

newsletter from Beni and Dana, Romania

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A few weeks ago in Romania, we had elections for the presidency. In the last round, there were two candidates. One was considered pro-European, the other pro-Russian. And from there a real storm started. Anyone who dared to express their opinion about one of the candidates ended up being mocked by the other side. This led to a lot of conflict not only in society, but even in churches and even within families. There was a lot of lies, fake news, hatred and even violence.

In the midst of these disputes, I was reminded of the words that the Apostle Paul spoke to the Corinthians:

"We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed."

But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."

And the question we faced was this: how can we witness Christ in the midst of the chaos produced by different opinions, by fake news and be of impeccable behavior so that we give no one any occasion for stumbling but in all respects show that we are worthy servants of God through much patience. Is it not hard? Especially when, in any context, people ask you: what do you think of X or Y?

But the one thing I was left with after the election story was this: if we as Christians put our resources at God's service as we put our resources at the service of politics, what a great impact we would have! If believers would invest at least 20% of their time in ministry, not on the altar of politics, how many people would hear the good news! But unfortunately, we too easily get caught up in battles that are not our own.

A second worrying thing that I noticed in the context of the elections was the ease with which people are easily fooled. A virtually unknown candidate in just two weeks, through TikTok, managed to enter the second round of the elections. The TV channels ignored him, the polls gave him no chance, but those who followed him on TikTok voted for him. It was a powerful lesson to a whole country about the power of the internet. Whereas many years ago a new worldview or philosophy idea had a long time to penetrate societal thinking, today, every opinion is just a click away from our eyes and our children's eyes. Christianity was once very strong because the church played an enormous role in education, in society, in culture. Today, the opinion of the church is one of the thousands of opinions to which the world has

access, especially through the internet.

How important it is to be there, not just with an opinion, an article or a videoclip, but as a living, undeniable alternative. It is our testimony that can speak, as Paul said, of whom we serve and who our master is.

We want to thank you that, thanks to you, your prayers and the support you give us, the Gospel is present on the internet for Romanians. Thousands of people have the opportunity daily to interact with us, not just to read articles, but to ask questions, receive answers and be discipled. The websites we have in Romania are among the few that offer a Christian perspective. Churches post sermons and worship programs, which are valuable, but people are looking for answers, and it is vital that we are there and provide them within 24 hours (if our answer doesn't come the same day, the chances are small that a person will remember what they read on our website and who we are).

We have been leading the digital strategies department in the Romanian ministry for many years and if we didn't have your support, things would have stopped a long time ago. Every app, every website, every email or conversation initiated has your prayers and support behind it. Thank you!

A few things about us:



Zara, our eldest daughter, is a student living in Bucharest, the capital

of Romania. She is now finishing her first year at university and is extremely conscientious and hardworking. She is doing very well at school, but we are happy that she makes time to serve with our colleagues in Bucharest in mission ministry. She is ministering to refugee children from Iraq, Iran and Syria who are part of the International Connect project, a project through which we take the Gospel to foreigners, students from Arab countries and refugees or workers from Asia who are now living in Romania. Every week hundreds of foreigners participate in our projects. We are praying for Zara and her protection in a very crowded and not very safe city.

Reia is the artist in the family, she is attending art school and, of course, she is also serving the Lord through her gift. In the pictures are drawings she made for evangelistic projects with children, face paintings and a booklet she designed that presents the Gospel to children. The booklet is distributed by Cru through evangelization projects. We pray for Reia especially for her health. She is suffering from an autoimmune disease which is giving her a lot of headaches.

Marc is the family athlete, he trains daily at table tennis and has already won many cups. We recently went with him to a strong competition where he battled with adults and took 1st place. We pray that the Lord will raise him healthy and close to Him.

Dana has faced many health problems, but she is better now. She also serves on the leadership team for the women in our ministry and has several women that she disciple. We pray that the Lord will give her health and keep her strong to be a role model for the women she works with.

I, Beni, am tired and exhausted, I drive a lot for local team meetings and Cru Romania leadership board meetings, I coordinate several teams in various departments, as well as internet evangelism ministry and ministry with business people in the city where we live. Please support me in prayer for protection, energy and passion. I have much need, for I am imparted like Martha, with much ministry, but I need to have a heart like Mary's, in which to rest at the feet of Jesus.

Thank you for your love!





A picture from my birthday, I turned 47.

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