

REACHING THOSE IN DEEP POVERTY

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Dear Friends, and Life rescuing team of Romania,
Thanks for being a great part of the Lord's saving grace and redemption with us in Romania.

Have a great Spring, enjoying each moment of your day as a day that the Lord has made. Rejoice and be glad in it, and remember, whatever you do, do it as for the Lord not as for men!

This letter, I will highlight an outreach ministry that we haven't mentioned much in these newsletters.

This is about feeding the hungry kids, widows and elders in the church planting ministry we do in Romania. These special outreach programs we run when we first arrive in a place where the Lord directed us to be, build a heavenly rescuing station among the people.

We have seen that this work is highly favored by the Lord as He provides miraculously the food and the meals, in the times when no funds are set aside to do it. This is when something unexpectedly happens.

Here is what **Pastor Costel Gramada** writes about the Philadelphia church of Urziceni, that is a mother for other new planted churches in the area. Located in the south-east of Romania.

"Filadelfia" Eating Hall is a project run by Life and Hope Ministry for Ialomita from Urziceni town, Ialomita County.

The project is an answer to the great poverty and the need for food for large families, for the elderly or disabled persons.

Currently, we feed about 50 people, every Tuesday and Thursday, by the compassionate people with big hearts, who God sends our way.



Notice the hurt and the anger! ...Only Jesus's love can change their hearts.

Some of these people come and have a meal at the eating Hall, others like the disabled and old receive the food at home.



Because of our limited budget, we are not able to serve these meals every day. Our objective is to serve a hot lunch every day of the week to these families who are poor and lack money to buy food and are living in dire poverty.

One meal a day per person is \$2.70 (2 euro). We prepare and cook with the help of our church ladies who are giving themselves to serve the Lord in any way they can.

We need the help of people out there who care for these poor people to receive one hot meal a day, and we do pray the Lord will bring them on board. (You can send your donations through CCFR)

If you want more information about these eating halls and you want to help feed one poor person, be assured that you are making a very good choice. Your investment will echo into the heavens and will bring you an everlasting profit.

We want to thank you up front on behalf of those who eat at the eating hall for all your help.

Pastor Milo Novacovici who oversees a large southern region of new planted churches, reports from this area by the Danube river across the Serbian border. Until now this region was overlooked both spiritually and economically, where poverty itself dwells. This area is decades behind the rest of Romania.

In each of this village the feeding program reaching about thirty people at a time. Regularly, they serve about 300 kids, and about 100 widows, the disabled and the very poor.

CHURCH PLANTING

A MINISTRY OF POWER HOUSE ON EARTH

A couple of weeks ago, Florin and Diana, and their little kids Bianca and Catalin, were hungry people who were seriously looking to receive an answer of what is the meaning of living their lives. They were robbed of joy and suffered many shortages. They started to seek in different places to receive help. They went to witch doctors, to alcohol, and to the Orthodox church, always looking to increase their material life. In the end they were trapped in a deep long tunnel with no light to find their way out, so they were disparate and became depressed.

Florin is a miner, this type of life make you tough and demanded a lot of things to show you are successful. Not measuring up he became more and more abusive to his own family. His anger became unbearable to all the family. They were living in hell and everyone was affected. In this home, sadness and despair became their only friends. Not only in the home, but this hardness and rejection went out to his parents, friends and neighbors, affecting all who were around them. They needed the only Truth that they couldn't find, so they succumbed to hell's provisions. They needed the powerful hand of the Savior to rescue them from this life-death turmoil.

Our good Lord knew about them. Praise God for the station of God, planted here in Motru town. On a Sunday morning this family took a walk together just for refreshing, and the Lord's hand directed them to the church meeting place. They saw a little cross on a small one room building, and watched a few people go in. In that moment they felt this may be their last hope in the search of their own life, and felt someone pushing them toward the gate, and Pastor just came outside and saw them looking for the door inside the church, with a great smile he welcome them and blessed them right away. He gave them much honor and took them inside the building. This kind of welcome with a big smile was foreign to them, and bewildered them as they said, never before had they met anyone like this pastor and these people. They treated them as if they were their best friends, they let a tear flow from their eyes as they felt real love coming to them.

When the church started with prayer and in the praise and worship they felt something lifting from their heavy hearts and immediately with a big grim husband and wife looking to one another and nodding their heads in agreement. This was the thing we are searching for, such a long time, we felt freer than

ever before, and I saw my wife with tears of joy as I was also weeping.

At the end of the service they said that this was the thing that they we're looking for. "Our search was a long time, but we found it, we were on a brim of death, desperate with suicidal thoughts but now in the service we felt a comforting hand all around, touching us. We felt the old garbage and junks coming out from us, and something new unspeakable like sweetness is filling us, and for the first time in life we are really fulfilled and happy." This happened to both of us at the same time.

They together committed to be back because in their long search at last they found the treasure. And surely they did, and they do. They are always the first ones to show up for the church services. This miracle of salvation happen with no special invitation to come up front and pray for them, but before we try to help them, they stood up and confessed of being saved and freed. What followed was just to bless them and thank the Lord for His very presence, for the gift of deliverance and salvation, we followed up to covered them with our love and prayers. For us it was just a confirmation of God's favor over us as a church, and the need to do more for the dying people around us. In this darken region of Oltneia, many are in grave need of God's love to be known to them.

Testimony brought here by pastor Milo Novacovici, I just translated it.

A NEW CHURCH BUILDING FOR THE CHURCH IN ORSOVA,

Orsova Church was planted a few years ago, the city lies on the Danube river, and the church started from scratch. The Pastor of the church is Ludovic Veres who stands under Pastor Milo and CCFR leadership. The church grew fast and strong, it is a church with a strong leadership and vision.



Until now, they rented a deserted office building that many years ago went bankrupt. It had no running water, no



Pastor Ludovic & Diana Veres, working to build a new church in Orsova.

bathroom, not even electricity. The church has to produce all of it, a small power generator to light just the room they worship. They bring by hand the needed water, and the other stuff, but in spite of



this humble beginnings the church growth was rather fast. The money is scarce in the town, as it's former industries one by one went bankrupt. We have being praying for a long time for God's miracle for this church, to take them out from the dusky small hall inside a rotting building, and sure enough their faith and our prayers were honored and rewarded. For us at CCFR this was too much, and too many needs for us to pick it up as a long term project. I wrote you and asked other people to pray for it.



Now, by a good miracle, the Lord open up a large home building that was still under construction, the owner was moving out of the city, and unwilling to finish it. The price was \$60.000 but the real value of it was higher than that, as it is in a very good location. The Lord provided a miracle through a young lady (Lidia) whose mother was killed in an auto accident, in Italy.

Lidia was practically adopted by Milo and Nina's family, because the mother and father were in Italy and she needed love, safety and protection. The finance miracle came to when the driver's insurance paid a good sum of money to the orphan kids, and Lidia put a big part of it in God's work.

The church now has \$40.000. Then we being praying that the owner of the property to let us have it with the \$40.000.

Sure enough, when the owner heard that this will be serving as a church, he said, I'm not sure why I'm doing it or if there is a god in my life, I never had any thoughts to let anyone have this big home with this very low price. I feel crazy to do it, as my last lowest price was not less than \$60.000, but I'm letting you have the building with the price you offered me, and it was a done deal.

Now, they want to move out from the old renting building, and if they do it, they have to finish the spacious basement that could be easily and rapidly used, but they still need windows and the doors, and some inside finishing. This part of the project is planned to finish in a couple of months, to save the monthly rent that is still very high. They want to use every penny toward the new miracle building and location that oversees the Danube River, and on the other side of the church the beautiful mountains. Pastor Ludovic and Diana committed already over \$3000 all they could save to buy a newer car as the old one is no longer reliable for them to put on the road, but they said this is more than a car, it is the center of God's work. The whole first phase project it's estimated to cost about \$9000, so we need the extra \$6.000 in order to move the church to the new place, and if you have it, don't delay to contact us, it will be the best investment for a life time savings.

On the next news letter I'll bring you a praise report of both Motru and Garbovat church buildings progressing, and the other beautiful life given stories, so don't miss reading it.

The mighty hand of God is on move among us all, isn't He?

Be Blessed and stay strong in the Lord and in the power of His might,

The Lord is with you,

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