

# MISSION CONNECT: ROMANIA

*"Connecting willing servants and visionary churches with Mission opportunities in Romania."*

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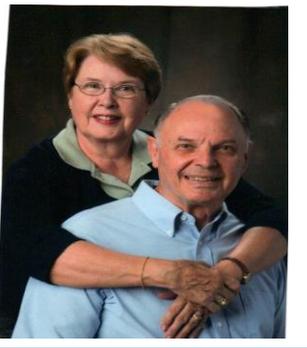
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**"Who is Apollos? And who is Paul? Only servants...each assigned his task by the Lord. I have planted the seed, Apollos watered it, BUT GOD MADE IT GROW."**

This verse from I Corinthians 3:5-7 (paraphrased) has become very real to us as we watch the seeds MISSION CONNECT has sown for the last 15 years in Romania begin to grow and bear fruit. We wanted to share some of this fruit with you, our supporters, because, we are a team; or as Paul puts it, **"For we are God's fellow workers."**



In 2005, we sent **Jamie Lacefield Mezine**, (c.) for a year to teach in a small Christian kindergarten that met in a church basement. Today, that school (Grace Christian School) has 200 students in grades P.K.3 – 4<sup>th</sup>. Of that number, 70 receive scholarships because of family poverty. Under the leadership of **Emanuel Olariu**, the school has recently purchased an additional building in which to house a middle school, and have a goal of opening this fall. The students (R.) sang at their Christmas program for an audience of around 800, including many non-Christian parents.

**But God made it grow!**



Also in 2005, **MISSION CONNECT** took a first-ever Medical Team to the village of Nevrencea. Because there was nowhere else to have the clinic, a Gypsy couple opened their home for the day. It was a rainy, muddy day, and half the village slogged through their little house. Today, there is a newly renovated building where Christians meet and worship the Lord. Both **Shelby Christian Church** and **Tate's Creek Christian Church** in KY, have donated heavily to this project.

**May GOD continue to make it grow!**



In 2008, **MISSIONCONNECT** took a medical team to the "Brickyard" just outside Lugoj. The poverty here was – and still is – almost indescribable. The needs were so great, and our supplies were so limited! But from that first clinic came an open door. Now the building on the left has been transformed into a modern church (R), coffee house, and general community center where many of the needs that accompany poverty are met. In six short years, truly, **GOD made it grow!**



**Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory. PS. 115:1**

## MORE NEWS FROM THE ROMANIAN FRONT



**John Malancea:** “We have taken down the old, rotten building and are in the process of building a new new church in Breazova. Presently we meet in the foyer of a sister’s home. We can’t forget how useful for us all your prayers and support are. We have both problems and happiness, but we are grateful for your being with us in this project. My son has managed to get into college in Timisoara; he started his program last October. Happy Easter to everyone there. ”

**Johnny Dobren:** “In December we gathered clothes, food, school books and other items and gave them away to families with children in three villages, Deleu, Valea Mare, and Visage. Since then, every Sunday, about 15 of them come to the church to study and play games. They are beginning to bring their parents to church too! I have had four funerals and three Blessings of Children. Our family is going through a difficult time; our daughter’s husband (newly weds) has chosen drugs and alcohol over his wife. Please pray for our family.



Many of you remember **Damaris Ardelean**. She was our very first translator on our first medical trip. We have watched her grow into a lovely young woman with a promising career as a pulmonologist in Craiov. She is also a new mother! She and her husband, George Varuti, recently became parents to Klarissa. Damaris and George work together in the church as well as in Segarcea, a nearby Gypsy village. She is pictured with Pastor **Georgel Jivan** who conducted the Blessing service for the new baby.

**Claiu Ignuta:** “Since I became pastor of Ciciova and Nevrincea, the help from the churches that support me has been so helpful, because it covered the medical expenses for Carissa (daughter), and provided funds for petrol so that I could travel from village to village. I have preached tithing to my churches, but so far, nothing changes. I don’t know what I would have done without my Christian brothers in America. Pray that God’s word would take root in the hearts of the village people.”



**Daniel Mezin:** “We were recently able to have a camp for teen agers from jail. These are young people who are orphans, or abandoned by their parents, or who have had a hard life. At the camp, many of them heard for the first time that God loves them. After a week of teaching, many of them accepted the message and invited Christ into their hearts. These young people left determined to make better choices in their lives once they get out of jail. Pray for these young people that their hearts will remain true to what they have heard and believed. “



### PRAYER AND PRAISES

**Praises:** (1.) Mary had foot surgery in February to re-do a hammer toe surgery that didn’t work before. PRAISE! She is now back in the office, and in regular shoes. THANKS to everyone who prayed for healing. GOD IS GOOD. (2.) Praises for the way God has continued to bless Mission Connect with the needed funds to help 12 preachers in Romania spend their time in ministry...rather than in financial worry!

**Requests:** (1.) Pray for all the Romanian ministers who serve under such difficult circumstances. (2.) Pray for plans that are being made to take a Teaching Team into Moldova this Fall. (3.) Pray NOW for our country to elect noble leaders who will not be afraid to lead our nation in a godly path.



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