



Visiting family with gifts and Gods love

SHOE MINISTRY



Happy New Year! More than anything may the favor of God cover you and your whole household from the top of your heads to the soles of your feet! The Lord's blessings are chasing the righteous in Christ and the faithful following our Father! My prayer for you is that you follow the footprints of the Lord, loving His uphill sacrificial path of service while ministering love all around.

Here, with gratitude, I thank all of you who ministered the acts of love for us in Romania. I have been busy and in high spiritual and physical traffic. I always sense the army of God behind us, providing ammunition for the next step, helping us to push through the end of the track!

Please continue to pray for us on the heavy traveling itinerary to the South and the West. As long as we are here on the earth, we are to minister to other people. All this while the Lord sends His faithful to minister to us.

The end of March we'll be back in Romania plowing furrow and reaping and gather God's harvest into His eternal barn.

I look forward to another great year, a new fresh start and life in abundance!

**PASTOR ROMULUS PARALUTA REPORTS ABOUT THE
YEAR END SHOE MINISTRY!**

Our local church's ministry has blessed 95 kids who received new winter shoes. First thing, we give thanks to our God for taking good care of us here in this southern poor region of Oltenia. And secondly to John Dolinski and the great ministry team in America who financially are supporting us year after year. Their heart giving make it possible to minister to the poorest region and deprived kids of Romania. For our ministry team here, this is a great shoe distribution season that produces this contagious joy to so many kids. This joy spreads inside our hearts as well.

Gangioava is a little town we just reached for Christ. Here we found lots of shoe needs in the families, as we see what the deep spiritual darkness brings. It's ugly wing is black poverty. As we followed the lead, our first focus was on the shoe needs of this little forsaken town. Many kids here were struggling to walk to school with their thin and broken old shoe. Their shoes were worn and unfit for the coming winter snowing. All of the shoes we gave to them was like manna from heaven. Each home we entered produced a lot of celebrating joy. We prayed life from heaven in each home we entered, and many gave their lives to Christ and the eternal light entered these homes.

Here are some testimonies from the shoe ministry:

A Young Lady in her Late 30's Simona with six small Kids Lived in a Hut made of clay, but just recently they moved in a new home built by the brotherhood of Christ. These brothers brought the light of Christ to shine inside their souls and touching love of material blessings.



Their kids were walking in the a cold month of December with thongs lashed on their feet. The parents wrapped their little feet in rags and fasting them with thongs lashes. To buy new shoes at this time was next to impossible. Also

finding a paying job was next to impossible unless they traveled 60 miles to the big city of Craiova. They don't own a car or even a bicycle, so they work when they can find it to provide their food. Their garden provides some food and whatever else they can raise, chicken, etc.

Simona's husband, Vasile, is still not saved, and



*The practical gift
of winter shoes*



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caught in addictions. He promised to come to Christ himself, and asked the believers to pray for him. His wife is a very sincere believer, though young in her walk with the Lord but trusts the Lord very much. Then Pastor Romulus came and prayed over him in the authority of the Sprit, Vasile shed tears and said he love his family, and really needs to be united as one together. We know, Vasile will be changed forever!



Sister Daniela Modroaga from the Patru Valley, Doll, Testimony

I'm 28 and have six kids and my husband abandoned me and our kids. He is living with other women. He came by once this year and



stayed with us about a month and then does the same thing again. He says he is working away but sends no money I'm living with all the kids in my parent's home. Our oldest is in the fifth grade, and the little one is just four. Myself, I'm almost blind, according to the doctor my vision is about 15 percent. It may disappear as the rest did. Only God is be able to heal and give my vision back or at least where I see today.

However, I'm doing my best working around to take care of our little income and administrate it, meals, clothing and all. I praise God that I do have a little bundle of blessing close to me, my 11 old girl helps me a lot with all the errands I'm doing around home. But the oldest boy creates lots of problems for us. He just wanders away and then when it is hard for him he returns home. He has repeated the 5th grade twice.

In all of this, I'm happy the Lord saved me and the kids, attending the church every time there is prayer or service in it, and praying for our little boy to repent and come to the Lord as well. Please pray, help us in prayer that both the father and the son to be delivered from Satan's bondages and saved. We felt really blessed to receive shoes for our kids as buying shoes is a budget that is a very expensive thing for us. We thanked the Lord for you who gave the money and our loving church whom without asking are observing our struggles and needs, and they came to rescue us. What a love and care in Christ Jesus we found! Nowhere else to be found but only in the Lord, a true God and real brothers who surrounds us! Please pray for my eyes that I may be able to care for my kids and work hard for them.

Marian and Elvira Simbea, are living on the edge of the little town of Valea lui Patru. They are members of Philadelphia church, in our fold we have ten kids to raise and take care of. By

God's grace three of them are married and seven are still living with us. Four of our kids received new shoes, the other three we cared for on our own. We couldn't make ends met to buy each one a pair of shoes. The winter shoes are stronger and warmer and a lot more expensive than the warmer climate shoes. Besides, before the winter started our money become scarce. We needed to buy firewood at a high prices here. We are living far away from the forests, and the transportation is expensive. Our main income mostly comes from the social welfare set up for the children. It is lower than it used to be, and whenever we can find a jobs it helps to meet some other need.

I assist our pastor to help because his hands are full. And our ministry is done for the Lord and His people no payments are made by the end of the day unless the Lord provides it miraculously. He did at this time. Thanks for Pastor John who stands here and there behind us, ready to help with something, he encourages us to walk the path of faith, and this is sustainable for us! Thanks to the Life organization who does most of the help to provide these shoes for us, and thank you to all pastors, believers and leaders in America.

Here every dollar in our hands is multiplied. I am praying your gift to us may be rewarded mightily by the Lord!

In the February letter, we'll add a couple of testimonies from other areas of the shoe project, you'll be really blessed!

I encourage all of us: Let's get a good start together for the year of 2020. The best moment of the year is January. The Bible speaks about the first fruit and gifts to come first to the Lord. The Lord's heart is pleased when we give with a waiting faith of the first and the best.

One of your wise man said: To give less than your best is to sacrifice the gift! We don't want our gift to be only for us, but to lift it up before the Lord!

We're planning and scheduling in Romania most of this years activities, like:

- The leadership seminars of the year, the disciple school seminar which raises new disciples and new leaders in the ministry.
- Then the leaders and the teams visiting with us this year from America or from wherever the Lord sends them.
- How many children outreaches like feeding programs and summer camps we may be able to sustain this year.

So be sure you're pushing the gas pedal for us, shown up with something in your hand to offer as a first gift before the Lord!

Thanks for your obedience to the Lord Jesus!

John & Viorica Dolinschi