

June 2017

Dear Brothers,

"May the Lord, the God of Israel, reward you fully for what you have done" Ruth 2:12
Thank you very much for your kind support and daily prayers. Some ministry updates:

Viorel wrote:

"This month we started the course The Way to a Happy Life with a new team of inmates. The team consists of 16 people. Already I see in the group people who are sensitive to the Word of God and want to know more about the Lord. I offered each participant a correspondent course too. So they can read, learn more about God and correspond with Christians. As I told earlier, we have an American brother Micah Thomson, he is coming every week with me and playing guitar, helping me out with music. It is good to remember the annual meeting of Berean Prison Ministry Romanian volunteers. I am grateful for every encouragement and testimonies. A picture with Christian policemen from the meeting.

Thank you!"



Brother Baboi also wrote information from his work area. Weekly five penitentiaries, with 84 inmates this month. We are very happy for his devotion and give glory for everything he does with us.



I also continued this month the activities in Iasi and Baia Mare Prisons. In Iasi, the theme with which we take the gospel to the almost everyone inmates is the story of the song Amazing Grace. We truly experience what C. Colson said: "It's hard for me to get through 'Amazing Grace' without shedding a tear or two and especially in prison... I've never been in a prison and sung that song, and haven't seen eyes glistening in the light. It's so meaningful, that 'once was lost,' because they're lost in that prison." This song is unknown in our orthodox culture, although the melody is known from movies. The lyrics translated into Romanian have a strong impact on the listeners. I am very glad that the Prison management approved this topic for 2017.

Here we have the opportunity to spend more time with inmates who have shown interest in artisanal handicraft. This year we teach weaving techniques and the goal is to make traditional belts for Romanian national costumes. We hope the inmates will have satisfaction in this craft. We also have traveled a lot. June was full of storms through the country. We also caught a flood in Moldova. The Lord was good with us and protected us from any distress. Thank you for your prayers! At M-Ciuc we still have two-day activities. I pray that those we meet will join our long-term program.



With love in Christ,

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