



Merry Christmas to all of you our dear friends!

Thanks to the Lord for we're still here in the 12th hour of the Lord's year. If we're here it is for a good reason, and that is to reach out to the millions of souls still living in darkness. December is the month that we store up the harvest in the barn, and wrap the package as a well done year then send the year gift away. It is great to celebrate Christmas at this end of the year. The birth of Jesus into the world was the gift heaven sent to us at the end of times, amazingly, God sent the gift to us after we gathered all the harvest on our own. We were exhausted and hopeless without salvation in sight. But God visited us from heaven, and right away we received it, all wrapped together, abundant life in us flowing all the way into eternity.

For all of us, it is the best time to bring hope where

there is hopelessness, bring light where there is no light, bring life where there is no life, provide surviving bread to the hungry and dying. Praise the Lord! Isn't it good that we're still here to help and to bless others? Let's look at ourselves ourselves. What have we not done, and what should we straighten



up. Let us look at all that we gathered in our house and not redeemed into the fullness of eternity. Let's wrap the year of 2013 in the Lord's hands, for only the things done for Him will follow us in eternity.

Thanks for being with CCFR over the year of 2013, thanks for your prayers and support by which thousands of people both spiritually and physically were fed, rescued and saved.

EVANGELISM AND CHURCH PLANTING to the most unreached parts of Romania.

Most of the new churches are started in open air meetings, until the new church could move in a house meeting. A few of the plant



started in their own building but most of them are still in the homes that are becoming too small to house a growing church.

The cover picture, Pastor Relu Paraluta staring new churches around the city of Filiasi, Oltenia area. All of our others pastors are like him.



EVANGELIZING AND FEEDING THE STREET PEOPLE

Most of the churches are involved in like projects of feeding the poor. Here the Life Center students and our churches are serving hot meals to the street people. Most of these street families unwillingly became street dwellers as they

lost their rented government apartments and homes to historical inherited owners before the communist came to power. These hard working people were just forced out of their homes to become street people, and then many lost their jobs also.

FEEDING THE POOR AND HUNGRY FAMILIES

Lately with the economical collapse, the poor became more poor, once fathers loose their jobs, it is very hard to find another, though they are willing to work at any job. This happens much more with people from the age of 45 or 50. There is no employer willing to hire them anymore, too old and afraid to become a burden. And social assistance may help them for



several days a month, but for about 3 week of a time they have to look for some other ways to provide bread on the family table.



Here is a spread out responsibility in CCFR ministries and churches to fed and clothe the real poor people around them, and to make sure there is no one that will die or go to the hospitals because of lack of food. It is hard but with God's help and yours, we'll make it.



EXTENSION MINSITRY TO THE GYPSY POPULATION

We have been doing all of these various ministries among and within Gypsy



towns and villages from the very beginning of CCFR. Many churches were planted in a mix up congregation of Gypsy and Romanians together. But we have to acknowledge and recognize that the Gypsy community is in much greater need than the Romanian people. To change these lives, we have to use much more our own resources of both time and money.

Here we do extend our ministry outreach to the illiterate Gypsy. A large majority of them can't read and write, and for this cause they are not able to find good payable jobs.

Georg and Martha Ort who came to help us with the illiterate Gypsy

children.

Please pray that we'll be able to train up teachers who will be able to give special literacy classes for them. We started teaching

but the job is too big for us to cover, but our intention here is to start more professionally than we tried in the past.

SHOE THE COLD AND THE FREEZING FEET

Since several years ago we've observed a very huge need of the long and cold winters of Romania. There are many large and poor families who could not provide the warm winter shoes for their

whole family. They lack jackets for their backs, if



they choose to buy the right expensive shoes. This is not only a big problem for the street people or orphan kids but much more for the hard living families who live in the remote areas.

Praise God! So far thousands of kids and youth were

blessed with warm winter shoes, and no longer have frozen feet. They no longer need medicine and doctor visits anymore because of frozen feet.

Just now we're in the middle to putting shoes on the feet of these people. Here are some testimonies and pictures, but we'll continue with



Roxanna

this piece of news in the January news letter as well.

Thanks to Life Outreach International, James and Betty Robison, who are strong behind this Life shoes outreach in Romania, and together we continue this most needed outreach to Romania.

Testimonies from Pastor Laurentiu Popescu, Shoe Ministry

Maita Faina, is a little kid who has passed through many horrible times. This year he suffered the loss of his mother to a disease that could have been treated to prolong her life. Lack of money and good care took its toll,



she died early this year, and he was left an orphan and lonely. Along with the mother he was a believer when she died, and often in tears he witness the love and the strength of God that is with him.

He was so happy when we visited him with a pair of new winter shoes and food we often provide. But his testimony is so strong, when he tells it he reminds us of an old man's story passing through many life problems but God is always on his side. In our children's Sunday services he is very much an encouragement to others, as he knows Jesus as his own Mother who bundles him within His loving care.

The little 5 year old Roxana Dugudae had nothing to put on her feet. Her mother a month ago threw away her old broken shoes. She told Roxana, "I'm sorry but this winter you'll have to stay in the house as I'll not be able to buy another pair of shoes for you." She planned to carry her if they needed to go outside or if she could borrow a pair of shoes for a short play in the snow. Roxana was all



in this sadness and problem until this day when she was blessed with a pair of new winter shoes, now she prays for the snow to come. God is good taking care of the little ones needs, and He loves them.

Catalina Family has only the income from the state social assistance, though they work from morning to night, their whole low income is spent just to provide some food on the children's table, and other expenses like fire wood to heat the shabby home. They use a lot of wood to burn to get some heat in the house.

These children were walking to school in rubber thin shoes that in the winter were freezing cold. Some time they used their home sandals but when walking on snow, the snow gets inside them. The parents said the children are complaining about cold feet and developed painful legs. Though the family is not saved yet, they prayed to God for help this winter.

God answered their prayer, sending us to them, and here the joy of new shoes came to all their children.

The kids were so happy, that they were both laughing and crying, and in beds they wanted to sleep with their new shoes on just to feel the



comfort and the warmth and to have good dreams. This is the most precious gift these wonderful children got for their Christmas, and why not when Jesus just visited them.

The four little girls of Grigorie Family are so happy they gave their lives to Christ. They tell their testimony of God's love and goodness everywhere and at any time, at school, playing in the streets, at church, they are just so proud to be Christians, and knowing Jesus. They always thank God for any small gift they receive. They

were so impressed with the shoes gifts, they kneeled down to thank God, then the youngest little three of them asked if they could go to bed with their shoes on before getting to wear them outside, so they went to sleep hugging the shoe like bundling a stuffed bear.

Their Grandpa was so happy and blessed about the shoes that he cried, and told us the shoes were not on their list to buy as money was very scarce. Mostly they buy food from a little income from their little field. The little girls said they will thank God every morning when they will put their shoes on as they know God is like a mother to them. And thanking the people like you who're providing these sweet goods and loved them unconditionally.

Thanks to all of you who are part of all of this with us in Romania,

Our support is only a little regarding the ministry outreaches, but God is always in the business to multiply it from hand to hand and mouth to mouth!

Have a most peaceful Christmas, and a Blessed New Year,

John & Viorica Dolinschi

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