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URGENT! MINISTRY IN DIFFICULT TIMES



An appeal for prayer

My first greeting to you is: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for the peace of Ukraine and of the world." The Spirit-life prayer of many will change the events and of evil men's hearts who are in power today. God hears prayer is able to change hearts and events.

We Christians are in a virtual spiritual war anyway. I hope many believers are waking up to pray, knowing how to intercede and what to stand for. This is how we're becoming world changers.

Ukrainian War Victims arrived in Romania

We are continuing to minister to people's needs in a variety of ways: feeding the hungry, sheltering the foreigner, clothing the naked because that is how we minister here in Romania. However, today came with an urgent need to do more, the day's demand is intense.

75,000 Ukrainian refugees have flooded into Romania to find a roof over their heads. This official figure was about two days before the end of February for refugees throughout the entire country. By now it might be more than 100,000 settled to stay in Romania. Certainly, many entered to Romania on the northern-east border and are traveling to southern Romania where most poverty is already. Also I had received requests from a Ukrainian minister to find living shelters in Arad, Timisoara or Oradea, and they were housed.

Many of our southern regional pastors are overburdened with the influx of refugees and war victims. Most refugees are women, mothers with their kids, and some fathers running away from the cruel war raging all over Ukraine. Romania opened its borders, even adding more areas of entrance on the Ukrainian border which allowed quicker entry for refugees. There were long waiting lines of refugees to enter Romania, with many carrying their kids and overpacked luggage burdens on their flight out.

While the government is overwhelmed by the high demand, they are appealing to churches and families to house as many as they can. They have done more than I can write about here. Really, I'm overwhelmed by the great Romanian hospitality. I heard many refugees testimonies that came to Romania. Romanians waited for them with a variety of foods to give them for free. If they had a car their tank was filled up, in every gas station someone else offered to fill their gas tank for free. The good heart of the poor Romanian people has been proven. Many moved their own families into half of their little homes and let the other half be occupied by these precious families running from Ukraine. Some churches housed these weary families inside their church sanctuary and modified church services or doing joint meetings along with the new guests.

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Here is posted one of the many examples that is backed up by the pics.

Pastor Costel Gramada housed 6 families in the church quarters. Three Baptist families, and three Muslim families from Ukraine found home with the Urziceni church. Food and clothing continuing to meet the needs through a small and poor community church. However, the utility prices later went very high; they not only doubled but tripled to the highest price ever imagined. The utility expenses will be going through the roof with so many inside using same facilities. The believers here are expecting a financial miracle cover to come through our Lord. And I do believe, at least for our pastors and families, this will be channeled through His own army coming through us on the peaceful land of America.

Pastor Costel's example is one from the many we had. Most from our ministry outreaches opened their doors to welcome and bless the strangers. I have already heard stories as some of the refugees lost their relatives in the war, their husbands and children on this speedy destruction war against Ukraine.







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Beseeching your Mercy to Stand

Besides the merciful individuals and families who may read this, I remind churches who may be able to do more than their regular gifts to help assist in this timely project. God has used many churches in the history of this ministry and I know they have a heart to reach out during this timely need to provide for "the strangers among us" whom we are ministering to in Romania. There are too many churches to name them all here, I am giving a special call to come together in assisting these war victims.

Already God has promised to bless those who welcome the foreigner, the persecuted. This includes those who have escaped dictatorships, of which I was one so I know what that means. It would be great to stand with Ukraine, and with her neighbor Romania who is asking to carry this burden together.

Reaching the skirts of the Southern Regions continues

Amazingly, the shoes distribution was still active in February.

Some believers and a couple of churches in the South had been inspired and funded the purchase of the new shoes for the needy around them. I'm sorry that our newsletter can contain just a little information, but we have other stories and pics. If you want them just let me know.

The Evangelism-Discipleship takes a good turn led by Pastor Romulus who performs oftentimes water baptisms. His intense practical evangelism results in these baptisms and is shown by good works and merciful deeds. He also practically disciples the new leaders to become mature sons of the Father.

The P.V. Apostolic church progressed with their new building....

They are closing and walling the sanctuary. It is almost ready to receive refugees if more housing may be needed. These believers are willing to make a difference, sharing with others the bread they hardly are able to provide.

Suceava Apostolic Church and Bible School report

Suceava is about 25 miles from Romania's northern Ukrainian border. The first Christ for Romania Bible School and outreach ministries started here in 1991. After a couple of years this was led by our leader Nicu Gramesc who went to be with the Lord about a half year ago.

However, here we have a new start winded by a fresh revival, this time led by pastor Ilie (Elijah) Popa, a pioneering brother with us from the very beginning of Suceava ministry, and a great friend of mine. Previously, he pastored a Romanian church in Vienna, Austria. Over the years a former renown leader of great ministries all over Romania, he is a man of God with a great vision to serve others.

Now, by the beginning of this year CFR Discipleship Bible School started and has 29 students. At about the same time the church doubled in size. People are getting hungry for more, and a great revival fires among them. They are teachable fired up with great passion to take the land of Romania for Christ, and not only there, but reaching to Ukraine and Moldova too.

They are preparing and making ready a few upstairs rooms to accept the war victims from Ukraine. The city hall already contacted them to help with the overflow, as Suceava is the number one entrance from Ukraine. Many refugees are preferring to stay as close as possible to their families and relatives who are still in Ukraine.

Please this is a real hot time to reach the Ukrainian people and it may be done through their neighbor's hands.

Take a monthly support for the new ministries in Suceava, the first devastated city we reached out for Christ right after the communist regime overthrow.

Make a timely donation for those who already received the war crime victims in their own homes and churches: pastors like Costel Gramada, Romulus Paraluta, Ilie Popa, Costel Prisacaru director of the Life Center, Timisoara. And those who are preparing housing to host them like, Gigel Ignat, Milo Novacovici, and Dorel Toma. All these regional leaders are men of great value with a great passion and integrity to serve the Lord alone!

Please don't forget the monthly support — keeping the initial commitments sponsored as in the past.

Finally, we moved the official address for sending correspondence and donations from Van, Texas to Waddell, Arizona. Be assured that since a change of address was filed with the post office any correspondence or donations will be forwarded to the new address so nothing will be missed.

The new address is P.O.BOX 1006 Waddell, AZ 85355-1006. Phone, email and website info is listed below.

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Pastor Popa and Suceava Ministry



