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For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his
shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful

He, Christ, is the reason for our ministry. The redeeming glory of Jesus in the hearts of the Oltenian people is why we celebrate. This is what motivates our hearts and souls in this season.

Ending 2017 brought many accomplishments on the field. Through the missionary lead events we were able to glorify God. As some of you know I already started the church gatherings in Craiova, Friday nights and Sunday mornings. We choose a strategic location near the mall located in the center of Craiova. People that started to join us in these gatherings. A former engineer said at one point, he wants to be present for each meeting that we hold in Craiova. In another situation I saw how the Holy Spirit moved in a young man's life when he received an invitation of faith. Although he is a declared atheist he woke up Sunday morning at 5 o'clock because he felt an inner impulse this led him to come to our meeting that morning at 10 am.



Together with the organization "Adventures in Mission" and "First Baptist Jonesboro" in November and December, we were able to be involved in various missionary projects evangelizing and church planting in the Olt and Dolj counties. We blessed and served poor people and visited young adults in prison. We know God was exalted because there was hope spoken into the hearts of men. The gospel was preached to hundreds of people during this time of year.

I have seen people who have decided to follow Christ as well as Christians were built up in truth. Another way we were able to bless the community was through offering hundreds of gifts from Samaritan's Purse to the children proclaiming the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.



Prayer request:

Wisdom in launching the program "Equip to be Equipped" it is a program for those who want to be missionaries.

Prayer for people from Craiova to come to know Christ

Resources for missionaries and for the base that is already in Craiova

Spiritual and physical protection for my family
Many times pictures show more than words! So more than my words can express, here are some pictures from the last weeks of ministry.

We wish you blessed holidays!

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Costea Alexe & Veronica, missionaries in Comani

Glorified be the Lord for His great power that accompanied us this month in our missionary work. The Lord is the Only One who deserves the honor and the glory for everything we did here. We believe that it is essential to constantly study the Word of God in a small study group. Every Friday evening, we gather to let God teach us how to apply the Gospel's truth that is preached each Sunday morning.

At the beginning of this month, I attended a conference organized by the Baptist Community in Oltenia, together with my wife. Brother Viorel Iuga was invited to preach from God's Word. We enjoyed the quality time we spend, the spiritual food we received as well as the fellowship with missionaries from different villages in Oltenia. We spent a great time with Brother Cornel Stef who visited us accompanied by two other brothers from America. I received many advices, both personal and professional for which I am very grateful to the Lord. We thank God for the people who support us and invest in us.



With God's help I also served in the Juvenile Prison from Craiova. We used different methods to share the Gospel to the children and teenagers there.

Please pray that the Lord raise up people to join us in His work. As you know, we would like to start that after school program as soon as possible but we still don't have someone directly respon-

sible for this project. Oltenia needs people who make themselves available to God!

We thank God for your support in the mission in Comani, for your prayers and involvement in the fulfillment of our projects. People are blessed in different ways, which shows the goodness of God. This way people in our community were very thankful when they received clothes from of HOPE FOR COMUNITY Association.

We are very thankful to the German that is part of ADOPT A FAMILY project. This project gives people the opportunity to help a needy family by supporting them financially (with food, scholastic materials etc.). Veselas is a family in our community which has been part of this project for approximately 4 years. We thank God for the faithfulness of this German family!



A family in a neighbor village was very blessed to receive wood for fire. We are thankful to the brother who has sponsored this action. I was pleasantly surprised to see that after I called for church's help to support this poor family, all those who attended the Sunday service went home and each of them have prepared all sorts of food. I must mention that many of the people who helped are not even members of the church. Please continue to pray for us and thank you for standing beside us in everything we did this year!

Mircea & Cornelia Dumitru

missionaries in Corabia

Out of the familiar context

In November, God took me out of my routine and my work square.

One person

On a Sunday morning I had the surprise to meet at the worship meeting a man who expressed himself willing to be baptized and he told a story that wanted to be credible. In the following week I wanted to visit him at home so, with the enthusiasm of a new beginning, I headed to a small village called Vârtopu, which is considered part of Corabia. The surprise was that in that village there was no man living with the name and description of my new friend. All this time in my heart was a question addressed to God. Why did I have to come in that place? Soon I learned. I met a group of three men to whom I have spoken the gospel. One of them, his father-in-law was a pastor, and he knew the truth very well. In the middle of the discussion he asked me a simple question that contradicted me. He asked, "Do you have to be a Christian only during at the church meetings and also during the weeks?" I answered but I wanted to know what was the reason at the questions. His answer sparked many prayers. His experience with Christians was characterized by the advice given to him by a man who believed himself to be Christian: "It is important that at the church to be clean, and live your life as much as you can." Tragic. When we said goodbye, I was invited to visit them again.

The family

A great joy, encouragement and refreshing filled my heart with the occasion of meeting with brother Viorel Iuga who is the President of the Romanian Baptist Association. Together with my wife Cornelia and some of the pastors and missionaries of the Baptist community of Oltenia we were strengthened by the atmosphere created around the family conference. There was a special relationship between those who participated. We as a family have had the opportunity to get to know the Ciudesnic family better. A young family who is recently in the ministry of Oltenia County. My responsibility towards this family is to help them integrate into the zonal team from Draganesti Olt Church. Their ministry is in Floru and Icoana. Pray that God will encourage them in the ministry that they are doing there.



Organization

Also in November we had the pleasure to be visited by brother Cornel Ștef, who is Chairman of International Pie and Chairman of PIEI Romania. The brother was not alone, but with him were three other brothers from Chicago. Many activities have taken place with this occasion. I would like to highlight the evangelistic activity unfolded in Craiova.

Together we shared the New testaments, talked with people on the street, and surrounded the Craiova University with prayer. It was a great experience because of the size of the city and the difference in people's mentality. Pray that the Lord will give victory¹



Octavian & Nicoleta Berechet **Missionaries in Maruntei**

The month of November was a blessed month. God is the one who gives us strength to accomplish His will. In this sense please pray that we will understand His will more and more. As you already know I am a member of PIEI (Partners In Evangelism International) organization and this year the president of the organization, Cornel Stef with a group of people visited us. I was the one who administrated their time here. His purpose was to encourage the missionaries and also to see how he can find other partners for the ministry in south of Romania. It was a blessed time and we pray that this partnerships will grow and will bear fruits for the kingdom of God.

The ministry with the kids in Maruntei is a good ministry. We pray that the kids will receive the Word of God in their lives and will take it in their families.



I coordinated a group of 45 persons for the youth event in Alba Iulia hosted by the Harmony church. The purpose of the conference was to expose those who were not believers to the Gospel and to encourage the christians as well. The theme was You are loved. It was a good experience and we pray that the Word of God will find good soil.



For my relationship with my wife it was very good the conference I attended to. It was a family conference. I praise God for the wife He gave me. She is a really blessing for my life and together want to serve the Lord, our Savior. Thank you for taking time to read our news and also for your prayers. May God bless you.

Florina & Mark Darvell Missionaries in Coteana

Thank you very much for reading our news and praying for us.

We wish you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.



We thank the Lord that once again have a bus that is ready to use for the ministry. Thank you to those that supported us in all this process.

In the kids ministry we tried out different attractive ways to tell the story to the children and have fellowship as well. We have used the computer to show the children stories acted out by other children about kindness, friendship, talents. Kids love leaning by seeing that there are other children in the world doing the same things that God wants us to do. We have also played different board games, prepared together simple recipes of cakes and salads, a way of learning and relationship

Mis Gena one of the friends that come regular to church and we visit regularly, needs prayer as she is in a lot of distress as one of her daughters want to divorce her husband. In Romania, Divorce is still a big tragedies and is not accepted as a solution by many people.

In the Fishing road program as the Spero Designs Workshop - we rejoiced very much to have met the target for the month of Nov and learned new things. They also hear the Gospel in different ways. We need support in prayer for their salvation and for being able to meet their income targets for the following months and help more women.



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Daniel & Mihaela Serbanescu Missionaries in Daneasa

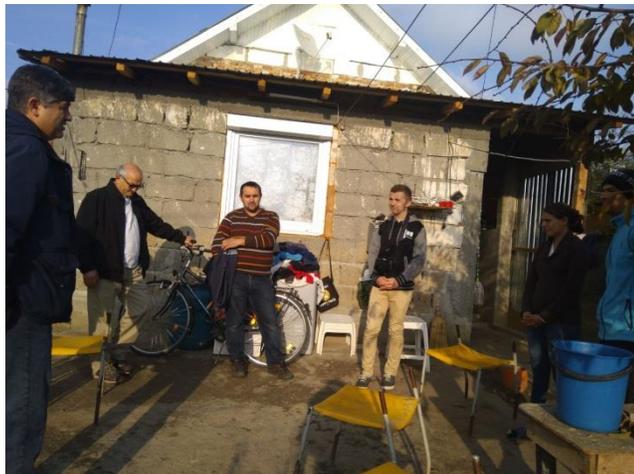
Beloved brothers in Christ!

We desire to share with you how wonderfully God worked this month.

We had the opportunity to fellowship alongside of some brothers from America, and as we were doing home visits with them, families were very

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encouraged by the testimonies of these brothers.



Also through the Grace of God in this month, we were able to demolish the old shed to prepare the space for construction for the multi-functional building that will serve the Church with rooms for teams as well as 2 workshops for woodworking and sewing.



Thank you for your support in prayer, likewise we invite you to continue to pray for the following prayer requests:

- 1) For this family, that God would work to bring repentance in Costel's life (the husband of one of our sisters in the church)
- 2) For the future construction that God would bring financial partners and physical workers alongside of us.

Thank you and God bless you!

Psalm 121:1-2

"I will lift up my eyes to the mountains.

Where will my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

Adi & Dana Jurge Missionaries in Craiova

November was the most intense ministry month of the year 2017. I had the privilege of working together with a group of seven american girls from Adventures in Missions - Passport Team and with an wonderful american brother that stayed in our home for a week.

Thank you for your prayers regarding the beginning of my small group for The Truth Project and the beginning of our meetings in the Public Library.

We started a club called Free Dialogue Club where we meet to fellowship and discuss about different biblical, philosophical, historical, scientific topics where people can feel free to ask questions, be informed and encouraged to think critically from a Christian World View.



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We had two meetings for the Truth Project with the young adults and one meeting in the Public Library, where we celebrated the Thanks Giving Day and talked about the history and the groundbreaking values of the pilgrims. The lady at the library, when we finished our meeting told me that we were really “lucky” to be able to meet here because there was a different event scheduled for those hours, but because the leader of that event did not called to inform that they will meet, those from the library considered the event cancelled and thats why we were accepted. But we know that our Almighty God was the one that made an open door for us. Glory to Jesus!

During my time with the Christian brother from USA that stayed at our place we had so many opportunities to testify and serve those in whom I want to invest as disciples.

There is this young romanian adult named Roland that experienced repentence while talking with us in the mall. He is seeking to know God. Pray for him.

We also started to meet in our new church location for Sunday as a comunity of believers, while from Thursday to Saturday each misionary is involved in evangelistic outreach, seeking new way to know people and serve them, making every effort to spread the Gospel through our deeds and words.

My vision for Craiova is: “To serve God, by serving different people groups, while I generate a discipleship groups movement among them.”

Please continues to pray for:

The prison ministry that I will start January of 2018. I need a team of 3 persons for this educational project called Hope for the Prisoners.

A partnership with the Countys Library where they will be open to collaborate with me for

Ion & Cristina Vlad Missionaries in Perieti

This month I had the joy of seeing the Word of God again fulfilled and lived.

In the words of the wise Solomon, in Proverbs chapter 22, verse 6 it is written: Train a child in the way he should go And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Among the activities and actions we made last month, we had a great joy to be part of an event where we shared the Gospel in Craiova, in which our daughters were eager to be part of.



They got a day off from school so they would be able to come with me in mission, they also wanted to do house visits with me in the local work. We praise God for this work.

Please pray for us:

1. That God will continue to put in Rebeca and Tabita hunger for His Word

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2. That God will bring fruit through the seed that was planted
3. That we can raise the necessary funds so we can finish the repair of the interior of the church from Perieti
4. So God will continue to take care of our spiritual and material needs as family

Sami & Raluca Iliesi Missionaries in Coteana

This summer we've started the renovation work at the house we live in, our desire was to build a bathroom before winter. We've seen how God has been working and even when we were out of money and materials, He kept His promises and once again He showed us His kindness by sending the right people at the right moment to help us build the bathroom. Only by God's help and grace we managed to finish the bathroom this month!



God sent us among people and because we want to know them more, spend time with them, this month we started weekly meetings where we have special fellowship: everybody has the chance to share their problems,

blessings and moments of joy, we pray for one another, we listen testimonies that encourage us to love God more and of course we serve tea and cookies. We praise God that He is using these meetings to work in people's hearts.



Please pray for us that God will give us wisdom and grace in everything that we do and also for the people that are hearing the Gospel to be born again!



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"For we are laborers together with God..." 1 Corinthians 3:9