

SUZIE'S MINISTRY UPDATE

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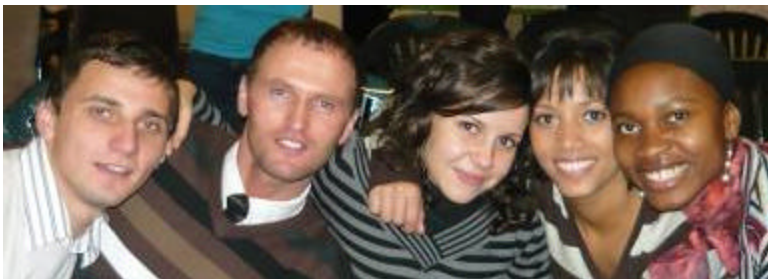


Crossing over into a new year... I can't help but wonder what this year will hold? God has spoken repeatedly about 2009 being the year of His favor. We have promises about the church growing, increasing levels of healing and other miracles, revival gaining momentum, financial blessings and provision, and a new level of outpouring of God's Spirit. It all sounds great to me! I can't wait to see what God will do! Happy New Year!!!!



ANTIOCH CHRISTIAN CENTER GROWING

Our church is home to a growing number of people. The dynamic in Cluj has changed to a very international flavor after a Christmas outreach to foreign students. People of various colors and from various nations: Romania, Hungary, Ghana, Nigeria, India, USA and more. Interestingly enough, even when we preach directly in Romanian, the sermon must be translated into English for the first year foreign students! Meetings have been spiced up with diversity of expressions of worship. And God never ceases to amaze us as the Holy Spirit moves powerfully in our midst. People are saved, lives are transformed,



bodies are healed, bondages broken, God speaks prophetically, worship touches heaven, all part of "normal church life". There is also such a wonderful atmosphere of family and mutual love and support. I guess I can't say enough great things about what God is doing. It is truly awesome to be a part of.

ANTIOCH IN HUEDIN

Antioch in Huedin has been challenging for a while. We rented a room at the “culture house” paying by the hour. But during the winter, things got more and more uncomfortable there because the heating system was inadequate (that is being kind). We bundled up in winter clothing but by the end of the meeting, we were frozen from the tops of our heads to the bottoms of our feet.

Besides the cold, things were going great! God’s Presence came every week, people were healed and ministered to. We were seeing lives change and the core group of church members was growing stronger. In the Spirit we sensed that God is about to break out in Huedin and we also felt it was time to have our own place. So we began to ask around. Within a week we had signed a rental contract and had our new church home! It has a children’s room, bathroom, and larger room that can seat about 50 people. Our people in Huedin eagerly pitched in to transform the place from a consignment shop to a church.

Sunday night we had our first meeting in our new building. We saw many new faces as people came to check us out from nearby apartment blocks. Our members were so thrilled for our new building. The atmosphere was buzzing. **As far as I know this is our first miracle in the new building**, though we had no altar call at the first service: I was chatting after the service with a visitor, an elderly lady. She told me that her legs hurt constantly so she can’t walk all the way into town to go to church but our church is right across the street. When I heard of her pain, I jumped at the opportunity to pray for her healing. When I offered to pray, she told me instead, “Well I don’t need prayer today. I am really amazed myself, but as soon as I came into the building, my legs stopped hurting. It’s been a very long time since they didn’t hurt, but they do not hurt me at all now.” Praise God! He is the Healer! He can hardly contain Himself!



SCROLL DOWN THE PAGE FOR MORE MIRACLES!

PLEASE PRAY!!!

We will be going to Huedin soon for a 4 day mission trip. I will go with a team of anointed and eager young people into the hospital. We will go daily for 4 days to pray for the sick and we expect God to show up in all His splendor and power. As people get to know us and as they see God demonstrate His goodness, then we expect this “hard nut” to crack wide open.

The afternoons of the 3rd and 4th days we will invite the patients to a group gathering somewhere in the hospital where we will teach them about walking with Jesus and we will continue to minister with prayer for the sick.

I believe this is a supernatural strategy for Huedin that God has spoken into my heart. Please pray with us for a supernatural visitation of Him who is Life and for supernatural results as well. Pray for favor with patients and hospital staff. And pray for victory in the spiritual battle.

FINANCIAL NEEDS

The financial crisis in the USA is creating a financial “situation” for me here in Romania as well. As things have gotten tighter in the States, people have understandably looked for ways to cut expenses. It seems that missionary support has been one of the items cut in some cases and this has put me in a challenging position. Though I can understand the situation and certainly don’t blame anyone, there is definitely a difference of perspectives. What seems like “extra” on the USA side of the ocean is a LIFELINE of provision on this side. So *I ask your special prayers for God to provide from new resources during this next year.* I ask for your prayers, but if you would also like to help by giving, there are a couple of easy options:

VIA CREDIT or DEBIT CARD on the INTERNET at www.paypal.com

Select the >Send Money< tab and use my email address: suzieromania@yahoo.com

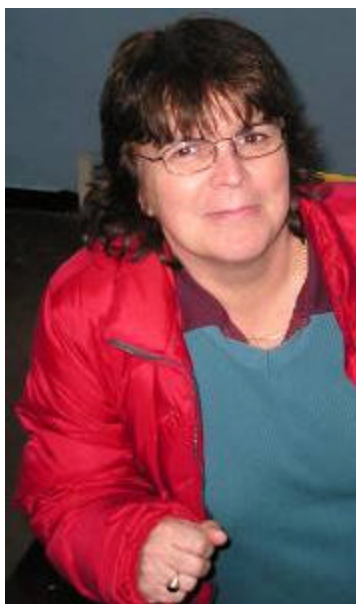
Or VIA CHECK AND POSTAL SERVICE

Send check to: Covenant Frontline International, Inc

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Fort Morgan , CO 80701 USA

***Make check out to “Covenant Frontline International”
and designate gift for “Suzie Benforado, Cluj Romania ”



Thank you so much for your every expression of standing with me. Your prayers, financial support and your encouragement are all welcome and deeply appreciated. May our God open the floodgates of heaven and cause all the blessings and resources of heaven (material, relational, and spiritual) to flow down into our laps ... so much that we won’t be able to contain it! I pray like Moses that God’s people be distinguished from all other peoples on the earth by His Manifest Presence.... Let your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven!

Much love,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Suzie" followed by a simple drawing of a smiley face with a checkmark inside.

MORE HEALINGS AND MIRACLES!

❖ A lady had been unable to conceive during her 17 years of marriage. The doctors said there was nothing that could be done. Mihaela led her to the Lord and prayed for God to do a miracle for her a year ago at a church meeting. Just recently a member of our church in Huedin saw that lady again. The lady was holding a small baby. The baby was her MIRACLE, her own daughter that she had given birth to just two months previously. What the doctors said was impossible, God made it possible! The lady sent profuse thanks back to Mihaela for her prayer.

❖ Visiting my friend Susi, an elderly widow, it was obvious when I arrived that she was in pain. As we visited, she showed me some recent x-rays of her right knee. Even for my untrained eye, it was obvious that her kneecap was way out of place. She also pointed out a milky mass behind her knee, a tough mass of scar tissue. Visually that looked like a swollen knot, the size of a goose egg, on the back of her knee.

I prayed for God's healing for about 5 minutes. She began to walk and joyfully exclaimed "It's much better." The pain had decreased by 80%! I laid hands on her knee and continued to pray, as she bent her knee repeatedly from a standing position. I could feel the bones grinding and popping under my hands. After a moment more of praying, the movement seemed smooth under my hands. She walked around to see how her knee was. Amazingly, she was pain free and with no grinding! The goose egg on the back of her knee had also completely disappeared. Praise God, our Healer!

❖ During the holidays, I visited a church member in Huedin. Her husband had an amputated leg but still felt intense nerve activity i.e. pain in the stump. Doctors told him he needed another operation to correct the problem. I prayed for him and all the pain disappeared!



❖ Friday just before Christmas we went to the hospital to pray for the sick. Being so close to Christmas, there weren't that many people there, so when Andreea and I saw an elderly lady sitting in the hall, we approached her. She told us she had pain in her back and all through her body. Her hands were numb and were also moderately deformed due to arthritis. She could wiggle her fingers, but she couldn't close her hands. Her feet also felt numb.

We prayed for her just a couple of minutes. We stopped to verify how she was doing. But one look at her face told us everything... wide eyes and mouth dropped open... she was absolutely shocked! She felt no pain anywhere in her body and the numbness had left her hands and feet! All the deformity left her hands and she could close both hands into tight fists. Andreea and I were shocked too at how quickly and radically that lady was healed. Andreea shared the gospel with her and she stepped into relationship with God too! A great day for her! One with implications all through eternity! God is awesome!

❖ Another team at the hospital, Dima and Abby met a mother that was hospitalized, with her son and his fiancée visiting her. The mother immediately opened up to them when she heard that they had come to pray for the sick. After sharing about herself, she listened intently as Dima shared the gospel and she immediately surrendered her life to the Lord. Dima and Abby then prayed healing and deliverance for her. As they prayed, she began to cry, softly at first, then weeping, and finally so hard that she was coughing at the same time. She was experiencing deliverance so intensely, that her son repeatedly verified with her that everything was OK. Afterwards, Dima asked what she felt while they were praying for her. She said that she felt a wind blowing over her (all the windows were closed). Then, turning to the soon-to-be-married couple, Dima and Abby shared about God and then prayed for their marriage. They too received Jesus in their hearts.



❖ Ramona called me during the holidays with severe abdominal pains due to inflamed ovaries (according to the doctor). The doctor gave her pain medication but could do nothing else for her, short of an operation to remove her ovaries. The medicine was no longer keeping the pain at bay. And at age 20, such an operation was undesirable. She called me asking me to pray. I prayed for her right over the telephone for about 3 minutes. She didn't feel anything as I prayed, we chatted a bit and then hung up. A half hour later I got a text message from her saying that she felt great and there was no more pain!

❖ While Dima was home for Christmas...in his words: Two weeks ago, I had to go home to the Republic of Moldova, to take care of some official things with the Romanian embassy. Since I was going home, I kept praying the whole way there, "Lord, what do You want to do? Please touch my family." It's about a 10-hour trip from Cluj to my hometown, so I had plenty of time to pray. :-)

Once home I kept asking God to touch my father, who has struggled with alcoholism and wasn't saved. One morning while I was having my devotions, my father came into my room to see what I was doing. A conversation started that ended with my father inviting Jesus into his heart. I then prayed deliverance for him. While I was praying the fire of God fell on him and he started getting a little scared. He said, "Take your hand off my head! It's burning me...man, you're killing me...my blood pressure is going up!"

The next day I prayed for him again, and the fire of God came on him even stronger. The deliverance was intense. I also offered to pray healing for his leg. He fell off some scaffolding, and now years later he still experienced severe pain. I prayed for him, then he went in the other room and began to test out his leg. Though he bent and stretched in every direction, he couldn't find the pain any more! Jesus healed him! He kept saying "Oh Lord! O Lord!"

I was on fire, so next I went to my 73 year old, unsaved grandfather. Many times I had said to myself "He can't die without getting saved!" That day I spoke with him about Jesus and about salvation, and he too gave his life to Jesus. So much joy came over us that we both sat there and laughed and laughed.

My aunt was in the kitchen, so I said, "I'm going to her too." While we were talking, she told me that her legs had bad circulation, and because of that, every evening, she had to put her feet in hot water to warm them up. I offered to pray healing for her. After praying for 4 minutes, she told me, "My feet are hot! Seriously, my feet are hot!" I then shared with her the message of salvation, and she too prayed to receive Jesus into her heart!!!!



❖ Friday was our first visit back to the hospital after the holidays. Felicia and I entered a room where there were two ladies; both had problems with their knees...pain, swelling, and difficulty walking. As we prayed, the first lady felt heat through her knee and was much improved after prayer. The second lady however experienced a more drastic healing. After we prayed, she stood up to test her healing. As she took a few steps, she started crying, "wet and loud tears". I was a bit confused at first, not knowing if her tears were a good thing or bad. Come to find out, that was the first time in years she had walked pain free. That's pretty cool God!

***God keeps doing the impossible and we love to see it happen right in front of our eyes!
He is so amazing! So wonderful! So awesome! To Him be all the glory and honor!***