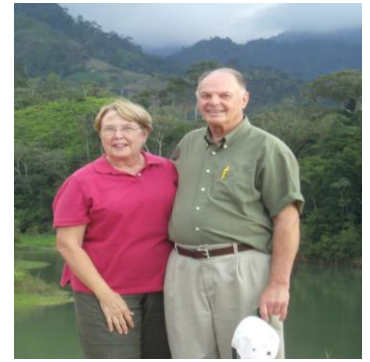


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SUCCESS STORIES

As I write this newsletter, Jerry and I have just celebrated our fifty-second anniversary. I suppose some people would call this a success story. We certainly do, given the attitudes toward marriage that seem so prevalent in our culture today. But, there is another success story we want to share with you also. This is a **MISSION CONNECT** story which many of you have participated in through your praying and giving. Sit back and enjoy the following story. May it bring a smile to your face and joy to your heart. To God be the glory!!

OHABA LUNGA

When Jerry and his team first visited Ohaba Lunga in 2003, they found the minister and his family living in a hovel, and the church worshipping in a one-room chapel that was falling off the foundation. Over the last 12 years, things have gradually improved. There is a new chapel, with a heating system; there is a parsonage where the minister lives. Now there are young people active in the church. Ohaba Lunga is a thriving congregation with an energetic young minister who continues to develop his own gifts.

Two churches have been instrumental in bringing this story to its successful status:

LILBURN CHRISTIAN CHURCH in Atlanta has faithfully contributed to this project since 2003. They have taken special offerings, and even used Ohaba as a VBS project.

BLOUNT CHRISTIAN CHURCH in Maryville, TN paid for the parsonage in 2003, and has faithfully continued to support that work.

THE PEOPLE OF OHABA LUNGA WOULD WANT THESE TWO CHURCHES TO KNOW HOW GRATEFUL THEY ARE FOR THE SUPPORT FROM THEIR CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE STATES. THE OHABA CHURCH IS NOW LEARNING TO STAND ON ITS OWN TWO FEET.



1. The stack of wood outside the Ohaba Parsonage tells us that there is a wood furnace in the home and that the pastor has worked hard to get ready for winter.
2. Daniel Molcut is the young minister who is working with nearby village churches on programs that offer young people a chance to mix with other Christian youths in Romania. If you want to see his church in action, check out his **Facebook** page (Search: Daniel Molcut). You'll be impressed!
3. The new chapel building also has a wood furnace, and ceiling fans! Very modern indeed.

“SLOW AND STEADY WINS THE RACE.” (Aesop)

JOHNNY DOBREN'S ACCOUNTIBILITY REPORT:



"We had a beautiful evangelistic service at Valea Mare and had a large brass band that all the people enjoyed very much."



"In May we held a baptism service for two women at the church in Farliug. We don't have a baptistry in Visag."



"In May we had a baby dedication in Duleu, with Bro. Georgel Jivan as our guest speaker for the day. "

UPDATE ON THE EFRATA CHURCH (PASTOR BENI INDRU)

"Next week we will finish the entrance and the outside stairs. God blessed us through you with resources to finish the urgent needs. Next Sunday we will have the first wedding in our church and this makes us very happy. Thank you for your love and support."



The first wedding in the Efrata Church! The congregation sat on borrowed chairs to share the joy of this young couple.



The old house on the church property had to be demolished. Ladies from the church cleaned and stacked the brick to be used -- or sold - at a later date.



Before and after: The Efrata Church in Lugoj has been working on completing their building for 15 years. They have built as they had funds. EU regulations have set them behind, but now they are almost done. Well done, faithful ones!

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

PRAISES:

- * MANY OF THE ORIGINAL PROJECTS WE STARTED IN ROMANIA ARE NOW UP AND RUNNING. WHAT A BLESSING TO SEE THIS KIND OF GROWTH!
- * MANY OF OUR SUPPORTERS HAVE BEEN WITH US FOR OVER 18 YEARS IN MISSION. OUR SUCCESS IS YOUR SUCCESS. WHAT A BLESSING THESE PARTNERSHIPS ARE!
- * MANY NEW CHURCHES HAVE BEEN STARTED IN ROMANIA, AND MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO CHRIST. WHAT A BLESSING THESE CHURCHES WILL BE FOR YEARS TO COME.

PRAYER NEEDS:

- * PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR NATION: ELECTIONS AT EVERY LEVEL; NEW LAWS IN MANY STATES MAKING SHARING CHRIST MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT. ASK GOD TO INTERVENE.
- * PRAY FOR THE 12 MINISTERS IN ROMANIA WHOM WE HAVE HELPED OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. THEY ARE STRUGGLING TO TEACH THEIR CHURCHES PROPER STEWARDSHIP.