# **RESO** Spreading the Gospel in Southern Oltenia

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"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 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." Isaiah 43

This is the word that guided me and which I also shared with my ministry colleagues. The word came in the context that September is a month of beginnings: the beginning of the school year, a new start for home groups, team meetings at RESO and others.

The challenge, both for me and for the RESO team, is to accomplish the work in a new spirit, being motivated by His promise. An important and unique moment was partial delegation to brother George Serban to preside over RESO meetings. Hopefully, by the end of this year, George will be able to take over the coordination of the RESO team. This is an important step because in this way I will have more time to invest into new missionary teams, both local and regional. I am currently assisting three teams: RESO team, which is in charge of

church planting in the southern county of Olt, Hope Church leadership team (Church Committee) and a training team of local workers, which is part of an evangelism project.

Being asked to train other mission teams, I need discernment and guidance to know where to focus and who to help in equipment. Your prayers for my guidance would mean a lot to me and any suggestions are welcome. Here are the requests that I received:

- Assisting a mission team among students in Craiova
- •Assisting an evangelistic project in Slatina
- Planting a church in Caracal

In September, I also found spiritual fulfillment in those moments of personal evangelism, when, after coordinating evangelistic projects, I had the opportunity to share the Good News to people who need Christ. So, I had the opportunity to see people expressing their joy and relief as they heard about Jesus, their Savior. People were crying and praying for themself.

We enjoy a divine presence among believers wherever we gather. Explaining the Scriptures generates a sense of unity and joy. After each experience, I feel a pleasant feeling and the words of confirmation from our Savior warms my heart: "Well done, good and faithful servant!".

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#### Costea Alexe- Comani

Blessed be the Lord!

God has blessed us in many ways. We continue to met each Sunday morning, where we are preach the Word of God. We pray that people's hearts will be touched by His Spirit, and He may bring salvation to their hearts.

We continued to pray on the streets for people to be set free and to get to know Him. For a month, we were assisted in our ministry by our brothers and sisters from The World Race.



They were very helpful in construction, in visits and in distributing New Testaments. In this activity, a few brothers from Timisoara took part. Their leader was Daniel Cociuba. We are planting the seed but God is the one who makes it grow. May the seed that was sown bear fruit in people's souls.

Pray for people who regularly come to church to seek God with all their heart. Pray for completion of construction, especially, to be able to put the heating system in the whole building and to put flooring in the meeting hall.



Pray that the Lord will open new doors for ministry and that people's fear of priest may disappear!

### **Dumitru Mircea**- Corabia

In His love God helps us each month to focus on a particular compartment in the missionary work. September was the month of children. We thank God for sending groups of believers to help us in this ministry.

Earlier this month, along with a mission team from the USA, we organized a day camp in which 40 children were able to learn English and to hear the Good News. Our goal was to help them be more prepared for school in English but also to help them know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

After starting school, I met Gabi, one of the children who participated. Without asking him anything, he said that what he learned

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This was an encouragement and a sign that God is working in Corabia. Last year, only people attended

( children and adults) and this year 40 children attended. In the weeks that followed, we continued to meet with some of these children and some of them are also coming to our Sunday meeting.

We continued to make visits to those who want to know more about Christ. We visited people in the villages of Tia Mare and Brastavatul. Our brother Costel and Florea guided us to their relatives and friends. We were glad that we preached the Gospel and that God has put in our way people as they are described in the Bible as people of peace.

Another encouragement for us is that on Sundays all the places where we meet are filled. Please pray for God to give us a bigger worship space!

#### **Berechet Octavian**– Maruntei

This month, we focused on visits, making new relationships with people in Maruntei, as well as, sharing the Gospel from man to man. This ministry brought fruit and many people have gained confidence in us. Some families welcomed us into their homes and we shared the Word.

Two major events that took place this month in Maruntei were: covering the whole



community with prayer by a group of 20 people and an event with eyeglasses where about 120 people



received eyeglasses and also heard the Good News.

Pray that God will work through these events and people who have heard the Gospel would remain open hearted.

We were glad that the children's parents have come to know us personally. Pray for the children to be consistent in participating in programs which are organized for them.

Thank you all for your support!

## **Opris Daniel**– Coteana

We continued in the city of Coteana our fellowship meetings in the home of a family of believers. At these meetings, some neighbors and friends in the village are attending.

Together with Lydia, we visited a group of children and shared Bible stories through which they heard the Word of God.

With the help of Hope for the Community Association of Drăgănesti-Olt we gave school supplies and exercise books to five children and three bags of food to a few needy families.

This month, the Lord has revealed His heart full of love for the people in Coteana in that they received

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free reading glasses. They were also given New Testaments, some of them have even taken New Testaments to give to their relatives or friends. I talked to some of them, I preached the gospel, and prayed for them. During this ministry we were able to visit other people and make new connections.

We are praying for an evangelist to move to the city of Coteana. Please pray for us and for believers from Coteana to be more and more like God and to make disciples.

### **Hope for the Community**

September marks the end of the summer holiday and the beginning of a new school year. We also completed summer school program and we resumed the Afterschool program.

The project goal is to reduce illiteracy, absenteeism and school dropout. The activities are focused on homework help, general and spiritual education, English, and counseling. This year there are 22 children signed up for the Afterschool project.



Pray that each child would feel the love of Jesus, feel encouraged and have the desire to

learn better in school. Pray for the parents of the children to be saved. As children come to the Afterschool program every day directly school, we want to offer them a sandwich or a snack for lunch. Pray that the Lord would fulfill the material needs to be able to run the program.

Αt the beginning of the school year, we had the opportunity to provide school supplies to a total of 60



children in seven villages in the RESO ministry zone. We thank God for our partners who made this possible (HOE organization from Netherlands).

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