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Costea Raul

Pastor at Hope Church Draganesti-Olt, Romania

There could not have been a more pleasant beginning for May; in which we celebrated the resurrection of Christ. Under the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, God gave me a message which bore repentance for believers and unbelievers. The atmosphere of celebration was blended with the attitude of repentance and obedience to God. Part of the Easter decor was a cross, which provided the image of Christ's sacrifice. Seeing people around the cross for crying for their sins, I praised Jesus. You have reason to rejoice in your hearts because of your prayers have been answered.

As I have informed you before about the work in Dolj in previous letters, we entered as a church planting team in the rhythm of work. I had my first official meeting with pastors in Craiova where we communicated our vision and intentions. I request your prayers for wisdom in implementing the values of work in the small group of ministers formed: Ciopasiu family, Jurge's family, Marcel and Eli.

An achievement that brought joy to my mind was the beginning of a course held by the organization GEM which was led by brother Tayo in England. Along with other missionaries, the 9,000 souls team participated and were edified. The course was called "An Overview of the Bible." It offered participants an exhaustive picture on the Word of God. The school requires 8 modules, therefore I invite you to pray to God for our team to be consistent: Sorin, George, Anna, Vera, Alex and Marian.



Coordination, administration, planning, pastoral recruitment are all important for the ministries which for the kingdom of God in Oltenia.

But in my element, I am fully fulfilled when I get to preach the gospel to the unsaved. Before coordinator or pastor, I am an evangelist.

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Repeatedly I have had the opportunity to preach Christ. A special moment was at a public event when a man came to visit us and was captured by the verse that we had shown, "For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain." This gave me the opportunity to preach Christ.

Costea Alexe & Veronica, missionaries in Comani

At the beginning of May we celebrated with the church the resurrection of our Lord. Together, we praised His victory and that we serve a mighty God. Monday after Easter we had a time of fellowship with the entire church in Draganesti-Olt. It was a relaxing time. We were visited by the School of Disciples from Valcele. We did different activities like street evangelism, telling the hopeless the good news. For the kids they organized a special event and they organized an event for the women who were encouraged to search God more and to trust Him.



For ten days I was gone with Pastor Raul, Tavi Berechet and Marion Stoica on a trip in Europe to strengthen the relationship with our partners and to present the need of more missionaries. It was a good time to visit churches in Austria, Italy, Germany, and Spain. Our brothers abroad were happy to see us and expressed their desire to visit us here next year.

Through the association Hope for the Community we received many goods like furniture and kitchen appliances for widows and elderly, and this was such a blessing. These people were very happy and found the goods very helpful in their houses.

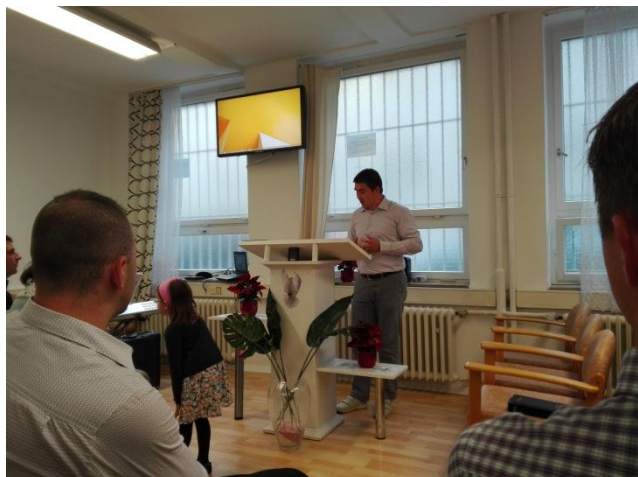
Please pray for the salvation for the people and children in Comani. Pray for the construction of the church to be complete and for missionaries to come serve with the Comani church long term.

Berechet Octavian & Nicoleta, missionaries in Maruntei

The desire of our heavenly Father is for no one to perish, but for all to repent. We join this desire of God, and motivated by the love we have for Him, we do all that we can to make His name known. My focus this month was to recruit new partners and missionaries, but I was even more focused to share the gospel in

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Maruntie. With this focus, I went with our pastor and a few others to churches in Western Europe and asked them to join in on the ministry in Oltenia however God will guide them.



I saw how God took care of everything in this trip and I praise him. There were churches who were open and expressed their desires to work with us in different projects.

During the Easter season we took the opportunity to share about the death and resurrection of Jesus through street evangelism in Maruntei and Draganesti. We are very glad to share the good news with the people in Maruntei and to pray for them with hope that one day there will be a living church worshipping our God. Pray for this ministry, that through all we do His name may be glorified, and that the people would return to Him in

repentance. Thank you for being part of this ministry and may God bless you.

Dumitru Mircea & Cornelia
missionaries in Corabia

Phil 3:13,14,15

With God's help and enthusiasm, we thought and planned how to organize the events for the next months: June, July, August. From July 25 to August 4, with God's help, will be a day camp for children where they will be taught about God and have english lessons. We will have a team that will help form us on July 16 and 17. A group of believers from Resita will come and organize an event where the gospel will be proclaimed through Lazar Arnaut and Pavel Popovici will lead in worship. This event will be the first of its kind and we are very excited to see how God will work through it. Another idea is from July 19 through 31, brother Micheal Jordan and Radu from Corabia will organize a sports tournament and teach the bible. Kids through out the city will be given invitations. We planned this with part of the team that will be here, and it was a very good time of fellowship and prayer. For this event we established that each Wednesday we will have a

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special time of prayer. Join us in prayer that these events will bear fruit in God's kingdom.

We continued with the kid's ministry with her volunteer team, Cornelia taught the kids stories from the bible and songs and they also went down town to play soccer and basketball. It was a good time.



Regarding the youth ministry, God is helping us and we are glad to tell you that three young people said they want to get baptized their names are Ionut, Alex, Cristi. Pray for them to grow in their knowledge and love for the Lord Jesus Christ and to influence other youth around them.

Seeing the needs from our town, there are many times I have asked myself how can I help all these people when my resources are so limited. But God is the one who knows everything and sends help. A team from Canada came and helped distribute bags of food to ten different families.



Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the ten families that they will be saved and
- Pray for other missionaries to move two different villages: Visina Noua and Tia Mare
- Summer events: that God would bless and soften the hearts of the people

Ion si Cristina Vlad missionaries in PERIETI, LISA

We bless the name of Jesus for all the work we did this month. We are very glad that people slowly but surely are beginning to listen to the Pastor's gentle voice that says, "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden," as it says in Matthew 11: 28. We continued to go to Greci to preach the gospel in a home group. We made

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visits and we made new relationships with other families. We continue to meet regularly during the week, on Thursday, when Cristina meets with a women's group in Perieti for prayer and Bible study.

We had great joy this month as more families in these localities were blessed with furniture. The association "Hope for the Community" has made this possible and we thank Sister Mariana Ileana and everything she does for the ministries in Perieti and Lisa.



Prayer Requests:

- To increase the Perieti church both spiritually and in number
- For baptism for those who have expressed a desire to take this step

For the ministry's minibus because it needs repairs

Opris Daniel & Lidia, missionaries in Coteana

In the month of May we had street evangelist in Draganesti, where I talked with people and gave them tracks and CDs. Each person I talked with did not reject what I was telling them, they did not reject listening or discussing with us. We had the joy to share the gospel without being disturbed.

I was impressed with one young man who works at a gambling hall. While we were talking with him, he was told to put in bids and leave the "repenters" alone, but he told the people gambling to let him listen to what we had to say. We pray for this young man to discover our Lord.

This month in the cell group that I lead, I we finished our study on the beatitudes from the Bible, and our lives were enriched by the words of Jesus from Mathew 5. It was very helpful to have a book to help us understand even more. There were some people that told me they want to follow Jesus so I visited them and called them to help these new believers. There is a young man who expressed his desire and even called me to clarify the verses he was

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reading but could not understand. He wanted to know how to act in circumstances; to stand righteously in the sight of the Lord.

Marian and Andrea Stoica, missionaries in Daneasa

Thank God, who is working and orchestrating things beautifully in His time, in which we walk and work to for His glory. In May we organized two special events. The first is the "Bible Overview" during which ministers of the RESO ministry were equipped. The second event, was a traveling event in European countries, where we visited the churches that already are in partnership or willing to support our mission work.

Professor Tayo, from GEM (Grace Evangelistic Ministries) is the one who taught the course in England. I organized the logistics for the conference. This course is the first of a curriculum which will last 5 years.

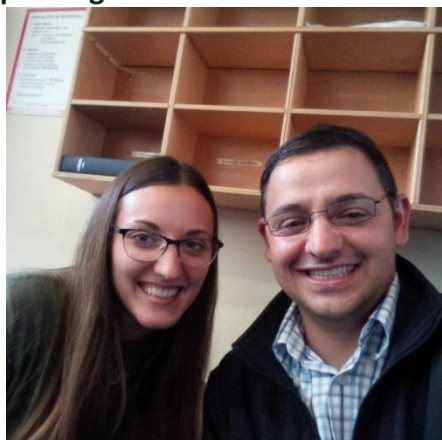
Personally, I learned in this course that we can see evangelizing as a story of God's love: starting from creation, His desire to relate to his creation, the fall of man into sin, His judgment and fulfillment of the promise of God through the Lord Jesus, restoration of relationship with His creation fallen.

As a ministry we try every 3-5 years to visit our partners in the Diaspora.



This year's visit was aimed at strengthening existing relationships, recruiting new partners and potential new workers in these churches. An experience this journey that was encouraging to see was that Divine logistics surprised and strengthened us as we walk in His timing.

On the first Sunday morning service in Austria, I went to a new church. I arrived one hour before service. At the same time came the worship band rehearsal. I immediately recognized two of them. People who after almost five years, while they were in Italy, visited Oltenia and served with us.



There were moments of great fellowship and encouragement for all of us.

Thank you for your consistent prayers. We never know how they will intervene to save a life, to crush a soul, to open a new door, give guidance and wisdom. Such intervention took place in the life of Mrs. Maria. Her son no longer spoke to her for over 7 years. But she was prayed faithfully and Easter this year she celebrated a reunification with the whole family. God intervened and their relationship was restored. Mrs. Maria is overwhelmed by the intervention of our living God. Recently her granddaughter, Maria went through an accident in sleep. She almost died, but God was merciful and this time. Pray for this family to be saved and to tell about his miracles to relatives and their neighbors.

Prayer Requests:

- For our team of ministers: for God to give them strength and wisdom in the activities they are responsible for
- Serbanescu family who will move into Daneasa,
- Sfetcu family who moved from Italy to the village Pestra
- Andrea (my wife) and her birth;
- For the people in Daneasa to repent,
- For us to be able to purchase a mission house
- For the work with children to take shape more and more.

Rachel Martin, missionary in Daneasa

God really blessed me in the month of May. For the last week of April, as well as the beginning of May, God sent 2 of my dear friends: David and Michelle Snyder from Michigan. David helped build a stable with some of the guys from Daneasa. Michelle helped me teach skills with 7 different women from Daneasa. Each one of these women have some sort of connection to me; majority being that one of their children is in some form of one of my English classes.



On the last day, we were able to share with them some encouraging verses from the Bible and shared that we are not just here to live, but to bring glory back to God. I was very encouraged during this time; God knows exactly what we need when we need it. I am thankful that there is a new partnership to come to Daneasa, as well.

We also celebrated Easter during May. It was such an encouragement to see everyone who came to the services, especially since during this season, many are more open to hearing the Word of God. This is the case with a woman by the name of Florina. (She was a woman from the crocheting class). She came to church one evening after the Easter holiday and received Christ. She is a changed woman and everyone can see this. **Please be praying for her that she continues to grow in her faith and that I could continue to invest in her spiritually, as well as**

through manual labor projects (crocheting, sewing, etc)

I also wanted to share that God is faithful to us. A few months ago, I started to pray that God would provide me with a sewing machine. It would be used for ministry. I would create baby blankets with Scripture on them and give them to new mothers in the community; this would serve as a form of outreach. Well, God answered my prayer! A few men came from Germany, not only with 1 sewing machine, but 2! Praise God! I have one that I can work off of, but I also have one that can be used as a teaching machine! This ministry could really take off and reach every part of Daneasa, perhaps even the other villages nearby.

In the month of May, I also started a Bible Study with 4 girls: Valentina (15), Christina (13), Gabi (11) and Flori (9). God has really blessed me with these girls. They are hungry for the Word of God. We met for 2 hours every week. **Please pray for these girls that they would receive Christ and be examples in their school, as well in the town.**

Thank you for your prayers and your faithful commitment to our ministry!

George & Dana Serban, missionaries in Stoenesti

During the years we have wanted to share the gospel in different ways so we have shared christian literature, evangelized on streets, invited people to evangelistic events, done children programs, distributed new testaments, and did bible studies. For a few months we decided we want something more, that one Sunday per month to be for evangelism. We invite people from Stoenesti and surrounding villages to listen to the evangelistic message given by a visiting preacher. After, we finish with what we call agape dinner (eating together in fellowship making relationships with many visitors and people who come occasionally). We close with this dinner so people can relate with each other and to show the people our love for them. In May we had this event for the 1st time and there were 30-35 people who came. During the dinner a few women expressed their desire to help clean with Donna even though they are not church members or even visit often. We were surprised by the women's desire to serve. We pray that these women and the other attenders to desire God and we praise God for He is the only one who deserves the glory.

This month we were visited by a brother who helped with street evangelism. There were people who rejected the gospel and there were other people who were open to the gospel, wanted prayer, and told us their problems. We believe the gospel has the power to change lives. I continue to preach from the book of Acts and we are glad to see how God speaks to us and has given us direction as to how to serve Him better.

Prayer Request:

- For the youth of the church to stay close to God in the midst of challenges
- For the kids that have been coming to the children's program to repent, for they are tempted to stop attending as they get older
- For a missionary worker for the Children's Program

Thank you for your prayers and your love.

Hope Community Association

Even if our desire is to see a change in the community, we learned not to despise small things or small changes around us. It is difficult to produce change in the mentality of people who already have ideas implanted in their lives, but with God nothing is impossible. We pray that just as God was discovered in Paul's life,

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Paul was totally changed, that the thinking and lives of people who see the goodness and love of God our ministry would also be changed.

This month, HOE Organization in the Netherlands, donated to our mission area furniture that benefited primarily older people, mission homes, and other families in need. These goods were a great blessing and we are grateful to those who donated for the joy that these people have done for these people.

Children in the After School Program took part in a program still loaded with various activities that we have developed. We are happy when we see our work in the children's knowledge.

We want to start organizing camp with tents this year. The camp will take place over two weeks, the first week with youth and the second week with younger children. Please pray that we would have wisdom and creativity and also pray that the Lord would prepare the necessary resources to cover the costs of the camp.

Thank you for your support in prayer

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