



## Christmas Shoes

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A Praise Report from Romania

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Our Dear Ministry Family,

Let me first pray a blessing on you for a Most Happy New Year and may you prosper even as your soul prospers. May your schedule not be of our own but a heavenly schedule.

Secondly, I want to thank you for being part of our close family, you're one of the many chosen to whom we send our news letter by first class mail. In this way we want to keep close brotherhood and communication with you.

Mostly, thanks to all of you who are communicating back with us, those who are faithfully participating with monthly support and others who are focusing on project and special needs. In this way you are right in the fields of Romania, counting together soul for the Kingdom of God.

Thanks to all other's who are praying for us, with encouragement words, and pastors inviting me to speak from time to time in your churches. Together we're the big engine behind the wheels that moves this Kingdom of God vehicle in Romania.

Finally, I want to speak to those who receive this letter but do not communicate in any way with us, we may be forced to stop sending the letter to you for the sake of saving money. ***Please, communicate back on the enclosed cards that you sill want to receive our news letter.***

CCFR staff work as volunteers, like the ones who send donations and spend their time to pray for us are volunteers and benefactors for the work as well. We have no paid staff member for fund raising and thank you calls. Whenever I'm in the USA, I make calls when I am in your area, but not always, for my schedule is full of demands.

Nearly the full amount given goes to Romania or wherever it was designated. We have a very small operational fund that is mostly spent to

print and send this news letter. I do not fly or drive using ministry funds, but I use my personal funds, believing if we give and use it for His glory, God is enough and sufficient to supply our needs.

We're not in habit of raising funds for our own needs, like airfare or hotels. I simply believe God will supply at the right time. Even when I'm speaking in churches I don't raise funds for my own family needs but highlighting the ministry needs which are so many.

Thanks again for your helping hand with us for Romania.

### CHRISTMAS SHOE PROJECT WAS DELIVERED WITH TEARS OF JOY

Several years ago we made a custom, just before Christmas to put shoes on the needy bare feet kids. This year was another season to rejoice and bless families, orphans and needy kids. The ***Christmas shoe project*** has been running with us for several years. Each year before Christmas, between three to four hundred orphans and poor kids were blessed with new shoes, and as well street kids who weren't able to get warm shoes for the winter had been shod with warm shoes.

Thank God for Life Outreach International who sponsored this Christmas shoe project.

In Cordun, Oltenia, Michael Faina is a nine year old who is from a family of three brothers. His parents moved away four years ago, looking for work in other countries. In this economical crisis, jobs are not to be found around home. The boys were left with their grandma, who is 75 year old and sick. She can't give them the care they need. The parents are out of work as Europe is in a turmoil of economical problems. The Romanians are restricted to working in only a few countries. This source of life is scarce for all of them. On the daily basis they barely make ends met, the meals served are very poor with very little nourishment.

These children were blessed with Christmas shoes by the ministry and the local church we have planted there. Michael's former shoes were for the summer time, worn with holes, and worthless to prevent frozen feet. He received a new pair of winter shoes, he was so happy and exclaimed he hadn't seen new shoes since he was a little one as far in the past he could remember. When Michael went to school all the kids got around him and asked about the nice new shoes on his feet. He boldly told the story to the other kids that God sent angels from heaven and brought him this pair of shoes, by some people that lives far away in America.

Michael and the school kids praised God together, and the other were wondering if God may send them a Christmas gift as well. Sure enough, so many others received at their own homes sweets, snacks and food, and some clothing and more shoes. God is good as He came so far to this remote village.



Elena Orbulescu, a four year old girl, and her brothers who are just a couple of years older are living in Orsova that is part of the South Oltenia region.

She lives with her parents, a mom very sick, the father who is jobless, but living by state welfare that

is very little to survive on. They are living a hard life of survival, all kids are sleeping in the same little dorm room, as the house is just two small rooms put together. The shoes these precious children received brought a lot of joy and thanksgiving to their home. The children asked parents if they could sleep with the new shoes on their pillow like with a dear doll. There was a big smile of joy in this sorrowful family, and they never thought someone would think of them with this degree of love. In fact they asked where is the small church in the town, and since then the family attends the church, and Elena asked to be included in the children church group to sing, together with the happy kids. Really it was an overflowing joy for her to find new loving friends, and the same thing for the boys.

God saved this family because someone from America dared to love and give to a poor family on the other edge of the earth.



## SUCEAVA MISSION BIBLE SCHOOL, WORKS AND PRAISE REPORT

As most of you knows CCFR started with Bible Schools in Suceava, Timisoara and Cluj, both daily and by extension. These schools I founded years ago, I stayed with them for ten years, until they matured with good leaders who were well trained to lead future schools. This was my vision after the communist fell to train a new breed of leaders in the Bible, so they can go plant churches and ministries all over Romania.

Several years ago the Lord asked me to be a full time church planter and leadership trainer so I did, and am continuing today making true disciples for Jesus Christ and sending them to the Kingdom work. I've emphasized over the years to practice what we're teaching in our Bible Schools. My heart is to be there where the huge need is, right on the spot where they are, planting new churches and training new pastors for them. Above any expectation I have, God favor is where His heart is and I am blessed to do the work.

**Pastor Nicu Gramesc** moved from Timisoara to start our first Bible School in Suceava, Romania. He also pastors a church right in the school auditorium.



Here is what Nicu writes.

Here are a few things that happened during 2011. We want to thank the Lord and have you rejoice together with us here in Suceava.

The discipleship focus brings fruit, more and more of our people are getting involved in practical things. We love helping a number of poor families this year, about 25 of them received packages of food and clothes. Our men are involved in construction projects, the first two were repairing the houses of two families, and the third one, building a small house for a single mother with three children, there are still some work to do, but soon we will finish. Most of the resources for these projects come from our people, which is a great joy. They get to experience first hand the way God provides, and it is encouraging.

Our young people are developing nicely after much fellowship, teaching, traveling to conferences and youth meetings. Many told me they decided to get baptism, so five of them were water baptism in June. A unique situation was created by a young man, who comes from an Orthodox background, he came to me in August asking to be baptized, right then and there. It was a Wednesday afternoon, we were in my office, went upstairs, gave him a baptism robe, as he didn't have a change of clothes with him, and baptized him in the bathtub. It was just him and me and the unseen witnesses, as he wanted. It was a very special moment.

Youth camp became one of the highlights of summer. This year was organized by Christ for Romania Suceava, with the Federation of Romanian Christian Autonomous Churches. More than 450 attended and as they say every summer, the best one so far. Thank the Lord for a spiritual feast, really, with wonderful worship, diverse preaching, and teaching, seminars. This resulted in many young people saved, rededicated to the Lord, changed lives, free of different addictions and things, and of course much fellowship. Pray with us that we will be able to keep it going.

On September 25th, we celebrated 20 years since, **Christ for Romania, Suceava Bible School** started, the first one in the country, followed by Timisoara and Cluj. We had a lot of friends coming to thank the Lord with us, including Joe and Becky Stontz, who worked with us between 1992 -1995, and many of the graduates. It was an extremely encouraging time to hear testimony after testimony of changed lives, people who were far from God, but now are true followers of Jesus. Thank the Lord and thank you who have been with us over the years.

The **GTR (Young Generations of Romania)** group was an encouragement as we came together from different denominations and walks of faiths. Our focus was on the Kingdom values and cooperation. We had a three day prayer retreat in the spring, a "Love your neighbor", practical activity in a little town, building a playground in the main park, cleaning, painting, and preaching Jesus in a practical way. In September we held a training seminar for youth leaders. All of them were excellent, and we are blessed to see the Lord working with the young people of Romania.

## HIGHLIGHTING IN PRAISES 2011 AND PROJECTS FOR 2012

- **Pray** that the Lord may keep us, the Dolinschi family, strong and anointed for His glory, safe and healthy for His Name sake, as there is no insurance of men but only of God for us.
- **Pray** that we'll go up and not down, be above and not beneath, and the Gospel and the church in Romania will succeed above the imagination.
- **We** need prayer for the church plantings and the new leadership structure we have in place, to succeed and all the work of Christ set up for CCFR to be accomplished. Pray for purposes and vision as we thrust ahead, and climb the mountain of God, and let the kingdom of God be visible seen at work in Romania.
- **Pray** for the leaders to become stronger and stronger, matured to the measure of Christ stature. Let's stand in faith that there will not be a lack of money to do God's work but the miraculous provision will come at the right time, so this will bring praises to our Lord Jesus.

• **Pray** for the church planting ministry, that we'll go and reach every town and village with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and lit the Light in the darkness so men and women may see Him and come to knowledge of the saving Gospel. For me and our church planters, the poor doomed souls became a heavy burden we have to carry along with us, please help to lighten the burden and give a hand to carry it together.



• **Pray** for the orphan and poor kids who lack the very basics of life and are falling prey to traffickers of sex and forced labor. These times of uncertain and economical crisis, add fuel to their dirty business to prosper and become rich through selling these kids.

• **As** we plant a church we light a Light in each of these towns and villages. Pray that these poor children and the sex traders will be saved and confess Jesus as their Savior and Lord. And you can be assured we're after them, not intimidated or afraid.

• **Pray** that the Life Center will continue to stand above and bring the light into the young people's lives as they get saved, trained for life and a job and in turn to be a blessing to others.

• **Pray** that this year we'll be able to insulate the LC building, that will be a big expense as well.

• **Pray** for a van we need both here and in Romania, the vans the Lord blessed us with many years ago, are becoming old and unreliable on long trips. We spend a lot of time on the road, mostly just myself and other leaders who ride along with ministry with me. God is always faithful.

## • **Praise The Lord With Us For Last Years Answered Prayers.**

• **Three** families had been blessed with new homes. In these homes 23 kids were rescued from the deadness of their former homes that were a source of sickness and diseases, and not much protection from the colder season.

• **It's** been a great year for the summer camps, many kids had been saved and healed both in their souls and bodies.

• **It** was a great year for the Life Center, orphan and poor kids. God provided miraculously both finances and support to increase for further development. It is like a bread and fish miracle increase. The youth have made a better social progress and life changes than times before.

• Leadership training programs have been at their highest point. They are backed up by Bible seminars and pastoral conferences. Several new pastors emerged out of these discipleship schools just in the couple of years, and many more leaders.

• We have seen a great breakthrough in the south-east of Romania, where during the Communism era the Gospel wasn't present. Even many years after the fall the love of Jesus was not known there.

We had seen regions dominated by evil spirits delivered as the Gospel is freely preached.

• And last but not least to give praises unto our Good Lord who kept all of us above and not beneath, up and not down, healthy and not sick, victories of healing and fullness of life over our family, and all of our friends, pastors and leaders.

Personally and in the ministry we didn't experience any auto accidents, not even the leaders and pastors who attended the Bible training and conference meetings, several hundreds of them driving or riding back and forth from all over the country. I know it often happens in Romania, but only by His grace and divine favor CCFR is standing here strong.

And I do pray and believe the same for you free of sickness and death, any accidents and evil incidents, out of trouble and prison, and always having enough.

Thanks for your prayers and support, and for reading this long January letter from my heart to you,

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