



MISSION CONNECT: ROMANIA

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

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THE WORLD IS SUCH A MESS.....

We've all been hearing this lately, and probably been saying it too! If it's any comfort, previous generations have felt the same way about their civilizations. For example:

In the first century, Rome ruled the Mediterranean world. Life was cheap. Polytheism and emperor worship were the religions of the day. Jews were persecuted, and Christians were suspected of cultism. Soon, they would come under awful persecution. And yet, the Church grew and spread a new message of love and grace throughout the known world.

In 18th century America, just after the Revolution, drunkenness became epidemic. Profanity of the worst kind was the norm. Women were afraid to go out at night. Bank robberies happened every day. And yet, out of this environment came the Great Awakening that spread to many countries, resulting in movements that ended slavery, started Sunday Schools, planted churches, and sent missionaries around the world.

While it's true that **the World IS a mess**, it's also true that there's a lot of good happening all around us. Hopefully this report, highlighting some of the good things happening in Romania, will lift spirits and cause praises to rise to the God who is now, and always has been, in charge of **messes!**



In early June, we got a call from the **Arlington Christian Church in Arlington, IN** asking for a special project their VBS offering could be used for in Romania. That request came just days after we had been asked for help putting a new roof on the Gypsy Church in Segarcea. (Funny that!) Through their "RAISE THE ROOF" mission giving, and from the generosity of the **Challengers Class at Christ's Church @ Whitewater**, we have been able to fully fund the new roof for this church. Thanks to all who participated in raising this roof!



Bro. George Varuti shares in the weekly worship at the Gypsy church. He also uses his car to take older people to and from church each week.



How Blessed the day that Jerry met the youth pastor of the **Fairdale Church** in Louisville, KY at a minister's retreat in Eastern KY and recognized him as the grandson of an elder in a church we served in NC. As usual, Jerry invited him to go to Romania. And he did. The rest is history. **Mark Essick (L) and Ovidiu Petric, (R)** just have worked together for two weeks in Romania. Mark took a team of 22 from the **Southpoint Church** in Detroit, Michigan. They had almost 150 children from several villages participating. (Check out Mark's FB page for more pictures and news.)



We were sorry to hear of the recent passing of **Bro. George Ardelean**. He was the founder of the Sacrifice Church in Craiova, and had been battling brain cancer for six years. George was the father of Dr. Damaris, the young woman who was the first interpreter for the medical teams, and who is now a pulmonologist. Our prayers are with his family at this time.



Danny Mezine, one of our faith-ful little preachers, recently served as translator and driver for a team from London, KY, led by Leon Coffee. The team did a VBS at the Bethel Church in Resita, and at the Ticvani church, a small rural, village church. Thanks!

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Have you – or someone you know – dreamed of serving God in a school setting? Here's an opportunity to make that dream come true. The BUCHAREST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY has the following Career Opportunities available:

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Secondary
ESL Teacher
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Secondary Principal
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IT Coordinator
Business Manager
Chaplain
Librarian
Elementary Aid
Nurse



From Zoly in Resita: I was at Orevita, in Oltenia on Pentacost Sunday for a Baptism service. All the men who are missionary pastors were there. (L) In April we had the dedication for Abel, our new son. (R) Life is busy with our three children and the church.



Prayers Requests:

1. As we plan an Administrative trip to Romania for this fall, we would ask that you pray for all the right plans and goals to emerge.
2. Pray for your own local church and for church leaders to be strong and "missional" in spite of changes in our society.
3. Pray for the Ardelean family to find peace and comfort following George's death.
4. Pray for yourself! How often we forget to do that!

PRAISES:

1. We thank God for the younger people who are helping to carry out the ministry in Romania.
2. We thank Him for the health and energy to minister in small ways.
3. Summer has been very green here. We praise God for every little rain drop.
4. We praise Him for supporters who share the Romanian work with us.

JUST FOR FUN:

The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, New Jersey, donated its hymnals to the cause of the American Revolution in 1780. The pages were used as gun wadding by American troops to successfully stop the oncoming British from gaining more ground.and now you know.