank you for praying for us. Psalm 2:8 speaks of one who presides over villages, towns, regions and nations. I thought it was encouraging in light of the pressures experienced by people in the community of Daneasa due to the priest there. For two weeks I helped a member of our team, Cornel, prepare to move to Daneasa. During this period, the priest began to pressure the Orthodox church; threatening that he will do alms and will not do burials for those who come into contact with us or come to the church.

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He also initiated a gathering of signatures, which wants to expel us from Daneasa and hinder God's work.

Please pray for:

- The people of Daneasa are sensitized by the Spirit of God, and to become open to His word, and that the Priest's pressures have no effect on them.
- Wisdom in evangelization that we begin in April.
- For God to help us with the final preparations for Cornel's house in Daneasa where he will stay.
- The Serbanescu family moving to Daneasa until the end of August.
- Protection for the Daneasa team, spiritually and physically.
- That by the end of July 2016, we can buy a property in Daneasa for missions; we already have a quarter of the amount needed.



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