

MISSION CONNECT: ROMANIA



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

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As I write this newsletter, twelve little boys and their soccer coach have been rescued from a cave in Thailand. To be successful, this feat required divers, doctors, nurses, and professionals from around the globe to work together. Christians everywhere were praying. The world gave a collective shout when the last victim was led out into the sunlight. Once again international team work brought about the desired results.

This is also the scenario in MISSIONS. Success requires a plan, team work, knowledgeable people, and determination. It also requires the prayers of people all over the world. When all these are in place, the results are visible: many lost souls are led out of darkness into the Light. And heaven gives an audible shout.

NEWS FLASHES FROM ROMANIA.....



We just heard this morning that Bro. Gheorge Sporea (R.) has been suffering for three weeks from kidney stones. He will have surgery on Aug 20th. Meanwhile, his SEVEN village churches will miss his leadership. Please pray for his healing.



Can you imagine having church in the building on the left? The Gypsy church in Segarcea is working diligently to build a new chapel by winter. They have a plan (R.) and are working together to make this dream happen. George and Damaris Varuti are the ministers here. They hold services every Sunday afternoon.



Ciprian Mustata (C.) and his wife minister in Valcele, RO. He works hard preaching and discipling believers in this small village. They sent 4 kids to camp recently and will send more in August. They are also helping poor families with basic food needs. He asked for prayer for his wife to find a job that gives her weekends off.



The Efrata Church recently held VBS for area children. The first day, it rained and still, 72 children braved the weather and walked to the church. The last day, 142 children came! What a victory this church experienced. They had an American team there helping with all the unusual activity. Since this time, they have now started Sunday School classes for the kids. God is at work in Lugoj!!

Suffer the little children to come to me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. JESUS (Luke 18:16.)



Life is hard for people living in the villages in Romania. The widow lady in this photo lost her cow last spring. This was devastating to her livelihood, because she depends on selling milk and butter to survive. When this need for a cow was brought to our attention, Jerry emailed several MISSION CONNECT friends about it. God laid it on the hearts of generous people to give to the project. Results: This widow now has a new cow, which will give birth to a calf in late summer. Don't you just love it when Christians work together with God to help get people back on their feet?



All of the pictures above illustrate why we moved to GA eight years ago: FAMILY. This spring and summer we have enjoyed holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, concerts, recitals, and just simple time together with our kids and grandkids. We know these days are special, as the grands grow and begin their own journeys in life.

PRAYER AND PRAISES

PRAISES:

**The Efrata Church in Lugoj has now passed all government inspections. Officially, the inside of the building is complete. This has been a 15-year project.*

** The vision of the Segache church to build a new chapel for their Gypsy brothers in Christ is in the planning stage. God is at work....*

** We continue to have good health and faithful supporters who share the vision for the work in Romania.*

PRAYERS:

**Pray for the Gypsy chapel to be a reality sooner, rather than later. The old building is dangerous.*

**Pray for Gheorge Sporea's kidney stone surgery to be a success, and that he will quickly regain his strengty.*

**Pray for God to raise up strong leaders for our nation, our states, and our cities. All these people impact the freedom of religion that we enjoy.*