# Christ Commission For Romania

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### **Blossom to Life Greetings in Christ Jesus!**

Here in Christ, we set aside any bad news either our own, of Ukraine, the world or even the church. Instead, let's spread the Good News, Jesus is still alive and well. We are to blossom in Christ Jesus as a plant that creates that blossoms then goes on to bring fruit. Let's move on and stand up strong in Christ our Savior and King! He still expects us to be the head and not the tail, to grow up and lead others on the mountain of His salvation.

## Before getting into the Ukraine report, let me bring Romania to your attention as the ministerial works continue like any time before.

Here in the south-east of Romania some families may be in grave need almost equal to the Ukrainian emergency crisis of today, except without running away from homes or the bombs falling around them.

**Cosmin and Alina Blana from the Peter Valley have 8 minor children.** The parents are so happy when they enjoy sound health, but now a couple of them got severe autism, and the little two year boy still doesn't walk. The doctor couldn't diagnose for certain, but he believes it is because of nutrition deficiency.

Besides meager food provision, other clothing and shoe needs, the family's current concern and need is a heating central system which burns less wood, saving money. Currently they are using old stoves which use lots of wood yet leaves the home under heated. Each winter they need more and more money to buy the wood. Prices keep going up making heating their home very expensive.

In spite of their dire situation the family is very diligent to work hard providing for their daily necessities; and they are involved in the church outreaches to win souls to Christ.

About \$1000 may be needed to cover the saving heating system.

**Christ For Romania Bible School and Missionary Center of Suceava** is holding up the relay race in Romania while creating real disciples of Jesus who reach out in practical ways to save and grow others to do the same. In addition, they are reaching the orphan kids, the needy people — the same way we started the vision years ago, and followed by the late Nicu Gramesc. Now, the vision is taken up by the visionary pastor Elijah Popa who moved back from Vienna to Suceava, Romania. Pastor Popa was sent by God to reignite the torch to help meet spiritual and practical needs in the Suceava region and other areas south-east from Suceava. Suceava is about 25 miles from the Ukrainian border. The church also got involved in supporting the Ukrainian people with refugees in Suceava, as well as supplying food for the needy dwellers of Ukraine. Suceava is a refugee hub of Romania for Ukrainian war crisis, and also one of the international gateways to deliver goods into Ukraine. Beside the school they have the apostolic church as an outreach to the people of Suceava and Romania. They are planting new Christian church groups in the villages and towns where there were no churches into the eastern and southern areas near the region of Suceava. This area is still a vast missionary field in Romania where the

evangelical church is lacking to bring the good news of salvation by faith. Now is the right season for the workers of salvation by faith to get into the new harvest until reaching down to the Oltenia southern region.

Here is just a new offer of committed faith to support this vital ministry of Christ for Romania. As the Holy Spirit flame is burning there higher and higher we do foresee a great revival breaking all the way from Ukraine going into the South until joints up with the current revivals in the Walachia region, called Oltenia. People around these vast region have a readiness to receive Christ more than ever before. Let's unite our hearts with this people, toady!

Now we're closer to Ukraine news getting inside it. This report is about Radauti Spring Olive Church, pastored by my friend Dorel Pinzaru. Radauti is just about 10 miles away from the Ukrainian border. The Spring Olive church became a real Christian ministry hub to reach the Ukrainian people. They began working in Ukraine several years ago but today are involved more and more as war has created needs for shelter and supplies for refugees fleeing war. This church has vast experience and ministries within Ukraine and Romania now work together.

The main regional leaders in Ukraine are pastors Stefan Catel, Michitiuc Visarion, reaching the regions of Harkiv and other towns including Korovia, Porubna, Opriseni, Stanesti and Privorochea. However, the food goods were mainly transported and distributed in the war zones, and towns heavily hit in the war. Here people were in grave need as their food stores disappeared, others completely destroyed while looted by the Russian soldiers. The following pics were mostly taken in the cities of Harkiv and Borodeanka.

While our Romanian and Ukrainian team drove loaded trucks and vans they were forced to take unsafe and insecure detours while driving through the blocked streets and highways. Rubble and wreckage was laid everywhere, ruined apartment buildings laid on the streets. There is a hard painful misery to look on. While traveling around Ukraine, they had seen some dead bodies laid under the rubble, and split body members hard to recognize at all. Many tanks and heavy military equipment were piled in broken pieces. This war was out of any human control as ravage and death spread in-discriminatorily everywhere. It is hard to explain in human best words.

I have many more pictures but am unable to share all; not only for lack of space but because they are so disturbing. I was almost angry when our team shared these with me. But I thought, these were taken by our brothers who personally have witnessed this holocaust and devastation. I show these pictures to help us know how to pray for Ukraine as well as the safety of those who minister there. SOME SIGHTS FROM TRAVEL THRU WAR TORN UKRAINE









### Pictures of ministry in Ukraine













#### Some of the food items taken to Ukraine were:

- Approx. 1000 liters of oil
- 700 loaves of bread
- 2000 pounds of wheat and corn flour
- 800 pounds of salami and special processed meals.
- Also lots of canned food with a variety of vegetables and meats, fruit and sweet cans included
- 400 pounds of spaghetti and dry processed pasta
- 400 pounds of sugar.
- Also other items such as
- towels
- personal hygiene needs
- baby diapers
- medical bandages and wound disinfectant, antibiotics and creams a
- Other medicine and articles they were lacking.



#### Ministry on both sides of the border and inside Olive church



Now, the ministry team was also involved over the border where hundreds of tents were installed to house the refugees who are waiting fort to return to their own homes; mostly older people or mothers and their kids fleeing for safety away from the war. Here we served them food and clean water while praying and blessing them with the name of Jesus who is the Prince of Life and Peace, also giving a Word of salvation to many of them. This took place on both sides of the border of Siret, Romania, and Porubna, Ukraine where hot soups, meals, tea, coffee and more were served.

Refugees who came to Radauti are

mostly on the way to Western Europe. It takes a couple of weeks or more to complete all their documentation for travel and receiving the acceptance by the country they are going to reside in. At the Olive church we do serve meals for about 100 to 150 of refugees. We also help them to fill out the legal paperwork to travel further, and by assisting them with traveling tickets, pocket money, etc.



CCFR assisted the Olive church Ukrainian outreach with seven thousand dollars; and next wire is on the way for more. The church is also using funds from others and their own resources. However, the demanding need is for more funds to cover their immediate and most urgent requests.

Certainly, other Romania ministries, like Urziceni, Timisoara, Moldova and Oltenia benefitted also from our support for the refugees. Those areas also housed and hosted refugees, feeding and paying the high price utilities over the last couple of months.



Thanks for all of you who supported generously CCFR outreaches including the Ukraine refugee crisis, appreciating your friendship and trust in us!

Love never fails,

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