

# Ministry Update

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Lots has been happening in the last couple of months. It has been a whirlwind! Let me catch you up!

## NEW CHURCH BUILDING!

As of my last update, we had just found our new church building. Now we are in it! 1500 sq ft or 175 m<sup>2</sup> It is in a great location, the area of town where one third of the population of Cluj lives. It is also near a major landmark so it is very easy for folks to find. While I was in the USA during the month of July, my teammates worked hard and long, sometimes working 15 hours a day, to make the old trashed warehouse become a church meeting room.



But I didn't miss all the fun! This last two weeks we have been working intensely to upgrade everything. Praise God that we recently received a generous donation from a friend and supporter of our ministry, enabling us to make modifications and improvements so the space works for us. Bathrooms were put in. There was great rejoicing about that! ;-) Antiquated electrical is being replaced. In the large room, we painted and laid carpet. A heating system will be added. From start to finish, it was a sprint to get everything done and cleaned up by the arrival of Bill Norton (David's dad). After long days of working into the wee hours of the morning, we succeeded to be ready for our first meeting in the renovated room. The church looks awesome. Now for the restoration of my aching muscles! ;-)

## MONTH OF GLORY

We have set aside the whole month of October to seek God's face and "linger near the tent" under the influence of His presence and great Bible teaching. We are expecting God to do wonderful things in our midst. Bill Norton (strong prophetic ministry) is teaching and ministering, 6 meetings per week until the end of the month. In the opening services on Sunday, Bill challenged us from Rev. 3:20 to open our hearts to God so that He can come with still greater intimacy! This is a special and powerful time for our church. Please pray for us to be fit containers, able to receive, hold and distribute what God has in His heart to pour out for us and for Cluj. Also pray for breakthrough for each of us individually and also for us corporately. Pray for people to be added to the church daily.



## **“RADIANCE OF HIS GLORY” CONFERENCE**

October 17-19 will be a still greater time as we host this powerful conference featuring Bill Norton, Phil Rich and Jim Carpenter. A tremendous opportunity for outreach to non-Christians, it is also a time of developing relationship with other churches. Also we desire to minister and encourage church leadership from various neighboring countries as well as other cities in Romania.



### **RECENT MIRACLES...some examples**

**Diana: (20+ female)** Ana, a friend, asked me to come with her to pray for her cousin's fiancée, Diana. Diana had been operated on after a cyst on her ovary has ruptured. She had since suffered continuously with reoccurring infection, despite her doctors' best efforts. She had been in the hospital for one and a half months when we went and prayed for her. We prayed quietly, believing for her complete healing. In the same room, her three roommates slept. After we prayed for Diana, Ana shared with her about the Lord. Amazingly, Diana had accepted the Lord just a day before we came, when some other Christians had passed through and shared the good news with her.

The day after we prayed, Ana, returned to visit Diana. Diana related that when we prayed for her, she felt heat running up and down her abdomen along her incision. She was also very positive and encouraged after months of battling this sickness that had left her depressed. Diana was being transformed. Diana really believed that she had been healed. She waited only for the doctor's confirmation.

But the story doesn't end there! One of Diana's roommates that was "sleeping" the day before while we prayed, interrupted Ana. She said that she wasn't sleeping at all, but listening intently to how we talked with and about God. She was so impressed that she asked Ana to pray for her too. Ana not only prayed for her but also led that lady to the Lord... Salvation-the greatest miracle of all!

Two days after we prayed for Diana, she was reexamined and her doctor released her, infection free! Now a week later, Diana remains very excited about what God is doing in her life. Newly saved and recently healed! Amazing God!

**Alexandra: (20+ female)** Involved in a terrible accident two years ago, Alexandra's legs had been broken in several places and crushed in others. The doctors had reassembled everything the best they could, but Alexandra still suffered constant pain and discomfort in both legs. She came forward for prayer at church. After we prayed, she reported being pain free for the first time since the accident! Alexandra, a believer has dedicated her life to serving God.

**Dana: (30+ female)** We arrived for our weekly meeting in Iris, an outreach to a Gypsy community in Cluj. We worshipped God and shared from God's word. God's presence was tangible in the large kitchen where we held the meeting. Dana asked for prayer. She had suffered terrible abdominal pains for a week. The pains that day had been so severe that she thought she was dying. We prayed for her for several minutes. The pain was greatly reduced. Encouraged, we kept praying. The pain continued to diminish. She left to go outside. Later as we left through the courtyard, we saw her happily eating and smiling as she reported that the great knot in her stomach had "released".

**Susi: (80+ female)** During a recent visit to my widow friend, Susi, she showed me her legs and feet that were badly swollen. Her feet were retaining liquids to the point that with each step she felt her foot slide across the fluids and this made her feel very unstable. She could hardly walk. We prayed together for God's healing. Later she told me that right after I left, the swelling went right down! God knows how to take care of his children, young and old.

## **SEEKING ADDITIONAL MONTHLY SUPPORT**

The days of living cheap in Romania are over. Prices have risen until they are equal to and sometimes even exceeding prices in Western Europe. That is shocking enough. But we American missionaries, (working in Romania but receiving funds in US dollars) have endured an additional 30% increase in prices due to the devaluing dollar (this last year alone).. This one-two punch has left me 50% under supported. I need additional monthly supporters to join me, enabling me to continue to live and work in this corner of God's Kingdom. Would you prayerfully consider helping me in this way?

## **VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES**

As always, I enjoyed my visit in June and July to my "other home" in Raleigh North Carolina. I stayed seven weeks, longer than my normal visit, but even that passed too fast.

I especially enjoyed connecting again with family: July 4<sup>th</sup> family celebrations with cousins, aunts and uncles in my hometown of Lyons Georgia—lots of food, laughs and fireworks; "touristing" with my older brother and his family in Savannah, GA; I enjoyed deepening relationship with my mom and laughing and crying with my sister during our late night chat. I was thrilled to pray with my brother first time. He and his wife have recently caught on fire for Jesus and it was great to be able to share our "mutual passion". I had great fun playing in the swimming pool with my niece and nephew (4 and 8 years old respectively) ...making learning new skills fun...jokingly calling them fish and checking behind their ears for gills as they learned how to swim underwater.



Of course it was wonderful too to see so many good friends and to make some new ones too! All in all, my trip was fun and varied. I felt like I did lots and accomplished lots. But I still feel that there was much I didn't get done and many of you that I didn't get to see. You my friends are my joy and crown.

## **AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE....**

Delayed by a long rainy season in September, my house was put on hold for a while. The plan is to start work again this. So very soon the overhang and carport will be roofed, gutters hung, exterior wood stained, porch tiled, electric pulled from the curb to the house, exterior stairs put in at the front door, interior staircase put in.

At that point, I will be only one step away from starting to drywall...that step...plumbing and heating. Costing about \$4000, this is one of the last major hurdles to finishing off the upstairs. I am getting closer to moving into the upstairs portion of the house.

I am still believing for and praying to move into my house this year. This requires a miracle of God's provision. But I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES!!! Please do continue to pray for God to finish what He has started.

### **Thank You! Thank You!**

I'm reminded of Elijah's question, "Can these bones live?" Then God set about showing him even that impossible situation was not too difficult for God. It is time for revival in Romania! Time for resurrection! Time for the glory of the Lord to rise upon this nation. Thank you for standing with me and for believing with me that Romania is not too difficult for God. May your every word of prayer and your every dollar on my behalf be multiplied and empowered to accomplish the work of God here so that there are results in heaven and on earth. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing in my life and in Romania.

Blessings to you!

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