

August, September 2018

Dear Brothers,

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Num.6,24 Thank you for the support and prayers.

In name of the volunteer team thank you for your kindness. All the volunteers do their mission diligently and regularly, praise the Lord (Baboi on the picture). Some news and prayer requests:

Viorel wrote:

"Eight souls won for heaven in our Church. My town is a resort so a lot of people came to the church from Bistrita, Comanesti, Ploiesti, Blaj, Iasi. We helped them with transportation. The guests invited their nonbeliever roommates as well. We all prayed for them, offered them a Bible at the end. I also encouraged them to open their heart to Jesus. There was a blessed joy to see these people reconciled with God. Praise the Lord! I asked two of them, "Are you sure you go to heaven if you died tonight?" One of them replied confused, "Sir, I do not know where I am going, though I go to the church."



Codlea Prison: I was asked to help an inmate who needs help. His wife died last year, and their 7 children were institutionalized for the period he stays in prison. I visited him, with a parcel made in the church (clothes, shoes, food), we collected also some money for his personal account to be able to help his family. It is another broken life which needs God's grace. I will visit him once a month.

Trip to Republic of Moldova:

I had the opportunity to visit Rezina Prison near Dniester river at the east country border, the only facility with life-sentenced inmates. There are 120-130 such inmates with whole life term. There is a political willing to change the state law, but there is a glimmer of hope for release. The inner atmosphere is scary, and some evil spirits feel in the air. Our inmates in Romania live luxury, compared to

what we saw there, worse than during Communism (in the Army I served as a prison guard in the 80's). I had the opportunity to meet, to talk before them, I told them my testimony there is hope in Jesus Christ. Some of them were open to pray together after the message. God's hands do miracles here. I met Dumitru who is one of those miracles, God's man in prison, 23 year executed and he is waiting to be released on parole.

https://www.publika.md/viata-de-dupa-gratii-cum-supravietuiesc-detinutii-condamnati-la-inchisoare-pe-viata_2705671.html

I praise God for this wonderful opportunity. Please pray that God may open new door for this country"



These months I tried to organise the work in the three prisons for which the volunteer team was formed. Out of the four prisons visited this year only for Timisoara we do not have volunteer team yet (the man resigned this Summer). At least for the first three occasions I attend their meetings. That mean a lot of trips, long distances on bad roads. Please pray for our safety and for blessed encounters. Last time I visited the new team leaders



including also Costin Dumitru (Gaesti Prison) on my way home. We discussed many details of the activity, we prayed together for the blessing from the Lord.

I know that you are praying to extend our mission to the Republic of Moldova and Hungary. We received an answer from the Lord these days. He gave some opportunities as you have read above the Viorel's letter. He received an invitation from a Church in Republic of Moldova. They made some arrangement for him to enter Rezina Prison.



My wife received in September an invitation to Hungary to represent her hand weaving project among women in Transylvania. This road was sponsored by a Hungarian organization in Szeged, a town with a famous prison called "Csillag" (The Star). Me as the driver I had the opportunity to talk to different people about our prison work that weekend. I managed to find a contact person

from the local Baptist Church. In October we will return I will receive the answer what has been discussed in the church. Passing through Timisoara and Arad I will try to meet some people there.

With love in Christ,

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