Greetings brothers, sisters, and friends! As I write these words the sun is shining beautifully and after all the rain that we have had it is a welcome thing. I love the sun and it is a great feeling today to see it bursting through my window. My Lady and I are doing well and we pray for the same for all of you. We have loved you for a long, long time and thank God for all of you.

It is with great mixed emotions that we inform you of the deaths of two very special Christians the past few weeks. Sister Billie Williams, wife of gospel preacher Don Williams, passed away on April 16 after a long illness. She was a wonderful Lady and a delight to all who knew her.

We also lost Brother William (Bill) Roderick on May 7, the preacher for the Gravel Hill Church of Christ for the past 49 years. He was a great servant of God and died instantly and unexpectedly to the hurt of many, many people throughout the country. Please pray for their good families.

During May we have worked with churches in Center Ridge, Arkansas, Morley, Missouri, and Marietta, Oklahoma. These congregations are wonderful to us with their support, prayers and encouragement and it was a joy to be with them.

You will read in this issue about the great work which is going on in Romania and especially in the recent Lads-to-Leaders work directed by Brother David Gibson. This has been a great work with about 115 people in attendance. The good that will come from this work cannot be measured and will continue to produce fruit long after we are gone.

I am so thankful for the great work that Brother David Gibson and others do in Northern Romania. In fact, I am grateful for all of those who work in any part of Romania in teaching the lost and encouraging the Christians to grow in their faith and be faithful in serving the Lord.

Page 3 includes a report from Dragos and Sorina Vintila who work with the church in Cluj-Napoca. May God bless all of those who have a part in taking hope to Romania through the gospel of Christ.

- Ted

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Roy Johnson addressing the group with Albert Cook of Bucharest translating

Groups meeting in breakout sessions

Group of young people performing a puppet skit

Ready for registration

The group being led in dismissal prayer on the final day of Lads to Leaders 2019
The children are the future of the church, so we want to make sure we train, teach and grow them in the love and knowledge of the Word of God and to teach them to trust God and obey Him all their life.

So, we teach them in Sunday Bible class, we teach them on Saturday's meetings, but Lads-to-Leaders offers a better perspective. We encourage children to develop their skills and use them to grow closer to God and to teach others to follow God as well. They also get a better understanding of how serious they should be in following God. For the last six years we have trained our children using the Lads-to-Leaders program. One thing that makes me happy is that from year to year I saw how each one of them got better at leading singing, memorizing Scripture, scrapbooking, reading the Bible and puppets. I am so pleased to see how every year they want to do more and they want to get involved in many other activities.

Although they are happy when they get a medal, we have explained them that this is not our goal. Our goal and purpose is to see them grow closer to God, to see them being willing and eager to serve the Lord and to be involved in the Church activities. Our goal is for them to do all things for the glory of God, because they love HIM. They are not quite there yet, but if we continue to encourage them and train them I know they will. We are really proud of our children. This year all of them participated in song leading and they did a great job. Also, Bianca had a speech for the first time and although she didn’t get a medal, it was a big step for her. Bianca wrote one of the puppet skits and this is also a step ahead. This year we have participated with two puppet skits and we won the first and the third place. This year we have had seven children to participate in “Art Say’s It” and this was a big growth since last year when we had only one. All of them got a “Centurion of Scripture” ribbon, a “Know-the-Books” ribbon and five of them a “Read-the-Word” ribbon. Since the beginning of the program Cluj has won the first place for Scrapbook, as well as this year.

Bible Bowl competition is very important and this year we won the first place in team at the first division (grades 1 to 4). Luca got the first place for boys, individual and Ariana the third place for girls, individual.

The children can’t wait for the next year’s Convention and I’m so excited because more want to participate at speech. We pray their heart will be touch by God and that they will be good servants in His Church in the future.

This year we have had the privilege to have Brother Roy Johnson, the executive director of Lads-to-Leaders from USA. We found in him a humble man that loves the Lord. He was a great encouragement for us, for the children and for the whole church in Cluj. Brother Roy Johnson spent a few more days with us and we got to hear him speaking from the Word of God on Sunday. We have enjoyed some time of fellowship after the worship service, since we had a fellowship meal/potluck. Angela’s husband (who is not a Christian) joined us, too.

This past Sunday I have had a meeting with my English students to conclude our class together and I thought it was a good opportunity to talk to them about the Church. So, I have invited them to come to our worship services and I handed out brochures about the church worship and beliefs. It was a good meeting. Some of them will be studying with WEI teachers in the coming weeks.

The church continues to meet every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Although we are just a few, we know God is with us. Today (5/19) we have had a visitor from USA. Brother Drew Bannon from Azle Church of Christ. He came here with his job with the US Army and he was supposed to stay here for three months. Unfortunately, he got a phone call announcing that his mother-in-law is dying, so he will be released of his duty and head home tomorrow. It was nice having him with us for a few hours and we pray we have been a great encouragement for him.

We are now getting ready for the WEI program in June. We’ll have four teachers from the USA helping us and we pray some of the students will be interested in the Church. We love you and pray for you!

God bless you all,

Sorina and Dragos
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JUNE SCHEDULE

JUNE 2 — Pine Bluff, Arkansas
JUNE 9 — Ben's Branch, Arkansas
JUNE 16-19 — Austin, Arkansas
JUNE 30 — Michigan City, Indiana