

March 2018

Dear Brothers,

we greet you in the name of "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" Hallelujah! He is Risen. Hope you all have enjoyed a blessed Easter celebrating our risen Lord. We thank God for your prayers and kind support. God bless you!

Viorel wrote:



March: At the middle of the program "The way to a happy life", I managed to get to the prison every month, although there were winter days with snow and frost. God kept me on my way to Codlea and back home. There were days when I went alone and others when also Marius Bodnariu came with me, who helped us learn a new, beautiful song: "Be my light - Be thou my vision". Now we sing it at every meeting. The inmates have learned to pray with their words and ask good questions. These questions show interest from them. The most encouraging thing this month: I had a conversation with one of the prison psychologists: "The inmates who attend your meetings tell us what's going on there, every details. They are excited and encouraged, so I congratulate you ". I almost could not believe when I heard this words. Glory to the Lord!

April: We are approaching to the end of the course. Every time I return home (Monday meeting at 16:00) from Codlea Prison, I am full of joy and I sing praises to the Lord. Marius Bodnariu helps with songs, he comes with his guitar. This month we had a special guest, brother Mester Florian at one of our meeting, who shared his testimony of how he knew God. This brother came from the Grace Baptist Church of Oradea, a former football referee. His testimony was special, all the inmates listened him carefully and have asked questions at the end. "If God has changed my life, it can change yours too" was the main message of his sharing. All the inmates from the group began to pray with their words, we sang a song. Than we prayed for different needs.

Brother Baboi sent a picture of the mission (in front of Slobozia Prison). In March he lost several occasions because of the strong blizzard that hit Baragan region, but he also managed to recover all the meetings. He meet nearly 100 inmates every week. May the Lord bless this man filled with zeal.



I have not mentioned the Miercurea Ciuc Prison activities long time ago. Our programs are welcome to inmates, relevant to prepare them for a successful reentry. The new deputy director of education and also the educator help us a lot. I had recently a wonderful experience after our



tenth meeting with this present group. Sometimes we have one or two men who express at the beginning that they do not expect very much from us. But the Lord worked among them. Now the one of the most mischievous man testified last time that our program has changed his attitude and his way of thinking about God. We praise God for every good signs, good testimonies.

This month, besides weekly events, I managed to reach in the following prisons: Baia Mare, Oradea and Bistrita, I met the volunteers from these locations. We are blessed by diligent good workers who are appreciated by the prison administrations. Brother Elekes and Toth from Oradea were highly appreciated. I had also an opportunity to make a church presentation about the prison ministry.

Considering that in April we will focus on the extension of our mission to Oltenia and Banat regions, I had many conversations with Costin Dumitru, Viorel Sintoiu and Bondoret Cristi. They helped me a lot to organize the visit of the brothers Ken and Fedi. We pray that the Lord bless this month with new volunteers. Please pray for the delegation safe comming in Romania!

With love in Christ,



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