

Greetings from Eastern Europe!

We are so thankful for you and all that God is doing through all of us as we co-labor together with Him.

We just returned from blessing the children at the Cornesti Tuberculosis Recovery Center. Eighty-seven children are currently living there and for all but six we had shoes that fit perfectly. We will return soon with shoes for the others. They were so excited as we fitted them with quality leather boots and gave them each a treat of bananas, tangerines, and candies. The greatest gift was our arms of love as we snuggled each one and prayed over them individually. Joining us were several of our national missionaries, Brother Ian, Stefan, Viorel, and the two sisters who had been regularly ministering to the children.

The signs of the times are evident even in this orphanage, where God has used us to provide life's necessities and to lead many children to the Lord. The Moldovan government, under pressure from the national religion, has required that all evangelical teaching be stopped at institutions who wish to renew their operating licenses. Our national missionaries are no longer able to go there regularly to teach Bible stories and songs to the children. While we could feel the slight discomfort of the director, we did make a Christmas presentation. There are always many new children. Some leave, and new ones come to take their place. We asked those who wanted to receive the Lord to raise their hands and around the room hands shot up, eagerly accepting the Best Gift.

As we prepared to leave, 11-year-old Silas, a newcomer, approached Ghiorgi. He wanted to thank him for the gifts. Ghiorgi wrapped his arms around this young boy, so conscious of his longing for the loving touch of a father. May God continue to show us the doors He is opening to minister the Gospel even while Satan works to close some.

Together again with two of our sponsored missionaries, Ilie Popa and Ian Paie, Ghiorgi celebrated the 3-year anniversary of the birth of Prayer & Fasting Conferences in Felix, Romania. Over five hundred saints from all backgrounds and denominations gathered there to praise and glorify the Lord and to pray for Romania and all the nations of the world. We specifically prayed for the nation of Israel. Fervently we asked the Lord to prepare us and the bride of the Lord Jesus Christ for His coming. Six conferences are held each year around Romania plus the Global Day of Prayer. We are excited to report that half of the people coming are young (16-25), our hope for the future.

Liuvi, a businessman from Austria, traveled to attend this conference. Before he came to the Lord, he had paid priests and witches hoping for change in his life but there was none. He received salvation six months ago but was burdened with many issues from his past. Liuvi came expecting the Lord to do miraculous things and to return different than he came. At this conference he received deliverance and healing and was filled with indescribable joy. Always we see lives being changed and we praise the Lord.

Please pray without ceasing for the Home of Hope family in Tiberica-Meleseni. Persecution continues. In the middle of the night at 1:00 or 2:00 a.m., people come to kick at their gates. Blood is smeared on their gates. A local priest went house to house warning villagers that if they attended this evangelical church, no one would bury them and they would have no access to the cemetery.

Pray for the people in these villages that they would repent and receive the Lord. Pray for great courage for Lilia and Anatol and the children. Anatol will soon be ordained by the United Pentecostal

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The orphans were blessed with quality leather shoes



Joy lit up their faces as they show off their new shoes.



National missionaries share the precious Word of God with the orphans.

Church to pastor both the church that meets at the Home of Hope and a village church about 7 miles away. He is excited about what the Lord is doing in and through him.

Our goal for 2009 is to plant four new churches and help to provide them a meeting house. The Moldovan village of Casunca has a population of about 2500. Last fall a team of our national missionaries went into the town to share the gospel. But before they held their evangelical meeting, they visited the mayor's house and asked her which people in the village might have special needs. She mentioned a man in his 80's who had no family to help him. The team went to the home and found the man surviving on cold food. He had no stove. He hadn't bathed in six months and was wearing the same set of clothing. They set to work. They burned his old clothes, bathed him, and gave him new clothing. They built him a stove and cleaned his home thoroughly. Then they started chopping down overgrown brush and cleaning up the streets of the village. Matthew 5:16 says "...Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and praise your father in heaven."

After they lifted the burdens of many, The Lord's Brothers led the evangelistic meeting. Forty people received the Lord that night and the church in Casunca was birthed. As in the Book of Acts, they lead their families to the Lord and have meetings house to house. Ghiorghii visited a week-night house church meeting where around 30 people gathered. Only the homeowner knew the Lord. But that night her daughter and son-in-law and 5 others received salvation. Many people would like to come but space is limited in the houses. They stand outside trying to squeeze in.

Ghiorghii has challenged the church at Casunca to raise money to establish a church building and committed GMI to provide matching funds. There is a suitable property in the middle of the village which can be purchased for around five thousand dollars. With remodeling the church building could be completed for twenty thousand dollars or less and would hold 150 people. The mayor is supportive, resisting the strong pressure she is getting from the government due to their relationship with the national religion. Please pray for the new churches.

We are so thankful for you. We know that times are difficult in the U.S. right now but you have been faithful to support the Lord's work and He will not forget you in your time of need. We eagerly anticipate seeing you in person at this year's GMI Partner Banquets. Save a date to attend one of these so that we can celebrate the goodness of God and all He has done through your efforts this year:

Friday, April 17 th , 2009	Dallas, Texas	Renaissance Dallas Hotel
Friday, April 24 th , 2009	St. Louis, Missouri	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Bridgeton

Thank you for your continued partnership as we pray for you daily looking ahead to the soon coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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Lives are changed at the Prayer and Fasting Conference held recently in Felix, Romania



Possible building for the new church birthed in Casunca.



Around 30 people gather at a home in Casunca for a week-night meeting.