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Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ from Eastern Europe!



*Many children enjoy the free summer camps each year because of your faithful giving.*

We thank God once again for the beauty of Spring and the signs of renewed life all around us. For most of us, our labors will increase as we till the earth and plant seeds in preparation for a harvest. By contrast, the children anxiously await their summer break from studies and hope for a measure of joy. Some have never experienced the carefree days of youth because they must labor as an adult to help the family survive. Free summer camps for children and youth where they hear the Gospel have rekindled hope that their future has promise. Last year 650 children and youth enjoyed a few days of laughter as they played athletic games in a joyous atmosphere. An abundance of nutritious food was lovingly prepared each day by an army of volunteers. Hot cereal, fresh soups, salads, fresh milk and cheese, homemade bread with butter and jam, and pastries filled with cheese or fruit graced each wooden table. Most of these children have never had enough to eat at a single meal, yet alone three times each day.



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Memories of favorite meals will be forgotten, but the lingering aroma of the Word of God will not fade. Small group teaching, worship songs, dramatic presentations, and campfire discussions will nourish their spirits each day. They will return home with their crafts, their new Bibles, and Good News to share with their families. Twenty-five churches led by national missionaries will collaborate to provide summer camps for 1,000 children and youth, but only if the resources come in to rent the camp facilities, provide transportation, purchase the food, and provide Bibles and other resource materials. The churches are very careful with money. Last year they reduced the length of camp to 4 days so they could accommodate more children with the resources they had. For only \$30 you can give a needy child a few days of joy and hope that will last for a lifetime. As you make your own vacation plans, pray about sponsoring one of these precious ones for summer camp.



*L to R – National Missionary Ion Leca, Viorica, who was delivered from alcoholism and Ghiorgi Cazacu*

Changing Lives, Restoring Families, and Transforming Nations by Making Disciples of The Lord Jesus Christ has been our unchanging vision since the foundation of this ministry. As you partner with us, you share in heavenly rewards for each life transformed.

A year ago 48-year-old Viorica, married, and the mother of two daughters, was losing her battle with alcohol. She sent the children out each day selling rabbits or chickens, then used that money for alcohol while they went without food or adequate clothing. She borrowed money she couldn't repay to support her addiction. She became delirious, hearing voices and seeing things that weren't there. One night she appeared at the gate of national missionary Ion Leca. Without shoes, hair unkempt, with a wild look in her eyes, she cried out for him. She begged for money for wine. Instead, he let her in for the night, but secured her in a room

so she couldn't harm herself or his family. At the urging of the national missionary and some Christian women, she attended church a few times but still resisted the truth.

During a visit with Brother Ion, Ghiorghiu was asked to minister to Viorica. She was sober that day, and the two men were able to speak to her about the salvation of Jesus Christ and the freedom He offered her. She received Jesus and He delivered her from her life of addiction and misery. Now a year later, she sings praise songs as she works in the fields and witnesses with great boldness to her fellow laborers.



*National Missionary Bro. Nicu Bodea (c) with Mary Hernandez (l) and Joe Hernandez (r) who recently visited Romania.*

She is debt-free and God provides her daily bread. Her relationship with her husband and daughters has been healed. She attends church regularly and continues to grow spiritually. We praise God for a life redeemed, and thank you for supporting the national missionaries who work daily to bring in the harvest of souls.

Last October we shared with you an urgent plea for prayer for Brother Nicu Bodea, a faithful national missionary in desperate need of heart surgery. As a young believer under Communism, he stood up for Jesus and smuggled Bibles into Romania. The police were hunting for him to sentence him to 25 years in prison for that offense. Then and now, God provides the avenue of escape. Brother Nicu has been a GMI-sponsored national missionary for six years. When his heart failed last fall, he was told that he would have to pay the \$3,000 fee in advance in order to schedule the surgery. His time was running out. However, faithful partners stepped in and he was able to have the surgery. After a time of rest and recovery, Brother Nicu has resumed

pastoring two churches he planted in Romania and is busy serving the Lord. He wishes he could meet you all in person to kiss you on the cheek and express his thanksgiving. We praise God for this precious brother and for you. God stirs the hearts of people to respond to certain needs, either in prayer or in a special gift. Our God still heals today and He gets the glory in all things.



*Brother Ghiorghiu Cazacu spoke at last month's Prayer and Fasting conference in Romania. Six hundred people from all denominations came together to pray.*

We shared our need for a new van at the Annual Partner Banquet, via email, and in last month's newsletter. God knows what we need and is so gracious to meet our needs. We located a van with only 10,000 miles on it and still under warranty for a price that is much less than we had estimated. Dear partners responded quickly and generously. We are now within \$3,500 of having enough to pay cash for this van and provide reliable transportation for meeting the many needs of the people we serve here. We must act quickly. Please pray about this need and respond with even a modest extra gift this month.

Prayer is God's design for us to communicate with Him. Last month, Ghiorghiu was a speaker at a Prayer and Fasting Conference in Romania. Six hundred people from all denominations came together to worship the Lord for 3 days and cry out to Him for revival in Romania. They stood in line outside trying to get in to participate. Chairs were removed to make additional space, and for five hours the saints of God stood shoulder to shoulder in prayer. The

sweet spirit of unity was felt. As a result, there were many genuine testimonies of healing and deliverance. All over the world, the church is coming together with a sense of urgency, preparing the bride for the return of Jesus Christ. Are you ready?

We thank you for your love for us and our family, and for continuing to stand with us for the lost in Eastern Europe to come into the Kingdom of God.

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