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Our Father's Blessings be shed over you as in heaven so for you here on the earth! May the peace and the joy of the Lord be within your whole environment over each day throughout this new year. Just remember His promise: The Lord is with you and me until the end of the age or by the end of our life here!

Greetings from Timisoara, Romania, we extended our return until later this month. Good news from our door to your door as Jesus still stands knocking on yours and ours as in Him we're only one united family!

Many of you might be asking why Romania still has so many problems and struggles even decades after the communistic regime was overthrown. The results of the communistic regime have sown problems not quickly overcome. **Pastor Relu Paraluta shares with us why Romania still struggles with poverty and shortages especially in southeastern Romania:**

First, poverty may be the curse of the sinful nature in a certain region, town, family who do not know the Lord and are under the bondage of satanic slavery. As a consequence their finances go towards their vices and addictions, thus not providing for themselves and family. Even people who have good character may be affected by a family history of such problems, even though they long to escape the poverty. Secondly, there may be people with good character but have the yoke of poverty due to catastrophic events. Thirdly, many people are afflicted with poor health, deadly diseases without insurance or affordable medical care. Poverty results in other problems due to events such as a home fire but no insurance to replace the home. Finally because joblessness and/or very poor paying jobs mean insufficient incomes and even the bare necessities are hard to provide for; saving for the future or emergencies is next to impossible.

Here is the family of Nelu and Ramona Calota and their four little kids living on the edge of Cernatesti village of Dolj County. The family moved out here from another poor neighboring county of Olt County, because they became hopeless, no jobs to be found and having nothing but their clothes, which were not sufficient for the season.



Before Christmas Pastor Relu, and his ministry team reached out to more villages around this region distributing shoes, clothes and packs of survival foods on a rescue mission for the poorest families. The Calota family was found in a field beyond the village of Cernatesti. They were living in a shed like cabin made of sandwich panels. The team knocked at their door, finding inside a rather large family living in it, a lovely family with beautiful small kids. They were invited in and the team told the good news of the peace of the Lord Jesus and His Kingdom on the earth. After hearing the good news of the Gospel, the parents told their painful plight story. First, the father found a low paying job on a cow farm. However, the farm owner quit business, so no more job. So, the father decided to move his whole family to a new town so he could gain some income to support the family. However, their money couldn't afford to rent any home around this area. He pleaded with his former boss to let his family live temporarily right in the cowshed and the owner gave

permission. Nelu then cleaned it out, remodeled to make a two-room house. So, the cowshed became their home, but the contract was to be for only a couple of years; and it lacks everything. There is no electricity, water, heating. Everything is done manually, carrying the water inside, the gas lamps, dishes, laundry, etc. All is primitive as if in times past.

Truly, we were shocked about their living poverty but also impressed by their thankfulness lifestyle status, as they took nothing for granted.

In addition to the new shoes we gave to all of them, they were blessed with the wheat bread, groceries, and food supplies. Then, they tearfully told us that in their past never had received so large gifts besides the love and attention we offered them. Then we bought for them a little solar panel that could carry four light bulbs so they may have light in the evening. We prayed for them to be provided their own nesting home that they may call their own nest. Please pray and stand with us for their soul's salvation as their body needs be provided for by our Father from heaven.

Another worthy testimony is about a single mom who raises five kids, sister Tinca in the past was used by the wrong men calling themselves good husbands. All of them promised their eternal love and marry her but each in turn deceived her and she was left to raise her kids alone, the kids a product of their own mom's confusing past sin. But these precious kids were in grave need of everything we may name, specially needed was warm shoes instead of their summer sandals. The new shoes on their little feet produced the greatest joy in their lives as they never wore any gorgeous warm shoes before. The mother and the kids celebrated this event united as one joyful person does. We blessed them with special treats and snacks and were amazed as never tasted the delicious goods as now. Now, it so good that mother and her kids would be serving our loving Lord Jesus Christ while submitting fully only to Him, she confessed I fell in love with only Jesus!



Praise the Lord and thanks to all of you, especially to Life Outreach International as about 150 kids were blessed this year with a pair of new winter shoes! I do hope we'll continue these frozen feet outreach as each pair of shoe brings lots of personal joy and family fulfillment, and the Light of the World inside many homes.

We reached out to regions in south and east Romania – eastern Baragan area, and in the South, Pisco Vechi, Filiasi and Motru, each one is a separate vast region. The following key regional leaders received shoes and food funding, Costel Gramada, George Ignat, Relu Paraluta, Milo Novacovici. There were a total of about 25 local leaders and pastors in this outreach. They carried the good news in the homes, loaded with the warm winter shoes, parcels of meals, food. For some emergency cases we provided things like small solar home lighting, electrical and wood heating stoves and firewood, and more we can't name here.

We provided practical ministry, evangelism and discipleship helping the poor and the needy while planting church groups, rescuing and saving the elders, the moms and dads and the little children, leading them all to Jesus.

Here are some of the 2022 accomplishments done by the hand of the Lord who is with us:

Distributing food and funds to the Ukrainian refugees who reached Romania, but as well inside Ukraine. About \$78,000 were spent on hundreds of persons and family units.

About 15 new churches planted, couple of dozens of leaders were fully trained to do God's ministry for the world around them. A couple of church buildings were raised or other finished to be used. A few family homes were rebuilt, repaired and dedicated to be lived in.

With the funds received through CCFR, two pastors bought new used cars for the zonal ministry outreaches.



*Some of the gifts
of shoes,
household items*



Timisoara Life Center accomplished a lot this year: Thanks for your donations as our Lord multiplied the funds as I was amazed at these fulfilled Life projects:

\$22,040 was spent for the new purchased fire systems which we upgraded and updated to meet requirements according to the new laws regarding the safety public buildings. We house about 50 people at one time, so now having the operational authorization license enables us to continue this vital ministry, otherwise we would have been forced to stop using the building.

\$3,300 was used for the upper guest rooms which were upgraded with things such as private kitchen and living room area, with new paint, and installed the air conditioning for the upper rooms which were getting hotter over the summer hot days.

\$11,800 we bought and installed a new central heating boiler. The 20 year old boiler was in poor repair and used more gas than newer systems. The bills for using the heater were becoming unbearable, and that was even before prices went up. Praise God, we made it just in time before the gas price was raised up.

The Lord made a way of a total close to \$40,000 we used for all this building modernization and updates. Thanks to those who dearly give to CCFR on monthly basis, without you we'd have not made it as we were able to save part of this money, and adding to it the special given toward the Life Center.

Thanks to Life Outreach as well, who are still standing with us on the monthly given and special projects too as summer camps, shoes, and Ukraine cause.

Now at the end, I do ask you, pastors, leaders and the ministry teams, come on to see us again, stay at our gorgeous Life Center, this way you may assist us financially a little too, while ministering with us on the white fields of Romania. We need your help!

Blessings to follow you, as we pray and love you very much,

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