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Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ from Eastern Europe:

The new year is well on it's way as we continue on during these harsh winter months, but at the same time we are so very thankful for all of you who continue to allow us to be your hands and feet in this part of the world. Even though the snow is deep here, the needs have not changed and only increased, so we praise the Lord for all of you who pray for us and the needs of the orphans, elderly and poor.

We thank God for the great opportunity to be able to take in the 11th orphan into our home. Even though Vasile recently turned 34 years old, it has been such an honor to have him with us since September of last year. He is pictured left between our two sons, Timotei and



Daniel, as we celebrated his birthday in January. His birth mother is Romanian. His father is from Gabon, Africa and was studying in Romania. Since

Vasile was born out of wedlock, the father left the country not wanting any responsibility towards him, so his mother put him in the state orphanage at the age of 3 and he was there until 18 years old when they turned him out on the streets. Vasile struggled on the streets with addictions and when Cristina met him a few years ago, he was working at a second hand clothing store that assisted orphans. When they also turned him out on the streets he called us with no place to go. We welcomed him in and shared the love of Jesus Christ with him encouraging him to have a vision for his life and what he would like to do. His heart's desire is to be a driver. **We are so very excited to watch his life change and turn around before our eyes because of the love of Jesus Christ** and the working of the Holy Spirit. Please keep him in prayer as he has started to read the bible, studying God's Word and he has also begun his first lesson to get his driver's license. It is much more difficult and costly to obtain than here in the United States. Won't you please help us to help him finish driving school, which costs around \$500 to complete the lessons, as we also continue helping with him with necessities such as clothing.

Recently we had a wonderful opportunity to be part of a prison ministry program that the church in Vaslui, Romania participates in. The Lord said in Matthew 25:36, **"I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."** Because of the faithfulness of the GMI sponsored national missionaries visiting the prisons through the years, the Lord helped us to be

connected to the ministry "One day with the Father". A group of 50 prisoners were selected by the prison authority and for the previous 4 months have held a bible study every week lasting 2-3 hours. They minister to the men showing them what it means to be Godly men and fathers, helping them restore their lives back to their families. During those 4 months, once a month



they are allowed to come out of the prison under the protection of the authorities where their families and children are united at the local church. There they visit them

between 10 am and 3 pm and in the banquet hall (shown above) are served food, drinks and most important, the Word of God where the Gospel is preached to the reunited families. One of the greatest blessings **we see is that people are being changed through the success of the program with seventy percent never returning back to prison.** It touched my heart to see fathers and their children next to each other, holding them and appreciating their wives like never before. Please pray for this opportunity as we continue to try to do this in other locations across the country where at least 22 prisons are already using this program. We see a great need and are praying that the Lord would help us to have a transitional home for those who have nowhere else to go that we can help them to reintegrate back into society. Also, please pray and consider helping us to give bibles to the children and families as they go back to their homes so they know someone loves and cares for them as we further their discipleship. Bibles can be purchased for \$8 each.



January was a very busy month in spite of the heavy snow as we had the opportunity to preach along side Pastors Selian and Vitale at an evangelistic

meeting in Slobozia Mare, Republic of Moldova as many repented of their sins and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior.

It touched our hearts seeing that even at the present time the Gospel is still being preached, they are praying for the sick and people are being touched and changed. We are so very thankful to the Lord for all of these opportunities to further His Kingdom expansion.

Almost six years ago we found brother Pavel living in very poor conditions and near death. The doctors said had he arrived one day later to the hospital he would have been dead. As we traveled back to Romania we stopped to visit him at the church in Draguseni where

we helped build the church. As we visited, we could see the fruit was remaining as it says in John 15:8, **"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be my disciples"**. We thank God the fruit



remains because of us working and ministering with the local church all these years and reaching out to those hurting in the community. As we visited him he expressed joy and his salvation and appreciated so much the love and how the Lord reached down to him and helped us pull him out of his misery. **Another life has been touched and changed with the help of all of you and the ministry.** Please pray that we could continue to help him with some of his needs, buying some livestock such as chicken or pigs for him to raise to be self-sufficient. We are so impressed with his heart's desire to work in the village as he has no retirement and is living by the mercy of God.

It is our hearts desire to continue to visit, bring food and the joy of the Lord to the forgotten elderly at the Stefanesti Elderly Home in Romania as we strive to provide for their needs. The Lord blessed us to visit them with a group of disciples from Iasi. It is such a great blessing to see them being involved in ministry and it is our hearts desire to be able to disciple them so



(pictured above preparing the food gifts)



when they leave Romania they will be able to minister to others as professionals in the market place and that they will be moved by the needs of the people. Emmanuel, from Ghana who is studying for his business degree. We are so very thankful that he also preaches and teaches at the church while I am on the mission field or in the states. These precious elderly are always so very thankful and happy to see us as we pray with them, show them the Love of Jesus Christ and share His Word. This elderly gentleman (left) is always so thankful and joyful like never before even though he only has one lens in his glasses. **Please pray that the Lord would help us provide reading glasses for so many who need them as well as warm wool socks and clothing during these harsh winters.** Even though there has been much improvement at the elderly home, there is still needs

and they are all always so very thankful for anything we can do to bring them comfort in their last days.



Not only do we continue to provide for the elderly in Stefanesti but also there are so very many other elderly and widows still living on their own that we regularly care for each month with basic supplies such as flour, sugar and oil. The needs are great throughout Eastern Europe as you can see the desperate situations they are in. We are so thankful for your prayers for provision as we also help with medications and resources for those who are sick in bed, paralyzed and not able to move.

The Lord continues to provide us opportunities to visit the Cornesti Orphanage as we bring sweets, fruits and the Love of our Savior. The children are always so very happy to see us as the national missionaries share bible truths. During a recent visit of our dear friend Ilie Popa



from Michigan, we were able to visit them and bring small gifts. They are always in need of socks, underwear, school supplies and winter boots that

our partners so graciously have helped with in the past. **Won't you please consider helping them in any amount** to provide for these precious ones living their days in this poorly funded state-run facility. Please continue to pray that we can fulfill their needs.



In spite of increasing westernization here in Eastern Europe, many are still using horse and wagons as you can see the risk this older lady is taking, holding onto the back of this cart (above). Much of Romania, Moldova, Transnistria and Ukraine consist of rural villages and farm communities. This is not uncommon to see as we travel and minister. Many are on foot as well and do not own cars as they do here in the states. The poverty is widespread and we are so very thankful to all of you who continue to pray and support the work of the Lord Jesus Christ in Eastern Europe. You are all a great blessing and comfort to us as we see the signs of the end times and as we look forward to hearing those precious words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant". May we all be found doing His will. We love you all and appreciate you as we pray for you and your families daily.

Love in Christ,

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