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Our Purpose & Passion

“For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My Name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My Name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My Name will be great among the nations,” says the Lord of hosts.” - Malachi 1:11

The chief end of all mission work is the Glory of God. Our greatest concern is that His Name be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun (Malachi 1:11). We find our great purpose and constant motivation, not in man or his needs, but in God, His commitment to His own glory and our God-given desire to see Him glorified in every nation, tribe, people and language.

Although HeartCry recognizes the great importance of sending missionaries from the West to the un-evangelized peoples throughout the world, we believe that we are led of the Lord to support native or national missionaries so that they may evangelize their own peoples. Therefore, we seek to work with godly men and women of integrity and vision in the unreached world to help them evangelize and plant churches among their own peoples.

Our Principles

* While we recognize that the needs of mankind are many and his sufferings are diverse, we believe that they all spring from a common origin - the fall of man and the corruption of his own heart. Therefore, we believe that the greatest benefit to mankind can be accomplished through the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the establishment of churches that preach the Word of God and minister according to its commands, precepts, and wisdom.

* Every need of this ministry will be obtained through prayer. We may share our missionary vision with others and even make known to them the specific tasks which the Lord has laid on our heart to do, but we may not raise support through prodding or manipulating our brothers and sisters in Christ. If this ministry is of the Lord, then He will be our Patron. If He is with us, He will direct His people to give and we will prosper. If He is not with us, we will not and should not succeed.

* We intend to never enlarge our field of labor by contracting debts. This is contrary to both the letter and the spirit of the New Testament. In secret prayer, God helping us, we will carry the needs of this ministry to the Lord and act according to the direction that He gives.

* We will not compete with other biblical mission agencies, but use the resources that God has given to us to work in partnership with them. If the Lord directs, we will sacrifice our own goals and resources that other mission works may be helped and the Kingdom of God increased.

* In meeting any need, those of us who are supported financially by this ministry will be the first to sacrifice all things necessary for the advancement of His Kingdom.

* We will not measure the success of this ministry by the amount of money given, Bibles distributed or national missionaries supported, but by the Lord’s blessing on the work.

* Our goal is not to enlarge ourselves, or to become a key figure in the Great Commission, but to be faithful and obedient stewards by the grace that is given to us. That men may see our weakness and glorify God for His strength; that they may see our inability and glorify God for His faithfulness.
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This month’s edition of From our Desk is written by Sorin Prodan, HeartCry’s Eastern European director. He is currently visiting us in the U.S. and preaching in many churches around the country. It is our joy and privilege to work with such men who have been saved and transformed by the grace of God. We hope and pray that God will use the following brief exhortation to move you closer to Him and His will.

The years of Communism in the Eastern European countries devastated the souls of the people. It destroyed their dreams, deformed their conscience, and stole the one thing of greatest value: faith in God. After only two generations of materialism, the people were thoroughly living like machines.

The Communist doctrine had been successfully inserted into the minds of the people and the Iron Curtain brought total isolation from the West. Most people – children, teenagers, men and women – believed that the only reality was found within the curtain and that all that lay outside was full of danger and disaster. From time to time a light appeared, a voice of truth was heard, but it was silenced immediately. The Communist prisons were full of “rebels” of a most unlikely sort – pastors and missionaries, writers and men of culture – each one holding to one common passion: they were looking for freedom.

I lived during those times in Romania and as a young student I suffered the persecution of a tyrannical regime. God had revealed Himself to me and I responded by faith. By grace, I escaped from a political wilderness that sought to kill the souls of people, to eliminate God from their heart, and to make man the object of worship.

In the face of such brutality, the sovereign God kept a remnant for Himself and through these faithful Christians (called “repenters” in Romania), the Word of God was available to those who sought it out. In spite of the all-out effort of the Communist Party and its endless propaganda seeking to refute any manifestation of faith in God, the testimony of Jesus Christ survived for nearly 50 years.

In 1990, God granted us our freedom. Communism was overthrown and we no longer feared a dictatorial regime or the obstacles of the past. For the last fourteen years, we have preached the Gospel in a free country, the mission works are growing, and the Church is being strengthened. Nevertheless, the evil one has not departed from our lands, but he has only changed his strategy. I have come to realize that there are many enemies to the faith besides Communism, and there are many ways in which the evil one can deceive a people so that they “forget their God!” A spiritual wilderness or desert may take many forms, even in countries which boast of a long Christian tradition and that enjoy the freedom to manifest their faith in Christ. Freedom often opens the door to many destructive ideas and attitudes that are far more dangerous than Communism. I am referring to such things as materialism, humanism and liberalism. These deadly ideologies often succeed where Communism fails in winning our hearts, occupying our lives, and keeping us from the rich reality of a life in Christ. We must constantly make a choice to turn our backs on the vain ideas and attitudes of fallen men, to die to self, and to seek to be a useful servant in the Kingdom of God.

We must keep before our eyes the truth that God can and will accomplish extraordinary things through each Christian who seeks His face and determines in his or her heart to do the will of God. If we are Christians, there will be a desire in our hearts to be used of God for the promotion of His glory and the advancement of His kingdom; but we must never forget that before God can raise someone up as a useful servant, He must do a great work in their lives. Such workings of God are often very difficult and not easy to bear.

Moses spent the first forty years of his life in the most civilized and developed culture of his time. He held the high position of prince in the land of Egypt – the most
powerful empire in the world. Life in the palace was filled with all the allurements of this age. Then suddenly Moses’ life was radically changed. He came to understand that he belonged to another people who lived destitute and worked in the mud pits to build Pharaoh’s pyramids. Beyond the fine curtains of the palace he began to see another reality. He made a radical choice and became a hunted fugitive living in the severe deserts of Midian.

Finally, Midian became a place of refuge and protection for Moses. The suffering of his people seemed only like a faint memory and he no longer saw himself as their deliverer. He married and became a shepherd. He raised his two boys and cared for his flock. His life seemed routine and uneventful, and yet everyday God was working, preparing him for a great work. The methods of divine pedagogy are rather interesting, don’t you think?

Moses lived so long in the desert that his heart began to reflect its surroundings. He had no great vision, until one day he looked into the far off zenith and saw the profile of a mountain against the sky. It was Horeb, the mount of God. His eyes saw the mountain and his heart heard the calling. The barren desert had become a place of safety for Moses. To go to the far off mountain required that he take a risk and venture toward the unknown. One day, while pasturing his flocks, Moses decided to go to the far side of the desert and beyond it (Exodus 3:1). He took the risk and met with God Almighty. The meeting changed his life and the life of an entire nation.

The life of Moses is not the only example in the Scriptures of men who have been changed by an encounter with God. One very normal day God called Abraham from Ur (Genesis 12) and made him into the father of the greatest nation in history. On another very routine day, God called Joseph (Genesis 37) and set him over the entire Empire of Egypt. On still another very routine day, Isaiah was in the Temple (Isaiah 6) doing his daily liturgy when suddenly God’s glory was revealed to him and he became a prophet of Israel in one of the most critical times of her history. Finally, God came to earth in the incarnation of Christ on just another normal day, but that day changed history as we know it, and led to the redemption of a countless multitude of people who believe.

All of these examples in Scripture point to us and teach us that we should live our lives with a great expectancy. As the years pass, we discover that life has a tendency to slide into a routine. We are busy with school, job, family, growing kids, sickness, etc. We have no time to think, dream, or pray. Our relationship with God is reduced to a short prayer and a daily reading from a chapter of the Bible. We finish the day tired, but restless, and so we watch a movie until the early hours of the morning. We go to church and yawn with little expectation of the miraculous. The presence of God and manifestations of His power are all but non-existent. Our passion for His person and kingdom is almost extinguished. What is the solution? Is there a solution?

The solution is to turn our back on the things of this world that create a spiritual desert in our hearts – materialism, comfort, security – and to run for the mountain of God. We must come to the realization that nothing can fill our souls but God. We must look beyond the desert of this godless age and seek for God with great hunger and thirst. We must come near to the mount of God and abide in His presence. Moses and Elijah had their mountain, Isaiah had his temple, David had his guard post, Habakkuk had his rampart, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ had His Mount of Olives. Like them, we must seek God and have an encounter with Him. When we are animated by His Spirit, encouraged by His presence, and led by His Word, when our lives are immersed in the reality of God, then our entire lives will be affected: school, job, family, friends, private life, etc. When we dare to meet God beyond the desert of the vanity that surrounds us in this fallen age, then we will understand what it means to live for an Almighty God. He will reveal to us great and mighty things which we do not know (Jeremiah 33:3), and give us a mission as He gave to Moses, Elijah, Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Peter, etc.

I beg you to hear the call that comes from beyond the desert! This is the imperative for all believers living in our time!

To conclude, I would say that I have been serving God on the mission field in Eastern Europe for more than six years. In that time, I have met many of you who stand behind the work that HeartCry is developing around the world. You pray and give sacrificially for those who are on the field and because of you they have become part of this great ministry. On behalf of all those who you support in Eastern Europe – pastors, missionaries, student ministers, prison chaplains, children’s workers, radio preachers, and gypsy missionaries, I want to thank you for the sacrifice you make. Through your support we have been blessed to preach the Gospel in hundreds of cities, towns and villages in Romania, Moldova, Serbia and Ukraine. May God reward your love and sacrifice for missions. You are living beyond the desert!

With love,
Your brother in Christ,
Sorin Prodan
Are We Weak Enough for God to Use Us?

This article was first published in our May-June 2002 edition of HeartCry, but we felt impelled to reprint it as a reminder to us all that all that glitters is not gold and power is not found in a man's arm or intellect, but in humble brokenness before God. He has chosen to use the foolish things, the weak things, the base and despised things, and the things that are not, so that no man may boast before Him.

The pictures in this article speak volumes to me. In fact, it is what the HeartCry Missionary Society is all about - unknown preachers laboring in obscurity and poverty in some remote part of the world that very few people could even find on a map. What can we learn from them? Take a good long look at each and every one of them, study their faces, and consider their lives for such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

The first thing we learn from these men is that God's work is perfected in weakness. Look at these men! There is not a strong one or a great one among them. They were never privileged to attend the world's great universities or seminaries. Their libraries are sparse - a Bible and maybe a concordance. They have no political power. In fact, the government does all within its power to restrain them. Economically, they are destitute. Your child's monthly allowance outweighs their monthly salary. Culturally, they are outcasts. They are despised, mocked, and hounded. They are the scum of the earth, not worthy to be alive. And yet within these earthen vessels is found the glorious treasure of the Gospel and through their simple preaching is revealed the power of God. God has made them competent, He watches over their steps, and He answers their prayers. This is so ordered that God might get for Himself the greater glory.

Seeing their weakness and God's power, we must ask ourselves, "Have we become too strong to be used of God?" Here in the West, the circumstances of our lives lead us to independence and develop in us a spirit of self-sufficiency. The strength of God always comes in proportion to our weakness, and His help always comes to the degree that we recognize our need. My dear Christian, we cannot breathe apart from God's life, we cannot turn from the least of all sins apart from His grace, how is it then that we think we can "do something for God"? Our independent and self-sufficient culture has crept into the Church and deceived us. The Scriptures tell us that God is not served by human hands. He has no need. What could we do for Him? We were not saved to serve. We are not called to do things for God. We have been granted the privilege of being instruments of His grace, but only to the degree that we acknowledge our absolute weakness and total inability!

When will we learn that there has never been a great man or woman of God, but only weak, feeble, sinful, faithless men of a Greater and Merciful God? Choose any of the heroes of the faith and flaws will not be hard to find. Noah fell into drunkenness. Abraham lied and put the safety of his wife in jeopardy. Moses struck the rock apart from God's command. David committed adultery, lied, and plotted to take another man's life. The list goes on and on, though it does not have to go far to demonstrate that even men and women who are used greatly, are not great, but God is great and good!

The second thing we learn is that God's work is perfected in smallness. These are not men of great stature or presence. They have no special gifts that can be used as a "drawing card." They are not great athletes with muscles to show or wealthy businessmen who gave up promising careers to help Jesus. They are nothing more and nothing less than sinners who have been saved by grace. They are little men with little ministries who do little things with their little means. And yet, they are the very instruments of God to bring forth His work in the world. For God is faithful to multiply their few loaves and fishes into a meal for a multitude. As one wise preacher once said, "Some of the greatest sermons that have ever been preached have been preached to four people." This is so ordered that God might get for Himself the greater glory.
Are we too large to be used of God? The church in the West often does big things in a big way, but with very small eternal results. We have big preachers and big celebrities within the Church. Evangelists advertise their ministries by publicizing their past results as a guarantee that they can make the same thing happen in every church. But even those who do the largest campaigns in the world have acknowledged that they would be satisfied if even the smallest fraction of the harvest was genuine. We make big buildings as though the size of a building had the power to increase the size of God’s Kingdom. We do big promotions as though God’s Kingdom could be advanced through the strategies of Wall Street and Disneyland. We offer big entertainment and turn the Church into a Six Flags over Jesus!

The third thing we learn is that God’s work is perfected in obscurity. The world does not even know that the missionaries in these photos exist. Even the vast majority of the Church does not know these men. How could they? They have never preached on television, never written an award-winning Christian book, and will never appear at the Dove Awards. If tomorrow they were martyred for their faith, there would be no headlines, no story, no national day of mourning. They would probably not even receive a proper burial. To the world, they are obscure men, unknown and unimportant, but to God they are His sons. He knows them by name and watches over their every step with the keenest interest, the deepest love, and the greatest of care. He would stop the world for them. He will stop the world for them. This is so ordered that God might get for Himself the greater glory.

Are we willing to work in obscurity our entire lives that the Kingdom of God might prevail and the Name of Christ be glorified? Notice, that I added the important phrase, “...our entire lives.” We would all be willing to work in obscurity for a while, even a great while, if we knew that it would eventually lead to exaltation, but that is not the question. Would we be willing to work and die in total obscurity for the cause of Christ? Christianity in the West has gotten totally out of hand in this. Notoriety has become the sign that a man or woman is being used of God or that the hand of God is upon their life. A big church or a well-known ministry has become the indisputable evidence that someone is well thought of and well-known in the courts of God. This is totally foreign to Scripture. According to God’s Word, the sign of a man of God is not the size of his ministry, but the degree of his conformity to the person of Jesus Christ. Heaven does not know men through their ministry advertisements or the latest denominational report, but through their secret praying and their lonesome dwelling in the courts of God.

The fourth thing that we learn from these men is that God’s work is perfected in and through those who are despised. Even among their own people, these “preachers” are nothing more than insignificant annoyances -an embarrassment to the greater part of civilized people. After all, what do they contribute to society? They do not produce “goods.” They do not farm. They do not teach in the universities. They are not doctors who save lives or scientists who make new discoveries beneficial to society. In fact, street cleaners and garbage collectors make a greater contribution to society than they do. But to God, they are the very salt of the earth. They are the glue that holds everything together. They are the light of the world, a city set on a hill that shines the only true light to those who are in darkness. They do not farm, but they bear fruit; they do not teach in the universities, but they are the wisest among men and bearers of the greatest knowledge the world has ever known; they are not doctors who save lives for a season, but they are fountains through which eternal life is given to all who drink. This is so ordered that God might get for Himself the greater glory.

In one of the sequels to “Rocky”, the fighter’s trainer tells him, “Rock, the worst thing that could ever happen to a fighter has happened to you. You got civilized!” Have we become too civilized to be used of God? We are so careful to not be offensive, we go out of our way to not appear fanatic, we conform to every aspect of our society in order to “fit in” and “be rel-
When will we learn that Christians will never be relevant to the world because they are like the world, but because they are completely different than the world? When will we learn that the true Gospel of Jesus Christ is offensive to a sinful world and that it is the offense that gives it its power? The world boasts in its knowledge, but the Gospel declares its ignorance. The world boasts in it’s self-sufficiency, but the Gospel declares its weakness. The world sees itself as righteous, but the Gospel declares it to be depraved, exceedingly wicked and worthy of all condemnation. When the Gospel we preach is no longer scandalous, when it no longer offends, when it no longer creates enemies, it no longer has the power to save! When the Church’s way of life brings no disdain from a world that hates God, it is no longer relevant!

There is much that we can learn about the work of God from these men, but there is also much that can and should be applied to our lives. The first application is that we should be careful to live for the glory of God. The glory of God refers to His infinite worth. We are called to recognize His worth above all things and live for Him with every beat of our heart, every thought of our mind, every measure of our strength and every fiber of our being. The men in our pictures are quite aware of something we so easily forget. They have nothing in which to glory apart from God. Unlike us, they have no stately homes, no cars, no designer clothes, no jewelry, no titles, degrees or reputations. They are forced to one conclusion - they have nothing but God.

Is it wrong for the Christian to prosper or to seek an education? Is it wrong to seek the growth of our church and ministry? By no means! Would to God that every pastor had a Ph.D. and every church an attendance of 5,000, but we must do all bibli- cally, and always with the full realization that God is our only glory, our only strength, our only wisdom, and our only hope. If we are able to write a book about what we have done to build a great church or ministry, it was probably not a work of God. If when asked of our “success” we can only put down our head and respond that God is a faithful and gracious God, then there might be something of God in the whole thing.

The second application is that we should live for the glory of the cross. The Apostle Paul wrote, “May it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Galatians 6:14). What could motivate the little preachers in our pictures to defy culture, governments, armies, and any number of enemies stronger than themselves to do a task that pays nothing and is respected by only a few? It could only be the glorious cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In that old rugged cross is our only hope of salvation. It is there that our sin was put away. Christ carried our iniquities and was crushed under the wrath of Almighty God that the justice of God might be satisfied and sinners might be reconciled.

“Christ died for our sins.” Do we need a greater motivation than this? Could a greater motivation ever be found? Of course not! This one thing should be the governing force in all that we are and do. Christ died for us and we who have been ransomed should live for His glory. As the Apostle Paul writes, “Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” (I Corinthians 10:30), and again, “He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf” (II Corinthians 5:15). Futile and worldly things like gold and silver have not ran-
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The third application is that we should live for the work of the Kingdom. What a great and indescribable privilege is ours. We have been made ambassadors of Christ, we have been called to enter into His labors, and gather a harvest where we have not sown. Will we despise our calling and take our hand from the plow? Will we deny the One who bought us and live for ourselves? May it never be! How many live without any purpose? How many more live their lives for purposes that are not worthy of a man? How many Christians live their lives for purposes that are not worthy of a child of God? We are not called to amass wealth or fame. We are not called to seek comfort and security. It is not appropriate that we spend our days in front of a television watching other people live fictitious lives. It is not appropriate for us to be consumed by hobbies or to lust for more and more entertainment. We are the most privileged people on the face of the earth! We are sons of the living God and ambassadors for Christ. We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; we have been called out of darkness into God’s marvelous light. We have been given the indescribable privilege of proclaiming the Excellencies of God, of His Christ, and of His Gospel. Will we trade such glory for the mundane, tragic, and even pathetic life of the world?

The men in our pictures have not renounced their calling even in the face of severe trials and difficulties that are all but unknown to us. Therefore, we are without excuse. Let us join them in their labors. Let us work till Jesus comes and then we’ll be gathered home. It is acknowledged by all that not all are called to be missionaries on the foreign field, but all are called to either go and preach, or stay and support prayerfully and financially. You and I are either called to go down into the well or we are called to hold the rope for those who have gone down. These men in our picture have gone down into the well and they ask for so little that they might accomplish their monumental task. It is almost unbelievable that an indigenous missionary often requires less than one hundred dollars a month to live and minister in places where foreign missionaries do not even have access. We have so much and do so little, but we could do so much with very little if we would only catch the vision of being an important part of the Great Commission. Can you think of anything more important than the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all the nations, to the people groups that have never heard? You can think of nothing more important, because there simply is nothing more important. All other tasks of this life seem to fade to nothing in light of this great thing that we are called to do.

The fourth application is that we should live for eternity. Our life is like a vapor and our days our fleeting. The day of our birth, marks the day we begin to die. This world and all its glory are passing away. Jesus declared to us, “What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and yet lose his soul and what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” Is it wise to invest all our talent, energy, and resources on that which will not remain? Are we so foolish that we would live for a fallen, broken world that is passing away and not for the eternal glories that are promised? There are countless Christians down through the centuries of the Church who have turned their backs on this world and looked forward to the coming of Immanuel’s land. They have lost everything and suffered the greatest of hardships because they believed that God’s Word is true. Will you stand with them on that day? Will you feel comfortable in their presence? More importantly, will you stand before God on that day? Will you feel comfortable in His presence? Oh dear friends, the privilege is ours. Let us give ourselves to the work of God, let us set our eyes on the harvest fields. Let us work while there is still light for the night is coming when no man will work.

The fifth application is that we should live for “the Day.” The Day I am referring to is that “Great Day” when all men shall stand before God. The true Church of Jesus Christ abounds with scholars, warriors, martyrs, and faithful workers. Men and women who have both lived and died that the Great Commission might be completed and the Glory of God might fill the earth. Where will you and I stand among this sanctified group? Do not be deceived. The true church is not as unsanctified as you think. We look around at the so-called “church” and see many who are no different than the unbelieving world. We compare ourselves to them and think that as Christians go we are doing all right. Beware! The field is sown with tares. Many of the names that can be found on the membership roles of churches, cannot be found in the Book of Life. Many churches in America are filled with the unregenerate lost who are kept, not by the power of God, but by a preacher’s personality and talents, or by a countless number of activities - everything from day care to seminars on financial growth. They know not God.

The members of the true Church of Jesus Christ are not sinless, but they are “being” sanctified. They have been made alive through the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit. They have been converted by heart rending repentance and desperate faith in Christ. They have become “new creatures.” God has taken from them their hearts of stone and replaced them with hearts of living flesh that willingly respond to His stimuli. They are no longer “bent” towards the things of this world, but are given to the things of God. The Word is not only sweet, but also necessary to them. They abide in the Word and are truly Christ’s disciples. The Holy Spirit is Lord over them and leads them as “sons of God.” They are sensitive to His joy and are fully aware when they have grieved Him. They know what it is like to forsake the world and walk in paths of righteousness, and they know the loving discipline of the Father when they have strayed. They are concerned about the work of God in the world and give themselves to it with an honest devotion. They love the brethren. They honor godly ministers. They have a deep respect and reverence for the martyrs. They weep over those persecuted for Christ’s sake. And they count it a privilege to sacrificially support those who have gone forth into the world to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is the true Church. Can your name be found among them? Are you a true disciple of Christ?
REPORT FROM ROMANIA

Brother Sorin is HeartCry’s Eastern European director. He is currently overseeing missionaries in Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, and Serbia. We consider it a great privilege to have a young man of his caliber working with us. God has used him greatly. The following is his yearly report from the field.

I bring you greetings from all the HeartCry missionaries from the field in Eastern Europe. It is my privilege to share with you the greatest things God is doing in this part of the world. As you probably know, the greatest spiritual awakening in all of Europe is taking place in three countries in Eastern Europe: Ukraine, Moldova, and Romania. The Word of God is being preached and day-by-day people are coming to the Lord. But even more than this, God is raising up missionaries from these countries that go to other countries in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, the country of the former USSR and of South America. I praise God for the times in which we live. It is a privilege to have such freedom to preach the Gospel.

HeartCry Missionary Society now supports missionaries in four countries of Eastern Europe: Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, and Serbia. In the following, I will share with you how the mission is progressing in each country and give you information about the missionaries.

Romania Missionaries

In Romania, the missionaries are working in different areas and reaching people in different ways. Even though we rejoice to have missionaries involved in student ministry, youth ministry, jail ministry, children ministry and radio, our main focus is church planting. This is the most important and most exhausting work. The men often work in isolated regions far from any strong church. This is why I must work so much among our church planters. They need encouragement in the battle.

Our work in Dimbovita County is progressing very well and is a great joy for me. It is here that I planted my first two churches when I was twenty-two and twenty-four. These works have been continued by one of my colleagues from the University - Nicu Vulpe. By God’s grace, the church now has twenty-five members, but has a weekly attendance of more than forty people. There are many open doors in Pucioasa. The last time I was there, we spoke in a high school and distributed more than 500 Bibles in the market. We also made many new contacts. The people are very interested in receiving a Bible and are willing to talk about God. The mission team in Dimbovita is made up of two families: Nicu and Daniela Vulpe, and Florin and Mariana Stan. They make up our most effective mission team and are a model for our other missionaries. I praise God for HeartCry because it supports this team.

The church in Pucioasa is the mother church of the three new mission points that have been planted in the town of Fieni, the village of Badeni, and the village of Vulcanca Pandele. I praise God because Nicu and Florin have trained five men in the church in Pucioasa that are able to minister with him and to work in the missions. In the past, our greatest need has been a building for the main church in Pucioasa and a means of transportation for the team. For almost five years the church has been meeting in rented houses and the team has been traveling by any means possible. Now, by God’s grace, I am happy to announce to you that He has provided enough support to purchase land and a building, and to even buy a van. This is a great response to many prayers that have been raised to the Lord.

Please, pray for the mission team in Pucioasa. Florin and Mariana have a new baby named Damaris. They need much prayer support for the work they are doing. Also, pray for Nicu and Daniela who also have a new baby. The burden that Nicu must carry as mission coordinator is very great. He needs wisdom and vision. Please also remember Melania Bondoret in prayer. She is a single missionary supported by HeartCry and works with children in Pucioasa.

From Dimbovita County, I will now move on to Buzau County. There are just two HeartCry missionaries working in this very large area where there is very little evangelical activity. Daniel Cocos is pastoring the main church in the city of Buzau (a population of 150,000). The church has only forty members, but has grown at a fairly consistent rate compared to other works in the same county. Although brother Daniel pastors in the city, he is very drawn to the works in the villages. In the last ten years, he has started several missions in the following villages: Pogoanele, Florica, Ciuta, and Pitulicea. He also has a strong vision to help the poor and youth with a farm that he bought for this purpose. In every place that he has started a mission, he has also trained missionaries that now are responsible for the work. He is also faithful to continue overseeing the works and holding the young ministers accountable. Pray for Daniel, who is gifted in both areas: church planting and social ministries.

Along with Daniel Cocos, HeartCry also supports brother Pavel Hadcze-Pop. He has been working in the town of Rimnicu Sarat since 1992. During that time some people have repented and come to the Lord, but it seems
that the work has taken its toll on Pavel. He and his wife are very discouraged and are thinking of moving to another area where they could be more effective. In the past few years, I have tried in different ways to help and encourage him, but I think it is time for him to rest from this difficult burden and go to a place that is not so closed to the Gospel. Even though brother Pavel may move, it is absolutely necessary to put another couple in their place with a fresh vision. I have a special burden for the town of Rimnicu Sarat and have been praying for it for many years. I believe that I have recently received an answer to prayer that has brought me great joy. This year, my sister Cristina is going to marry a young doctor from the city of Timisoara. He understands that God has called him to be a missionary doctor to southern Romanians. When he heard that Rimnicu Sarat was in great need of missionaries, his heart was immediately burdened and he began to pray for the area. Please pray with me that they will obey God’s will and go to Rimnicu Sarat if the Lord sends them. Please also pray that Pavel and his wife will remain strong and endure until there is a replacement. We must not abandon this work no matter how difficult or hard the people.

HeartCry also has a work in the village of Recas, near Timisoara on the west side of Romania. Here missionary John Serban is laboring with his wife and oldest daughter in planting a church. For a time the mission was progressing very slowly. Part of the problem was the bad testimony of one member who was finally excommunicated. Since church discipline was practiced the mission is seeing some good results. HeartCry missionary Ion Tomeci who works in Timisoara is now overseeing the ministry in Recas. Please pray for brother Serban that he continues to be dedicated to the mission and to work effectively.

HeartCry missionaries Mircea Toma and John Mireuta make up another team that works in Arad County. The mission work is based in Bethel Baptist Church in the city of Radna and the new missions that have been planted are in the surrounding villages of Soimos and Cladova. The church in Radna is doing well, but the works in the villages are struggling.

HeartCry missionary Eugen Chris is planting a church in my home village of Ortelec, near the city of Zalau in northwest Romania. The church is doing very well. There are now twenty baptized members and the church has its own land and building. In order to evangelize the towns people, the church has established a kindergarten. Many non-Christian families bring their children there. Please pray for Eugen and for his wife who is very sick.

Along with its church planters in Romania, HeartCry is also involved in supporting special ministries among children, youth, students, and prisoners. In the area of student ministries, there are two very special brothers who are working with university students in Timisoara and Sibiu: Ion Tomeci and Alex Palade. I recently spoke with Ion Tomeci who directs the mission team from Timisoara. He told me many good things that are happening on the campus of over 15,000 students. I greatly appreciate Bebe and his dedication to the Lord. Please pray for him and his team in Timisoara.

Brother Alex Palade has worked with brother Tomeci for years, but has recently begun a ministry among the university students in Sibiu. In addition to this work, Alex is also involved in teaching couples about what it means to have a biblical family. Please pray for Alex and his wife Simona. They have a great responsibility and they are often exhausted by the work.

Another solid and growing ministry among students takes place in Bucharest where HeartCry missionary Ruxi Vandici is ministering among the students in the University of Bucharest. I recently visited one of their Tuesday night meetings and greatly enjoyed the Word that was taught and the attitude of the students. Brother Mason Vann from the United States gave a message about holiness. They have asked me to speak next month on missions. The group is growing and touching many students. Pray for Ruxi and her ministry. It requires great sacrifice.

Cristi Ciucea who worked for a time as the HeartCry mission coordinator for Eastern Europe is now involved in the youth ministry at the Holy Trinity Baptist Church in Bucharest. Cristi is very gifted in this area and has seen much fruit. There is now a good dynamic among the youth – they are growing in the Lord and they are involved in evangelism and missions. Please pray for Cristi and for his work in Holy Trinity.

We will conclude the summary of HeartCry’s ministry in Romania with three very important ministries. First there is the ministry of brother Stefan Gae. He is a very respected leader in Romania who has dedicated his life to training Sunday school teachers for children. He writes material and holds seminars throughout all of Romania. Brother Gae is getting older and has poured his life into this work. I admire him because he is an old man who has endured many hardships and persecution and yet he still has so much energy to serve the Lord. Please pray that God will empower him and keep him healthy. Secondly, there is the ministry of brother Matei Muresan. In addition to pastoring two churches, he also has a vital ministry in many prison and jails in Romania. He has developed an association for promoting Christian education in Romanian jails and publishes a magazine to inmates called, “The Messenger.” The magazine contains the testimonies of converted inmates and articles especially directed towards the needs of prisoners. The magazine is sent to many jails in Romania. I recently visited the jail and I was glad to see the work. I met many brothers who had been converted in the jail and I felt in my spirit how God is glorified in that place. Please pray for this good ministry. Lastly, there is brother Valentin Vocila. He continues to work with the Radio Voice of the Gospel. His broadcast “Open Arms” continues to have a great impact on its listeners. I have read many of the responses from lost people who have been saved through the ministry and Christians who have been encouraged.
GYPSY MISSIONARIES

We are very glad that HeartCry is supporting a team of eight Gypsy missionaries in Romania. We also count it a privilege to work with brother Moses Marin who coordinates the team. He is a man of integrity and is being used mightily of the Lord.

Brother Marius Toma and his wife Dana are two of the most dedicated missionaries among the Gypsies. They minister together with the youth in the O Del Si Ameanca Gypsy Church and are also working in a church plant in the district of Colentina. They have a large piece of land near the school where they hope to one-day build a permanent structure. Please pray for this vision. The church in Colentina is growing well and new people are coming to every service.

Brother Marian Nae is pastoring a church in the village of Gлина, where there is a large population of Gypsies. They have also planted two missions in the district of Bobesti and the district called the 23rd of August. In these two districts are found some of the poorest Gypsies in all of Romania, but by God’s grace the Kingdom of Heaven is advancing among them.

Brother Vale Marian is planting the church in the village of Frunzanesti. This is a Gypsy village with two different groups of Gypsies that are always in conflict with one another. Many times the groups clash violently and many are killed. There are many victims and much pain among the people. Pray that the church will be able to unify these groups in the love of Christ.

Brother Toma Marian works in the village of Tunari where there is a variety of ethnic groups: Romanian, Gypsy, Czech, Polish, and Bulgarian. It is an infamous place that is controlled by the Gypsy mafia. Our greatest need in this area is for a new missionary to join Marian and help him plant churches in the area. Like the man from Macedonia, brother Toma has been praying for someone to come and work in the villages that desperately need a minister. At the moment, he travels alone to the villages and holds as many meetings as possible.

Sorin Iordan is a good brother who pastors a church in Rosiori de Vede (southern Romania) and is planting a new Gypsy church in the city of Alexandria. The work is very difficult but he continues faithfully. Please pray that God will provide all that he needs to carry on the work.

Brother Tony Anghel is working in the village of Strehaia, near the city of Craiova. It is a town populated with both wealthy and poor Gypsies and some Romanians. It is a good field for a Gospel mission. Tony is a good minister and the work is growing. The main obstacle is that he lives in another village and must make a long journey to preach. Please pray that the Lord will open up a door for him to move to Strehaia.

Moses Marin is a greatly respected man of God among the Gypsies. He has a sound vision and a good spirit. Although he is pastoring a Gypsy church in Bucharest and directing the Peniel Gypsy School, he is also coordinating and training HeartCry’s Gypsy missionaries. The work that he is doing is having a tremendous impact among his people.

The Gypsy ministry is under Moses’ careful watch. His vision to develop schools in the Gypsy communities has brought something of a revival in the Gypsy missions. The schools are a great way to touch the people because they can see with their own eyes that the Christians care for them. During the process of teaching them to read and write, they learn the Bible. The work is slow because there are not many leaders prepared to work in the field. Even our own missionaries are struggling because they must often work alone. I think that it would be very wise to organize a National Gypsy Conference to bring all the Gypsy leaders together and challenge them to develop a training program for leaders.

Please pray for the mission among the Gypsies in Romania. It is a good work but also very hard.

SERBIA

The work in Serbia is headed in a good direction. The church has moved to a different house and many people are attending. The congregation is growing and Zoran Milovanavic is more and more motivated to make new contacts. We are now looking at and praying about the city of Smederevo, which has a population of over 200,000 people. A faithful brother who attends the church in the nearby city of Kovin has started to work among the people of Smederevo and desires to start a church there. During my last trip, I also visited with brother Simo Ralevic. He was very excited to see me and the brothers who were traveling with me.

MOLDOVA

In the country of Moldova, Anatol Dunas is struggling with the authorities to obtain the necessary permits that will allow him to build the church building on the land they have purchased. After the authorities approved the plan, they changed their mind and declared that the church’s land should be used to build a supermarket. Anatol believes that the decision was greatly influenced by the Orthodox priests who are trying to stop the work. Brother Dumitru Capatina continues to pastor the church in Brinza. Although there are new people who are attending, there are also many who are leaving. Because of the terrible conditions in Moldova, many people are leaving the country to find work in other places.

UKRAINE

The work is progressing well in Ukraine. John Gireada is leading the Nehemiah Mission that labors to promote a church planting vision among the expatriate Romanian population. The Bible and Missionary Institute that he began three years ago is beginning to provide missionaries for the region. Sandu Deac is doing well in the church from Puieni. He is currently training a brother who will
graduate from college next year and then join Sandu in the work. Sandu has begun to establish a new mission in the village near Puieni. Ilie Hlusceac is doing a very good work in the multicultural churches. He speaks all three languages very well: Romanian, Russian and Ukrainian. His church in Rosa Stinca is now firmly established and able to plant a new church.

One of the great ministries that God helped us to develop in Ukraine is the summer mission project. This year we visited Ukraine on three different occasions. Two teams worked in the summer and a larger team went in the beginning of September. The teams were made up of thirty students and young people from churches in Romania. We divided up into four teams and worked in four different villages. We held meetings in schools and did a great deal of evangelism on the streets. We also held many youth meetings and were able to meet the Romanian speaking youth from the churches in Ukraine. We challenged them to not leave the country in search of a better future in the West and to get involved in the ministry of the Gospel. I have received letters from them showing that God has moved in some of them who are now in the ministry.

Finally
As you can see, there are areas of the ministry that fill my soul with joy and other areas that I hope and pray to see a great change in. What I know is that God is working here. I see this and I am blessed to live in a time when the Gospel is proclaimed to so many people.

With love and consideration,
Sorin Prodan

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Zoran Milovanovic, Simo Ralevic
Moldova:
Anatol Dunas, Dumitru Capatina
Ukraine:
John Gireada, Sandu Deac, Ilie Hlusceac

SIBERIA
Vladimir Radzihovski

Romania
Eugen Chis
Cristian Ciuca
Daniel Cocos
Stefan Gae
Pavel Hadczy-Pop
Sorin Ioarnd
Moise Marin
Ion Marin
Tony Anghel
John Mireuta
Samuel Mitrofan
Matei Muresan
Marian Nae
Alexandru Palade
Sorin Prodan
John Serban
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The Ministry in the Village of Tereblecea

I preached four times this month in Tereblecea. I encouraged the church to live a holy life and to have a passion for reaching the lost people all around us. We continue to meet and pray in cell-groups and family fellowships. We are asking God to save the entire village and to work so that the local church might become a missionary sending church to the other villages and neighborhoods. I visited nine families for counseling and prayer. I also visited the sick for encouragement and prayer.

This month, I praise God because a man who had fallen and left the church returned with repentance. Now he attends the services regularly and with joy. There are two other families that had fallen and now want to return to the church with repentance. We praise God because of this. Pray that He will continue to work in the lives of these people and grant them repentance as He did to the prodigal son. We will continue to meet in one small room until God provides and helps us to finish the construction of our church.

The Ministry in the Village of Bahrinesti

I visited the church in Bahrinesti four times this month. The purpose of our Bible studies was to love God with all our soul, mind, heart, and strength, and to love Him practically through our obedience.

I visited five families of unbelievers. I testified to them about the Gospel and challenged them to repent and come to the house of God. They promised to come. I also visited another five Christian families for encouragement and counseling. I had to rebuke some of them for having a wrong attitude.

One of our sisters in the church went home to be with the Lord. It was sad, but it provided an opportunity to preach the Gospel to the lost. During the evening visitation, I was able to preach the Gospel to ten unbelievers, and during the funeral, I was privileged to preach to more than fifty. We pray that God will touch the lives of those who listen to the Word.

By God’s grace, the church met together recently to discuss some very important issues concerning our behavior. We established four very important principles of a faithful church: The first principle is forgiveness. The Christian must forgive and forget the sins of those who have wronged him. The second principle is peace. A Christian must seek to live at peace with all people.

The third principle is suffering. The Christian must suffer hardships and persecrutions with joy. The fourth principle is to abstain from gossip. This is a very damaging sin. We desire to have a church with a good testimony in the village. We also want the world to see the life of Christ in us. Pray that God will bring revival in this village.

Visits to Other Churches

This month, I have visited the Romanian Baptist church in Cernauti and preached in a baby dedication. I also visited the village of Poliana where we are seeking to put up our tent and start a new work. We are praying for this village because the people are against us and have reacted violently to us. They were provoked by the Orthodox priest to make us leave the village. He told the villagers that if the “Repenters” (that is what they call us) establish a work in the village, he will leave and the Orthodox Church will remain without a servant. The mayor gave us a piece of land to put up our tent, but the villagers came out against us with sticks and stones. One brother was beaten very badly and another brother was hurt because of their aggression. Please pray for this hard-hearted village. They have threatened us saying that they will set our tent on fire. We pray and ask God to give us power to go on in spite of the threats. We must pay this price so that the Kingdom of God might advance.

This month, I also held six meetings with the pastors from our mission board. We prayed together and planned a strategy for the Romanian churches in Ukraine. Our mission has succeeded in buying a house in the village of Dibrova in the region of Transcarpatia, about 250 kilometers from Tereblecea. The village has a population of 10,000 people. We will use the first floor of this house for a church hall and the second floor will be the living quarters for a missionary family. At this moment, there are only three believers in this village of 10,000 people!

I also visited the church in the village of Slatina and preached the Gospel to the people. The church has 50 members and is the only Romanian-speaking church in the whole area. I challenged the congregation to be missionary-minded and to evangelize the Romanian-speaking people. Pray that God will bring a great revival in this region.

I want to give thanks with all of my heart to all of the churches that contributed money in order for me to buy a car. May God reward your sacrifice! With God’s help, I succeeded in buying a 1993 Opel Vectra, which cost $5,450. Now, I have the necessary transportation to help me work among the Romanians in Ukraine. Thank you. Please continue to pray for us.

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Sandu Deac pointing out the vandalism directed against their “Tent of Prayer.” In spite of the persecution, the church continues to grow.
Brother Ilie is a HeartCry missionary serving in Ukraine. He is a godly brother who has planted churches as far north as Siberia. The following is his last report from the field. Please pray for Ilie and his family as they continue to serve the Lord in the advancement of the Gospel.

I give thanks to the Lord for the opportunity and privilege to be a part of spreading the Gospel, not only in my home village, but also in other parts of the country here in Ukraine. Last month we held a crusade called “From Heart to Heart” in a place called Vinita. We arrived in Vinita in the early morning and were very hungry. We stopped at a local restaurant to eat a quick breakfast and there we saw an advertisement displaying a popular motto in our country: “Brothers - Let’s Drink Here Because In Heaven We Will not Have Anymore Drink.” Although the people of Ukraine believe themselves to be Christians, this popular advertisement demonstrates that most do not even understand the term.

After breakfast, we finally arrived in the city of Vinita. The city has over 600,000 inhabitants. The first part of the week we worked in a small town called Trosteanei where we found a small church without any young people. They have no full time preacher, but there is a man who lives fifteen miles away who visits them periodically and preaches. This does not sound like a great sacrifice to people who own cars, but the man is very poor and must travel the distance on his bicycle. This is very difficult, especially during the hard Ukrainian winters. We were not able to do much evangelistic work in this small church because the believers themselves were very weak and discouraged. During our stay with the church, I played the role of a pastor more than that of a missionary. I saw that it was better to help the people of God than to dedicate ourselves to evangelistic work alone. By God’s grace, we were able to visit many unbelievers who had never been visited before, but most were not ready to repent. In spite of this, God helped us to go on and He saved those who were ready for repentance. We even saw God’s blessing through some drug addicts who came to the Lord.

The second week, we went to another area where the church was stronger and better prepared to do evangelistic work. There were many places that needed our help and there was much fruitful work. In two villages where we worked, the people agreed to attend a weekly Bible study with the goal of eventually organizing two new churches! I was very amazed because these things happened in the two places where we least expected to see any success. This is the way that God works. On our way to one village where the people were waiting for us, we had to stop on the road for a time because the road was blocked by three cords of wood that had fallen from a wagon. We had to get out of the car and help the people to move the wood to a courtyard. We used this time to share with them the Gospel of salvation. That night they came to the meetings that we were holding in the village.

When I returned to my home church in Cernauti, I rejoiced to discover that my church did not simply “sit around” while I was gone. The youth were very active. They visited the orphanage in the village of Terbelecea and they held an evangelistic meeting with the students from the nearby college. I am very glad that they worked for the Lord without me. I am also encouraged because the passion of the youth has motivated the older Christians to be more committed.

This month, I served the Lord by preaching twelve sermons, holding two evangelistic meetings, doing nine home Bible studies, making thirteen pastoral visits to members, and personally sharing the entire Gospel with ten different people. Through all of this, one person has come to the Lord and is waiting to be baptized.

It is a wonderful joy to tell you of this woman who repented and dedicated her life to the Lord. She has had a long life of suffering and pain. She is one of the few survivors of the Nazi concentration camps. After her liberation, she lived in Germany for many years, but recently returned to Ukraine. After she shared with us about the horrible things that she endured in the camp, she asked us to pray for her. While we were praying, she was deeply touched by the Holy Spirit. God saved her at that moment. We pray that her faith will continue to grow. Please pray with us for this dear sister.

Let us pray and give thanks to the Lord for the good things that have happened here. Also, please pray for my family. Thank you for your prayers and your financial support.
Brother Anatol is a HeartCry missionary serving in Moldova. He is the national coordinator for Moldova, pastors a church in Cahul, and teaches at the Theological College of Cahul. He is currently involved in church plants in Badicu Moldovenesc, Cothana, and Larga.

I greet you together with our mission team members Nicolae Dunas, Sasa Chetroi, and Lucian Tabac. In the last month we organized an evangelistic meeting in which three people professed Christ as Lord and five others made the commitment to be baptized.

By God’s grace, we have been rejoicing over the growth of our cell groups. Since there are many Russian-speaking people in Moldova, we have organized a cell group for them. This is our fourth cell and it is doing well. Since we have organized the church in cell groups, we have three times more people attending and listening to the Word of the Lord than when we met in the church building. We are teaching every person in the cell groups how to share their personal testimony of salvation. Right now we have over fifty people who can share the Gospel with someone else. I have been especially discipling one young man named Afanasi. He repented on Christmas day and is growing very fast. I meet with him every Monday and he never misses a church service or cell group meeting.

This month, we organized a concert at the Cultural House and over fifty people came to hear the music. After the concert, I preached the Gospel and then the choir divided up into four teams and went throughout the city to testify of the grace of God. We pray that the seeds we planted will bring forth good fruit. We know that it was a good evangelical testimony to the entire city.

In the middle of the month, we held a conference at our church called “Me and the Great Commission.” We invited other churches to attend the conference and God truly blessed us. This month, we also celebrated two graduations. There was a graduation for the students I teach at the College of Cahul and there was a graduation for the students in our discipleship program at church.

At the end of the month, we held a baptism. Two new Christians, Iura and Vera, gave a public testimony of their faith in Jesus Christ. Please pray for sister Liuda and her daughter Alvina who wanted to be baptized. We could not baptize them in good conscience because they still have some strange doctrines that they have learned from the Adventists. Please pray that God will grant them wisdom and enlighten their mind. The following are testimonies from Iura and Vera:

**Iura Salciuc**

I was born in an Orthodox family, but we demonstrated nothing of the Christian life. Before I met Jesus, I had the outward appearance of a quiet and good man, but I knew that there was something wrong and that I was unfulfilled. Four years ago I came to the city of Cahul to study computers at the University. I remember praying before the entrance exams, “Lord, if you will help me I will seek You!” God helped me during the exams and I entered the university, but I forgot my promise. After a while, I met some young people from Emanuel Baptist Church. I began to attend the meetings in the school building where the church met. There were about forty people in attendance. During one meeting, I heard a message about David’s sin and about how I could be forgiven in spite of my own personal sins. Finally, one day I repented of my sins and decided to be baptized. It was a hard step for me to take, not because I was not ready, but because my mother was strongly against my decision. I returned to my home city of Cantemir when I finished the University. I returned with two things from Cahul: a profession and a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

**Vera Hirjeu**

My name is Vera and I was born in a family that knew about God, but did not respect Him. I heard about God when I was twelve years old and in the hospital. There I met a girl that prayed every night. Her devotion made me think that I should do the same. I did not know how to pray, but she taught me.

After I left the hospital, I forgot about God and about praying to Him until one day when a stranger invited my sister and me to a Bible study. I accepted that invitation and began to attend. I loved the atmosphere and I began to discover the true life and peace found in Jesus Christ. At the end of each meeting, pastor Anatol Dunas invited us to give our lives to Jesus. I hesitated even though I knew I needed to give my life to Christ. I knew that in my heart there was a lack of fulfillment in my life. I was not content to have what my parents had - a job and material things. I knew that I would have to surrender my life to Jesus and repent of my sins. One day while I was alone with Jesus I began to pray and ask Him to forgive me and change my life. Since that moment, my life was changed. I began to
forgive others and to be at peace with my parents and with myself. My values changed and I felt forgiven and happy. I was baptized on May 30th of this year in the Emanuel Baptist Church in Cahul.

Now I have a purpose in my life – to know Jesus and to serve Him. I work in a small shop and pray for a better job. I practice Taekwondo and study the Bible. I will soon reach the level of an instructor for other girls. I will do my best to serve Jesus and share the Gospel with all my Taekwondo students. I hope that other girls will have my same experience with Jesus.

Afanasi

My name is Afanasi. I am 47 years old and I have known the Lord for several years. Brother Anatol invited me to church, but things were going very well for me and I avoided accepting his invitation. Everything changed when I was faced with a terrible trial. Two months ago, I was paralyzed from the waist down. After several days, my left leg began to regain its normal function, but my right leg remained paralyzed. I felt desperate, lost and forsaken.

It was in this desperate situation that I remembered that God had full understanding of my situation. I began to pray in the best way that I knew how and on the 2nd of January pastor Anatol came to visit me. I confessed to him that I had forsaken God when everything was well with me and now I was seeking Him because of my difficult circumstances. I confessed that I had sinned and made a great mistake.

Now God has changed my heart and I want to study His Word. I have written some Christian songs that I sing when I am alone. I even sing them when pastor Anatol comes to teach me the Bible. One day Anatol said to me that he believed Jesus could heal me. He said if Jesus made miracles when He was on the earth, then He could still do them now. He said that if God wanted to straighten my leg, He could do it! All we had to do was pray. He put his hands on me and began to pray. In that very moment, I felt a strange peace in my soul. After several days, my leg came back to life. Now I can walk without a stick to support me. God has been good to me and I want to know Him and grow in His grace.

Nicu works beside his brother Anatol as a HeartCry Missionary to Moldova. He is also a Taekwondo instructor and uses this sport to share the Gospel with many students outside of the church.

As you know, I use sports to reach the young people of Cahul, Moldova. It is a city of more than 45,000 people. I have a weekly meeting with thirty-five sports leaders throughout the city and share the Scriptures with them. I also coach the Taekwon Do team. The trainers on my team are all young Christians: Vilcu Stefan, Costileanu Gheorghe, Patrichi Vasile and Cirjau Vera. This year seventy-seven people heard the Word of God through our ministry and fifty-five of them have continued in our Bible studies. We believe that in the following year more and more young people will come and hear the Gospel.

Last month, we had a Taekwondo demonstration in the village of Pascani where one of our brothers is a coach. God gave me the opportunity to share the Gospel with many students and answer their questions concerning the purpose of the death of Christ.

At the end of the month, our team went to a national competition and we had a great opportunity to be a witness for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I participated in the competition and gained the opportunity to fight for 2nd place in Moldova. Even though it was my right to compete, the referee refused my right and I had to settle for 3rd place. The people knew that it was not fair, but it provided me the opportunity to demonstrate the life of Christ to others. People were amazed that I did not get angry and they saw that Christians have other values than the world. I knew that God was in control.

I have two other coaches that I am discipling: Vasile Patriche and Stefan Dircu. They have their own groups of students and are an influence for Christ in their lives. Vasile has fourteen students and Stefan has nineteen students. I am excited because I feel that the Word of God is touching the students. It will not be long until some of them come to the Lord. There is a girl student, Vera Cirjau (her testimony is above), who wants to be an instructor and desires to have her own group. God is really working in her life.

Please pray for my wife and me to stay close to God. Pray for our disciples that they might work efficiently in the Lord’s harvest. Pray for our students that they might seek Jesus and study the Word of God.
Capatina is the pastor of the Baptist Church in the city of Brinza, in southern Moldova. He is also involved in church planting in nearby villages.

The church in Brinza is doing well. We have focused on evangelism and now we have 187 members. Last month, we had six evangelistic events and three people professed faith in Christ. For me, it is wonderful to see how God wins souls for Himself. By His grace, we held a special evangelistic meeting on a Sunday morning and thirty-five visitors came to worship with us. Two of them professed Christ publicly. In the afternoon, we had a special children’s program. The children invited their parents to come and we were able to share the Gospel with all of them.

In the middle of the month, we had a special meeting for young people and spoke about dating, engagement, and marriage. There were over 30 new young people who attended. Praise God! We also organized a soccer game with the young people from our village. We invited the people to come to the stadium and afterwards, a pastor from Romania preached the Gospel to them all. These events have really helped the attendance in our weekly youth meetings. Ten to fifteen young people who are not Christians attend every meeting.

Every Wednesday night, we gather at a family’s house for prayer and fellowship with the church. There are always non-Christians who attend and I am privileged to preach to them from the Word of God. It is so wonderful and encouraging to see these people interested in knowing Jesus. They ask me many questions about eternal life and are sincere in their desire to know God.

In our church, there are three groups of fellowship. Our main goal is to win the villagers to Christ. One day I invited my neighbors to come to the church, but they told me that the church was too far away. Because of this, I invited them to my house and they agreed to come. I really enjoy talking with the people from my village and God offers me many occasions. In the last few weeks, I have talked with six people and studied the Word of God with them. I testified to them about what the Bible says about salvation.

God has really blessed us this month with two special events. First, the visiting worship team that came from Brother Anatol Dunas’ church in Cahul blessed us. Secondly, we were blessed by a special baptism of new converts who had finished their baptism class. One of those baptized is the wife of one of the brothers in our church. We praise God that his marriage is now complete.

This month, we also started a special program with our young people. We are helping the old people of our church who cannot get out of bed. I want to see this work progress in such a way that we may be able to help all of the old people in our village and witness the salvation of their families.

The mission in Pelinei is doing well. I have been preaching through the book of John and calling the church to a new and higher commitment to Jesus Christ. The members have responded in a way that encourages me. I visited a family from the village and shared the Gospel with them. The wife is very sick, but she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior. She is now very happy that she has the Lord.

I have just finished reading Charles Spurgeon’s book Lectures to My Students. This book helped me to realize that God can use His man only when he is committed to Him. I desire with all my heart for this to happen in my life. With this in mind, I have started to study with my wife about the power of prayer. After we finish, I want to teach this Bible study in the church. The following is the testimony of another young lady who recently came to the Lord through the witness of our church.

Testimony from Lilia

My name is Lilia. Before I met the Lord I lived my life like most young adults in Moldova without any hope or purpose. I went to the disco with my friends and did things that my parents were against. I was looking for the meaning of life in this world, but found nothing except “fun.” Each time I reached a certain level of happiness, I realized that I wanted something more. I saw that life on earth was all vanity and that nothing had purpose. My mind was filled with questions, but I had no answers. I thought that I was a good person and not a sinner, because I did not get drunk like the other girls.

One day, a dear friend of mine invited me to attend a youth group. That day, pastor Dumitru was there and he spoke about God’s love and about His Son. I liked everything I saw that night and I thought a great deal about what I heard. The next Sunday I went again to the disco, but I realized that I did not like it anymore. Something had changed inside me. I began to attend the Bible studies and desired to repent of my sins. God worked in my heart and on Christmas day I decided to repent and receive the Lord in my life. That day, I found real happiness and the true purpose of life. I began to read the Word with love and attend the church. I felt hunger for the Word and love for the brothers. I had many problems with my parents because of my new faith and sometimes they forbid me to go to the church. Pastor Dumitru’s sermons gave me great encouragement. He is a real blessing for me. Please pray that I will continue to have the power to walk with Christ.
Igor and his lovely wife Mariana are planting a church in Anenii Noi, Moldova. They are also involved in planting two other churches in villages surrounding Anenii Noi.

In this last month, God has helped us to share the Gospel with many people and to witness the conversion of one man. We handed out three Bibles and 150 tracts. I rejoice that the church has a renewed commitment to evangelizing non-Christians. Though only a few members participated at first, now more and more members are participating in one-on-one evangelism. I try to encourage them to visit non-Christian families and I seek to lead them by example.

I am continuing to study the Scriptures with Slavic, a boy from the village of Roscani. We have completed the Gospels and are now in the book of Acts. While studying this book, I realized that the New Testament emphasizes our need for biblical fellowship with other Christians. I am trying to encourage the missions we have planted in the villages of Roscani and Speia to conform to this biblical model.

We have good news to tell you! We almost have our new property for the church. In just a few days, the building we bought will be ours. Also, this month we celebrated our eighth anniversary at the Philadelphia Baptist Church. We prayed much for that day and God blessed us over and beyond our expectations. Because of our many visitors, the hall was at maximum capacity. Some of the people who came had to stay in the stairwell and other rooms. There were many unbelievers who had the opportunity to see our worship and hear the Gospel. There were no public professions that night, but many people asked us for Bibles and others wanted us to start a Bible study in their home!

Vadim and his wife Ina are planting a church in Bacioi. He is also teaching a history class at the local school and is seeking to reach the teachers and the children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

During the month of February, I did fewer evangelistic meetings and spent more time doing personal evangelism. I tried to visit as many people in their homes as possible. As a result of our visiting, one woman received Christ and was baptized. It was a day of great joy. The baptism took place in the Holy Trinity Baptist Church in Chisinau. There were fifteen other people baptized in the same meeting!

The area where we live has the highest rate of cancer of any place in the country. Many people think that it is because of the government. There are many demonstrations and protests against the government, but there are never any positive results. Our church decided to do something positive. Our church visits the people who are suffering from cancer and tries to assist them in any way possible. Two of the sisters in our church work in this ministry full-time. We give the people food, pure water, clothes, and more importantly, the message of the Gospel. They are discouraged and sad that soon they will die. We give them a Bible and a special tract about a lady who was sick with cancer and yet found joy in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We have worked closely with the medical center in our village and this has given us the opportunity to share the Gospel with them. Please pray that God will continue to bless our ministry with the sick people and that He will give us wisdom to share the Gospel with those who are dying.
“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.” —John 4:35

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Schedule 2005

SUNDAY APRIL 17TH - 20TH, 2005
Cornerstone/Grace Covenant Joint Meetings - Hannibal, MO.
Paul will be speaking in these joint meetings of Cornerstone Baptist Church and Grace Covenant Baptist. The meetings will be held in the Gymnasium at Cornerstone Baptist Church. The meeting times are Sunday at 10:30 AM and 5:30 PM. The weekday meetings will be Monday-Wednesday at 6:30 PM. For more information contact Bro. Jason Hargraves at (573) 221-2667.

SUNDAY APRIL 24TH, 2005
Little Bethel Baptist - Wingo, KY.
Paul will be sharing with the Church about the work of HeartCry in the evening service. For more information contact Jerrol Summerville via email at jerry.summerville@wk.net

SATURDAY JUNE 4TH - 5TH, 2005
Cornerstone Baptist Church - Dubuque, IA.
Paul will be speaking at Cornerstone Baptist Church on June 4th and 5th. For more information about the meetings contact Bro. Jim Hedrick at jimhedrick@logondubuque.net

SUNDAY JUNE 12TH, 2005
Bethesda Baptist Church - Grand Blanc, MI.
More details to follow.

SUNDAY JUNE 19TH, 2005
Waldo Baptist Church - Metropolis, IL.
Paul will be speaking in the morning and evening services. For more information contact the church at 618-564-2180.

FRIDAY JULY 7TH - 10TH, 2005
Premiera Iglesia Bautista - Gilmer, TX.
Paul will be speaking in these Spanish meetings. For more information contact Imer Quintanilla at one of the following numbers 903-843-3904, 903-399-0625, 903-452-6408.

SUNDAY JULY 31ST -
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 3RD
Trinity Baptist Church - Baton Rouge, LA.
Paul will be speaking in these meetings Sunday morning thru Wednesday evening. For more information contact Bro. Dale Crawford at (225) 928-3165.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH - 23RD, 2005
Central Baptist Church - Decatur, AL.
Paul will be speaking Sunday morning – Thursday evening in these meetings. For more information contact the Church at 256-353-5912.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2005
Friday Night Men’s Conference - Hardin, KY.
Paul will be speaking at this men’s meeting at Hardin Baptist Church. For more information contact Bro. Trad York at (270) 437-4868.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2ND - 5TH, 2005
Hardmoney Baptist Church - Boaz, KY.
Bro Paul will be speaking in these meetings beginning Sunday morning and proceeding through Wednesday evening. For more information contact Bro. Pharis at the Church at 270-554-5148.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21ST - 23RD, 2005
Woodland Baptist Church - Jackson, TN.
Paul will be speaking in these youth meetings Friday evening through Sunday morning. The topic will be the Attributes of God. For more information contact JB Lane at 731-668-5780 or via email at jblane@woodlandbaptist.com.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11TH, 2005
Hardin Baptist Church College Conference - Hardin, KY.
Paul will be speaking at this retreat Friday evening. For more information contact Bro. Trad York at (270) 437-4868.

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