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He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Luke 10:2

A truth highlighted by Jesus in His time, but also in our time, is the need for workers. We need workers for the harvest in Oltenia. As perhaps you've seen from previous newsletters, my focus is on training local workers and recruiting those called by God to serve here.

For this purpose, we went on a two week trip to America. While there we had the opportunity to visit Krista Hetsler, a young woman seeking to come full time to Romania. Upon our return home, we spent the second half of the month working with the new team and mission outreach to Craiova and also with some short term teams.

Please pray for me as coordinator and for the team with whom I work. Here is a little bit about our team:

Lucian finished seminary in Bucharest. He then was pastoring for three years. After two years of pastoring at one of the village churches, he was feeling discouraged and needed to leave the area. He came and shared his heart with me. I then told him that to be healed from his disappointment he could help at Hope Church for two months before he stepped into a new potential engagement. After that time he felt the Lord calling him to dedicate at least a year to working alongside me in Craiova and then possibly extend into long term with us.

Lidia came as a translator, the Lord started working in her heart and now feels the Lord calling her to be a part of the team that starts a mission base and church in Craiova. Her main job will be starting a discipleship group for young ladies.

George came to Christ in Draganesti, he was growing in the small group as a church member. Three years ago he became part of 9000 souls and grew in developing his skills in English, translating, leadership and discipling. A few months ago he felt the Lord leading him to participate in the team to establish a church in Craiova.

Adrian & Dana moved from the north side of Romania. They decided to follow the Lord and grow spiritually. They felt the call to work with the students in Craiova while being a part of the team establishing the mission base there.

I know you always do that, so thank you for your effort.

God's grace and peace be with you!



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Costea Alexe & Veronica, missionaries in Comani

Blessed be the Lord for the power that He gives us every day in His work. It is His Grace who strengthens us when daily trials come upon us and when we are facing difficulties. This month we were blessed by feeling the presence of God when you are in His will.

At the beginning of the month, God gave us the opportunity of hosting a team of brothers and sisters from England, led by brother Nigel Worth. Not only did I host them but we worked together to spread the Gospel among people here in Comani. We made home visits to the people who use to come to the church, but we had the chance to visit other families too, who do not normally come to the church.



I was glad to see how God changed people's hearts in a way that impressed them to tears and many of them prayed. Please pray that God will break the chains which keep the people as slaves of the sin.

We also organized a special event where people received reading glasses for free. We also used the time we had so that every person who entered the building had the opportunity to hear about the forgiveness of sins in the Name of Jesus Christ. We also had a meeting with the women and they were encouraged to surrender all to Jesus. We were impressed by the way God works. My wife invited around 12 women, but she prayed that God would make it possible for the women He wants to be there and listened to the Gospel to come. We were pleasantly

surprised to see that more than 30 women took part in this beautiful event specially organized for them.

The children were not left aside. We also organized a special programs for them. According to their age they could hear about Jesus by listening to Bible stories, they played and they had various practical activities. Pray for them that the Lord change their hearts. Bring in front of God the need for an after-school program, a program we want to start but still can't because we haven't found a person who wants to be involved as a teacher in this project.

This month we celebrated the Thanksgiving Day and we were glad to praise God for the goodness He had shown to us this year.



Please pray for the Divine protection over my whole family, for the people to desire the presence of God in their lives and daily consecration for church members.

I realized that for a better and more efficient organization when we have big teams, we need a minibus. So please pray for this need together with us and we know that at the time decided by Him, it will be fulfilled.

We thank you for your support and for your prayers! Thank you for being part of what is being done here in Comani! May God help us not to get tired of working for His Grace, each one of us in the way we are involved.

May God bless you!

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Mirce si Cornelia Dumitru missionaries in Corabia

Between routine and rarity

The beauty of the work that God called us is that we have routine activities that we know all about and are predictable, but we also have activities that we do rarely. In October, the Lord gave us both.

Outside the routine.



The love of God is shown while they are still sinners. And we are the servants who show this love to them. Through the "Hope for the Community" Association I got some clothing. Unlike other times, we have not announced in the city about this opportunity to receive clothing but we have asked those who come to our worship service to tell their friends. Surprisingly, a woman came and brought us a little cheese. I tried to convince her that we received nothing in return, but without any results. I understand that she wanted to redeem her recipient dignity of the things I have given.



For one week, Cornelia, with Jemima, influenced the group's children's lives toward God. Jemima, she is a young German girl who has on her heart the kid's ministry from Corabia. She wants to help those who come from families without too many possibilities. They brought the message about God in the attention of the children, in the building where we were gathering, but they also spent a time of play and joy in the park.



In the Romans book, together with our little group, we have learned that the thanksgiving to God can keep us away from idolatry. And we had the opportunity to thank Him the whole day of Sunday celebrating the thanksgiving day.

Back in the routine.

In this context of the hardened hearts, covering with prayer is very important, therefore, for two weeks I was in the street and I interceded for known and unknown passers-by. I met a young man who studied the Watchtower magazine with Jehovah witnesses.

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His name is Ovidiu. Discussing with him, I saw the disappointment in his heart about the leaders who promised to visit him and not come anymore. We have achieved many biblical truths and even he promised that to come to worship with us, but he has not arrived.

Pray

- For him that the Lord continue the work in his heart.
- For me to be a leader that to not disappoint him about the promises that I made to him.

Octavian & Nicoleta Berechet Missionaries in Maruntei

The month of October was a blessed month!

We could feel His presence in our lives and in our ministry. Phill, Dave, Ceryl and Ada from Canada visited us and helped with the ministry.



Through this team God gave us a container which we arranged it in order to run our activities here.



We worked very hard to finish it. We put it in a brother's yard. The people from the village were asking what is all about and it was a good opportunity to tell them about the purpose of the container. Now we meet with the kids inside of the container and we have a small kitchen to use it. Also we have prayers meetings and a soup kitchen project. We praise God for all of those who donated for this project and made it possible.



We gave some food bags and also organize 2 events: Eye glasses project and Canada has talent event for the young people in Draganesti.



Please be in prayer for the lost people, for those who attended to this projects that they will see God and seek God.

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Because the winter season is coming very soon we ask you also for your prayers for the events that we are going to hold.

Thank you and may God bless each of you!

Florina & Mark Darvell Missionaries in Coteana

October was a month of transition for children ministry from outside to inside. All summer long we met in the park with the children, but as the weather is getting cooler we moved inside. Moving inside though it has its disadvantages as many of the children do not come to the regular programs inside because of prejudice from parents or other children. Please pray for the children's that the Lord will help them overcome barriers and come to regular programs and eventually to salvation.



Every Wednesday made house visits to people that come to church regularly but have not yet gave their life to God. It is relationship and trust building. They see that we care for them, that we are there for them and we love them.

Please pray that they will decide to give their life to the Lord.

At Spero Designs Romania ("A fishing road rather than a fish", program) by God's grace we have employed one more lady, another family is blessed by providing income.



We are praising the Lord for all the sales this month. Please pray for an increase sales in order to bless families in the south of Romania. If you would like to see the work that they do please visit <https://www.etsy.com/shop/SperoDesignsRomania>.

Daniel & Mihaela Serbanescu Missionaries in Daneasa

Grace and peace in our Lord. This month, we rejoiced that we were able to take part in a few events, in which we would like to share with you. 1) One of these events included starting two meetings a month with women.



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2) We have been meeting monthly for a time of fellowship with members and disciples in Daneasa. It has been a joy to form relationships with them.



3) We mentored and fellowshiped alongside one of our sister's family this month. Her husband was taken to the hospital in a severe state, having problems with his lungs.



We ask you to pray for these events as prayer requests. 1) That God would work in the women and that they would even receive Christ as their Savior. 2) Please also pray for our sister's husband that god would work upon his heart to repent and to give him healing. 3) Pray for our time of fellowship as a church every month that God would form deeper relationships between our families.

God bless you and thank you for your support and partnership!

Octavian & Livia Ciudesnic Missionaries in Floru

October was a month of preparation for us. Along with the church brothers I sorted and prepared the clothes we received from a church in Timișoara for the next month when we will invite the local children with their parents to choose what they need. We try to be close to those in need and bring hope in Jesus Christ in their hearts.



A joy we had this month was the visit I made with my wife in Tulcea (the city we grew up and met). It was really refreshing to come back after three years and stay more with our loved ones. This visit I also made for Icona's mision field. With this occasion we purchased the furniture for the pastoral house and presented the mission work with its needs to the church in which we both grew up. God has poured out His blessing and helped us to pay for all the furniture and even pouring new bounties of blessings. God

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especially responded to the prayer the children that we work with had - to have a video projector (a larger screen they say) to be able to watch Christian cartoons and sing together.



Please keep us in your prayers as our heavenly Father answers the prayers of His children!

Adi & Dana Jurge Missionaries in Craiova

“A Christian is a free man, bound to no one.
A Christian is a servant, indebted to all.”

Martin Luther

October was a different kind of month for the ministry. I interacted with people that I never thought I will interact, and especially in such a natural and cordial manner.

It's interesting to note that not all the time our plans and desires fulfill. And that is not a bad thing, if there are other plans in sight that will accomplish for God's glory.

We did not go to Cluj with the boys, as I planned, but I understood that it was the best choice in the end.

I continue to meet Marius Militaru every week to pour in his life what God gave me and to be witness to what God is working in his life

to become more and more like Christ. We had personal and group meetings together for fellowship, games and spiritual conversations.

I continued to meet at the County Library with different young adults where I had the privilege to know and relate to three persons.

One of them is Simona, a college student and a former Jehovah Witness, the second is Alexandru a PhD student very pessimistic about life, and Alex an MA student that had some spiritual experiences with demons.



I met with every one of them individually. With Simona at our place where Dana, my wife, met her and she is a seeker for the Truth.

I plan to start from 11 November two meetings per month with these persons that I met in these places and with others, where we will have fellowship and discuss a video course called The Truth Project, which is a systematic and comprehensive biblical world view guide through all the fundamental questions of life.

The last thing I want to share with you is about the collaboration that I want to have with an orthodox Church in Craiova. I met a priest that was very open to dialogue and to work together in different projects where we simply want the people in Craiova to see and feel God's love for them and the goodness of Christ.

Florin & Alina Sfetcu **Missionaries in Beciu**

I want to share with you the way in which our missionary activity took place during October. This month we continued evangelizing on the streets, visiting and working with the children. We met a new family and we were so happy when they listened carefully when we told them about the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray for this family and our desire for them is to accept our Lord Jesus Christ as a personal Savior. We also continue to pray for the children of Beciu and for the inhabitants of this locality.



Thank you very much for your support in prayer and please continue to pray for our ministry.

Be blessed!

Ion & Cristina Vlad Missionaries **in Perieti**

By God's grace this year we had an open door in the village of Greci. Here we slowly built a relationship with a group of young people through playing football regularly with them.



We are grateful to see the church in the village of Perieti supporting this ministry in prayer and as a result these young people show a real interest in meeting up with us even when outside is really cold weather.



Prayer requests

- be able to take these young people to different youth events
- to carry on the regular meetings with these youth
- for our own children protection
- for a new bus for the ministry in Oltenia

Sami & Raluca Iliesi Missionaries in Coteana

This month, we had the opportunity to be helped in the ministry, by another missionary and together we have visited a group of people from the village in order to encourage them, share the good news of salvation and pray with them. In one of the lady's house we had the chance to evangelize her son in law and God touched him and he came to our church meetings few times.

We pray that God will search his heart and to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.



At the end of the month we have celebrated in the harvest day with thanksgiving: we had a special guest which shared the Word of God and his testimony and people were deeply moved. After the church service we had a fellowship with cookies and we had the opportunity to talk with people in order to know them better. One of my goals is to connect with the teenagers and youth from this village and try to make a youth group: in the summer we met Alex, a teenager, and this month we invited him to our house to spend time together and know each other better.



I was amazed on how God is working and he started to visit us more often and he came also to our church meetings, please pray for him.



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