

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3,16 We are very glad that you have welcomed the official delegation from Romania. It matters a lot for these people to know you and gain experience from your penitentiary system. We know very well what a great financial sacrifice you made. May God bless you richly! You have shown authentic faith, the smallest and most insignificant person in the Romanian prison is extremely valuable to God, He gave his only Son as a price as if he believes not to perish but to have eternal life. Also the special meeting for the Gypsy churches here shown your deep interest in helping those who are in need. Brother Zsolt Novak is a very blessed pastor appreciated in Transylvania. I'm glad that his testimony was a blessing to you. Right now I have a picture of our gypsy ministry in Miercurea Ciuc. Last days the Gypsy Brothers felt the need to renovate the meeting room under the leadership of Pastor John. I have had a lot of talks with church leaders last time: a member of the European Parliament from the Social Democratic Party of Hungarian Gypsies has offered substantial support for the communities to organize after-school programs for children. We have indeed a suitable building for this project. Already the legal steps have begun at the institutions from which we needed operating permits when that person changed his mind. Thank you for prayers that the Lord bless this community.



Codlea Prison, Viorel wrote:  
 “September. We had celebrations on 17<sup>th</sup> September, we completed the course with the current group of inmates and I invited a group of young people from Fagarasi and also their pastor to preach the Word. Around 40 inmates were invited to this event, each received a pack of sweets and

those who completed the course a more consistent package, a diploma, and a Bible. At the end of the message, we prayed with those who opened their heart for the Lord. October. We thank God for those who have received the Lord Jesus in their lives as Lord and Savior. Julian is one of them, he is a testimony before his colleagues, he often tells them how God changed his life by reading the Bible. On 14<sup>th</sup> October we have begun the course: "The Way to a Happy Life" with a new group of inmates. There are 14 inmates in the new group, Romanians, and Hungarians as well. The prison leadership has asked me to help a special case, an inmate who needs multiple medical interventions, no one is visiting him. We still have a case that we support, Vasile P.”

Our volunteers, even if I do not receive every month special news from their ministry, they do their best to be present at meetings with inmates and to proclaim the Gospel for those lost souls. Brother Baboi reports 75 inmates in eight groups from five prisons. He is a outstanding volunteer.



The last two months we had a very busy schedule, we managed to start the activities in Mioveni and Craiova. We had many blessings and wonderful meetings. After three meetings our new volunteer Spatarelu continues independently his ministry in Craiova Prison. For Mioveni Prison has not yet formed an independent team to take over the work. So we will travel a lot in the future. We are doing also hand weaving programs there. We are trying to gain the trust of the institutions.



Unfortunately, there are religious groups that do not follow the rules and often we are mistaken for them, at the beginning of the course. It is a great responsibility to work in such an environment. On one occasion I took with us our daughter, she never been before this part of the country, we passed through the Southern Carpathian Mountains, also visiting the famous Bran Castle. For her, it was an unforgettable trip.

In MCIUC we also have a very special group of inmates. There are people who are particularly interested in understanding the themes of the meetings. We are looking to see to what extent these topics are helpful in their reentry. We get many smart questions. I pray for these people that the Lord can help them find the real questions that would generate a profound change in their life. The educational officers provide us a great help. Last time we obtained the approval to organize a live musical event with Bruno Roth, a really skilled organist.



With love in Christ,

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