

Ministry Update for Suzie Benforado

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Urgent Prayer Needed for Camp

Once again we are hosting a youth camp. Next week we will take 25 non-Christian participants, a Christian-rock band and 10 staff to a nearby retreat center. Sunday to Thursday we will give them the time of their lives! Activities, competitions, hikes, music, lots of fun and challenging evangelistic messages. In the past, God has shown up in exceptional ways at these



camps...ways that are irresistible to young hearts. God touches every one!

Please pray for radical conversions for each camper. Also pray for God to do all the stuff He does best, softening hard hearts, convicting of sin, turning hearts to Himself, breaking addictions, healing past wounds, healing bodies and generally revealing Himself to these young people in real and powerful ways. Ways that stick...and that leaves them transformed!

Will you please add your prayers to ours? Let's expect God to do great things!

Challenge of Leading the Church

Our pastors, David and Mihaela were away for 3 weeks ministering in the United States. That time is drawing to a close now. I always find these times personally challenging.

Dealing with people and people problems is always necessary. It is challenging to turn their situations and struggles into opportunities for maturity and leadership training. I guess my coaching skills are still coming in handy. Of course doing this in a constructive way, rather than emotionally responding to people's junk demands maturity on my part. Most of the time, I can draw from deep reservoirs of maturity that God has built into me over my (increasingly long) years. When it is not there in me, then it becomes an opportunity for ME to grow and mature. It is often hard to handle things in the absence of our pastors...but it is also very good for me and has produced good fruit. What's that old saying..."No pain, no gain." Hummm.

I was also preparing 2-3 sermons a week. That was a stretch for me but I enjoyed dedicating myself to prayer and to the Word. In Huedin I taught "God In Us" and about "Faith". In Cluj, I taught about "Preparing for Revival." You can listen to these messages from our podcast sites if you would like. I stirred myself up with my own teaching!

Huedin messages: http://antiohia_huedin.podomatic.com

Cluj messages: http://centrul_crestin_antiohia.podomatic.com



Hospital Visits

We have been thrilled by what is happening in the hospitals. In Cluj, we visit a hospital every week; in Huedin, we go every two weeks. So that is 6 hospital visits every month. I am particularly encouraged because I am taking younger Christians with me and things are happening when THEY pray. God is so good and eager to come at our invitation.

How do we do these visits? We go in pairs, enter a room and introduce ourselves as Christians from a church in town and then we offer to pray. That is where the fun begins..... We are confronted with just about anything at that point. With God's wisdom, we engage people

with whatever hesitation we meet in them. Often we must disarm thoughts from the Orthodox that we are not “of them”. We then pray for whoever wants prayer and God comes...often in tangible ways! God heals to demonstrate His word and His goodness. But more than healing, we want the greatest miracle of all...salvation...so we share the gospel and invite each person to receive the gift that Jesus purchased with His own life. We have found this “loving-care” effectively opens people’s hearts to the gospel. It is not uncommon that everyone that receives prayer for healing also prays to receive Jesus. This evangelism...with Word and deed...it works. **All glory goes to Jesus our Healer and Savior!** Here are some highlights:

!! In the last two months 103 people have prayed to accept Jesus as their Savior at the hospital!!!! (this number might be too low) That is amazing enough, but God let people also experience His goodness in the form of healings.

!!During one visit, Dima and Maya met a **man with a broken leg**. His leg was in a cast and he was still in great pain. He couldn’t put any weight on his foot and walked only with difficulty and with the aide of crutches. While Dima and Maya prayed, the pain instantly left and afterwards the man went walking up and down the halls and stairs, carrying his crutches in his hands. He was totally amazed with what God had done and kept making the sign of the cross (Orthodox) and saying “My God! My God!”

!!Last week, in Huedin, Vlase and I **entered the intensive care unit** of the hospital. There were two ladies in the room. The one in the far corner had had a cerebral stroke and as a result lost her speech and ability to move her arms. Her daughter was sitting next to her. We prayed first for the lady closest to the door. She had **problems with her heart and general weakness throughout her body**. While we prayed she felt heat in the area of her heart and tingling sensation over her body. We went to the **lady with the stroke**. Her daughter was crying and explained to us while we were praying for the other lady, that her mom had lifted her hand to her face for the first time since the stroke. We prayed and saw her lift her hand several more times before we left the room.

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!! Sandina and I prayed for an elderly **lady with severe and painful burns** on her lower leg and foot. She had dropped a pot of boiling water, scalding herself badly. The pain intensified as we prayed (sure evidence of the enemy), but we persisted and then the pain suddenly left. The lady's son was there and when he saw this happen, he told us that he had some **severe bowel problems** and had to spend a couple of hours every day for 30 years in the bathroom! Recognizing the hand of our adversary, we prayed and broke off the curse and blessed him in the name of Jesus. We then led everyone in the room to the Lord. After we finished praying, the man kept saying with a big smile "This was for me! This was for me!"



!! A man was **scheduled for knee surgery in both knees**. The articulating surfaces had deteriorated and had bits of calcium in the joints causing severe pain and grinding sensations in both knees. Viorela and I prayed for this man and both knees were healed! We had him stand and he began by taking hesitant steps, expecting pain. But he was pain free and his knees worked perfectly and smoothly. Tears began to flow freely. He bent and lifted his knees like he hadn't been able to do for years! He then also received Jesus.

!! Dima and Andreea prayed for an older man. He had various conditions. But he was also **very hard of hearing** and they had to speak loudly in his ear for him to hear. After they prayed for the other conditions, Andreea said "Let's pray for his hearing too!" After praying, they verified his hearing. They had him look at one of them while the other talked in a normal voice out of sight. He could hear that! He could also hear when they spoke in whispers! The man was so touched! And he tearfully said, "Pray for my eyes too". He had **cataracts and his sight was dimming**. As they prayed his eyes cleared and he exclaimed "There is more light in the room!"

!! Andreea and Claudia prayed for **a lady with a painful situation with her bladder**. God touched her and the pain disappeared instantly. When the 7 others in her room saw what God had done, they became eager to hear more. As Andreea and Claudia explained the good news of salvation in Jesus, a couple of other ladies wandered in from the hallway. (one of these ladies had categorically refused their prayer in the previous room thinking they were Jehovah Witnesses. But she followed them down the hall to the next room and what she saw and heard melted her heart) **Andreea and Claudia found themselves sharing the gospel with 10 ladies**. And all ten accepted Jesus as their Savior! But the story didn't stop there. **The lady healed of the painful bladder, showed up that same afternoon with her sick daughter at our church. Her daughter was also healed and saved right there! Amazing!**

!! Dima and Maya were on the way out of the hospital when a lady came to them and asked "**Will you please pray for me too!**" So they went back upstairs to her room and prayed for her. She was healed and then gave her heart to Jesus. Her roommate also asked prayer. And she too was healed and saved.

!! This week as we were leaving the hospital, a man came looking for Dima and Maya. When they were in his room, he was asleep. When he awoke, I guess his roommates were still talking about what God had done in their room while he slept, and he wanted prayer too. So he hobbled down the stairs with a cane. He caught us in the driveway of the hospital as we were gathering to leave. Maya and Dima recognized him and heard his request. Maya said, "**We can pray for you right here!**" And they did. I don't know what happened physically for the man but he did ask Jesus into his heart. Yeah!