

Christ Commission for Romania ... Newsletter

et's continue walking a life lived in the will of God, to live in Christ, and Christ in us then the Father will come and eat the fellowship meal with us. John 14:23

It is sweet for the brethren to live in the unity of His kingdom as one home and one family. If one of our family member suffers, all of us suffer with him or her. Through it we'll send the package of love, joy and peace. Then the hope of life will spring up in those hearts who are touched by us.

At the beginning of a new year, I bring a more complete Life Center report from Romania. In doing so you can see what is accomplished in Romania. ife Center ministry is like a model for our other ministry and church plants. For each we expect the same final product. Life Center is the mirror of all the other outreach works we have or have started in Romania. The constant result of these works are sons and daughters for the Kingdom of God's, leading others to Christ.

Life Center is a life and job training program for the under privileged or under poverty level young men and women who may come from state orphanages and poor and broken families. Most of these teenagers are coming from the Oltenia southern region of Romania where poverty still reigns high.

At the Life Center our staff helps to make sure that all of our Life kids are enrolled in good city



schools and colleges. We do strive that everyone of them will have their foundational education deepened. We make sure those who are enrolled in universities are doing their very best to be the first and not the last. WE assist them with their school work and other needs. Their opportunity door was closed because of

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the poverty and they have no dream for an university degree. We direct and encourage them to become a member of a local church. We pray and counsel those who are not saved and guide them to receive the Lord. For those who do need a job, we are working to assist them to finding a reliable, well paying job where they will be blessed and a blessing to others.

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We help them finish the Life Center life course and graduate them out as men and women blessed by God and living the prosperity of His Kingdom. Not only are they on the life course of training but they immediately put it into practice to other underprivileged, both young and old.

LIFE CENTER OUTREACH MINISTRIES

The Life Center student outreach teams reach into prisons where a lot of former street kids ended up. They reach others who exist under a heavy misery and poverty.

We, the students and staff, visit the sick in the hospitals comforting, praying and encouraging them, and leading them to receive the Lord. Life Center teams are also involved in evangelism and church planting in the small towns and villages, holding services for those few young believers who just gave their lives to Christ. These little new planted churches, filled up with just baby believers are very much enjoying the testimonial services of the Life Center students who had a turmoil



trouble past of being unloved and abused. They tell of their life survival of shortages, using cheap drugs that could kill them, and more, but only by God's grace they are here healthy, saved and blessed. Our students are also teaching and preaching the Word, singing and creating music, and leading praise and worship time in church's and evangelistic places. Here at the Life Center we are very proud of our Life children that not only are studying in the professional training schools and universities, preparing for a great life career, but are also the Lord's missionaries to others. This is a highway hub life center for the spiritual, social and

material world. It becomes more and more an example of successful life in Timisoara. and wherever the Life Center is known. From time to time we go to visit very poor families, to assist their kids with the after school home work. study and counseling. We also do the laundry for the sick or busy moms, cooking, cleaning and do other task around home.



Baptism Service

We reach the homeless kids and families and feed them every Saturday, food, spiritual food and lots of counseling.

At Christmas time we fed a hot meal for all Timisoara homeless people, we prepared over 1200 cabbage meat-rice rolls, cooked and served by the students of the Life Center. We feed almost 140 people at one time. These cabbage rolls are regarded as the most favored meal in Romania. It was a great fulfilling joy for us, though it took a lot of money,time and sacrifice. In a practical way it's so fulfilling to reach out to others, while praying and teaching them, the Love of Jesus.

Life Center in an association with a city inner ministry, helps to do home work classes. We encourage these kids and provide moral and logistic support to help them excel in life, leading and make them aware that Jesus is embracing each one of them separately within His amazing love.

The new students in the program integrate well in the Life Center life and scheduling, and it looks and proves that everyone of them is enjoying the hearty life of this hub life center. We're happy that they accommodated so well within a very personal busy schedule set up for them while here with us. By the way, this is a training Life Center and it is supposed and expected to accomplish in two years what is not being done in their life span so far. This will train them for a life of dedication, promotion and prosperity, and to trust God and do it yourself, this way life will be worth living from here after.



Roxanna

ROXANA IRIMIA TESTIMONY

At the start of this year we heard of a family from the mining city of Petrosani in the Carpathian mountains. The family is in dire poverty and we realized that everyone in the family suffers with a kind of disabled handicap. As we visited the Irimia family, we recognized that the oldest girl is very smart and blessed with a high learning capacity.

After we interviewed her we saw the passion and the willingness in her to succeed in life, and her love to continue her schooling. Roxana was born with a grave birth physical handicap we had decided to accept her in the Life Center program. Roxana is lacking half of her right hand, and the palm fingers are lacking from her left hand. Roxana's father is retired because of a disease and is bed ridden, her brother is also very sick, and the mother was the one to take care of all of them.

However, though Roxana lived this hopeless life both her and her family, she has a strong hope for her future which truly comes as a gift of God.

On the Life Center campus, she is a source of joy. She always has a smile, and she helps and encourage other. She always says that for each day of her life, she is very thankful to the Lord. Certainly she is full of the joy of the Lord Jesus.

Here in Timisoara, she is enrolled in the University of Plastic Arts, very diligent and a high grade student. She has a positive attitude and a good character. She shares life with other students in the university. In spite of her physical handicap, she excels over many others and is very skillful to use her hands on whatever she may need to do.

If Life Center was not here to cover her, she wouldn't be able to further her studies, to use her golden mind, and excel in life. Life Center is dedicated to Life integration of all these dropped out of society kids. Without Life

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Outreach International and the great care of Dr. James and Betty Robison, as well Steve Coetzee who built this great building for us, this wonderful work would not be here. We thank them, but we thank you too, for you prayers and financial support. Without these great people of God, we shouldn't have available these real testimonies here.

TESTIMONY OF THE THREE BROTHERS



This wonderful testimony is from the Tomus family from Deva, a city in Transylvania.

This family has 19 kids. Both parents now are in their fifties. They are happy and love each child very much,. They



Tomus boys

witness a vivid love story in the ministry to raise up each one of their kids. The first one is 27 year old, and the little one is 14 months old. The father works as a local truck driver, but the small salary he gets in Romania is just covers the home utility expenses. The rest of their needs are covered by prayer and faith, as they always have a God's provision story. They are a miracle of God's love and care.

By God's providential grace, three of their oldest kids are preparing for a better life at the Life Center ministry. We're blessed too. God specially sent them to us just to take care of His own property. And all three excel in graceful wisdom and are diligently studying in the best universities of Timisoara.

Just a couple of weeks ago brother Costel Prisacaru, the Life Center director, talked with this father, and tears flowing freely from his eyes, thanking us and thanking God for the great blessing to have his kids in the best universities of Romania. Father and mother, in everything they experienced, they always consider a miracle so this is one of the miracles that over took them to have the three boys here at Life Center.

But not only that, these brothers are a blessing to the Life Center too, as they are very diligent to volunteer in whatever is needed to help, cleaning, kitchen help and dish washup. They are also involved and leading outreach ministry teams out of Life Center, and are a true blessing to the local churches where they became members.

Daniel Tomus is a student at the electrotechno, Samuel Tomus is a student at the medical school university, and Simeon Tomus is a student at the electro-energy university.

We praise God as He provided a Life Center for these hopeless kids right in the best city with the best rated universities of Romania.

COVACI FAMILY TESTIMONY, Shoes, Food, and Wood Fire, Saves

The Life Center had a Christmas shoes outreach ministry. We bought shoes to several large families who were blessed.



Free a testimony of the Covaci family with 11 kids from the village of Sinpetru, in the county of Timis. This family is very poor and for them would be next to

impossible to provide shoes for so many kids. However, this year was different. All of the precious kids received a pair of new warm winter shoes. Father and mother were both in tears thanking the Life Center ministry for reaching all the way to them.

They told their broken hearted story of a father who does manual labor for low pay. These hard jobs that bring a small income for the large family. Survival money at hand is always a big challenge, but specially when you need to buy clothing and shoes. It was a great joy to bless this family with package of



foods, snack for kids, but also some clothing.

This winter was very cold and the challenge was greater than ever, as they didn't have the means to heat their home. While visiting them, God spoke to us to bring them back a truck load of firewood. As we returned they were again amazed and surprised, tears flowing freely down their cheeks. They said the last few days we prayed for a firewood miracle as most of our kids caught severe colds and fevers because we didn't have the means to heat our house. Here the miracle just arrived. God is so good to us at the Life Center. He uses us to bless others from our little pieces of bread left over. They confessed since we received the shoes the kids wear them inside the home too, as the home was a cold place. It was a blessing to have their shoes just before the coldest weather we'd ever experienced here.

I've given you these testimonies of Life ministries, and what I have described here is exactly what we do in all of the local churches we're planting in Romania. We stand and believe that in every village and town once we have commissioners of God, there must be a life church in that village, bursting springs of living water all around the area, and many souls will transit from death to life.

THE MIRACLE OF PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION:

As I promised in the last news letter, in the next couple newsletters, I will tell you stories of the miracle cars.

We have a life filled with many providential miracles. Over the many years the cars we'd owned were a miracle beyond our health, safety, food and water provision. Transportation, transportation and transportation would be a real problem if there is not one available, a reliable vehicle at hand to get you wherever God sends you.

But here I'll tell you of the first car I owned in America. I was a single young man who just escaped from Romania, after I became a US citizen, I married my wife Viorica, in Romania, and then we started to build the first stone steps of the ministry that is now spread all over Romania. This car was a Mercury Cougar, 1978. It had a large eight cylinder engine, the purchase was very cheap though it was purely new because it mission trip from Dallas, TX, we first drove the Eastern states then to the North, I had expectations that this Cougar engine would give up only if the Lord let it stop, but while entering Virginia, three hundred mile from Washington DC, just passing the city of Wytheville.

I heard a big knocking from the engine. It shook all over the car and was very loud. However, I didn't expect it to stop but to continue on as we were already out of the city. I just lowered the speed, until my new wife spoke up and said, we've a bad tire or something, and it's very bad, don't you hear, it's knocking us out from the car. But still I was in



the denying mode. I said to her, just pray, everything is alright. And when we saw a gas station, the last exit away from the city, I took it and when I got into the

1978 Mercury Cougar

was bought out from the rentals company. In 1981 I bought it for only \$1900. I just had to change the transmission with another used one, I did it myself. The engine had a little knock but we drove it until 1988 without any engine problems, and put on it lots of miles.

For my wife and me, it was both our transportation, and a motel room while on the road. It became to us a dear miracle car we used for so long and for so much good. While driving on a station parking lot the mechanic man heard the big noise and rushed out. He heard the knocking himself and said to me, this engine is over and dead, you will have to fix it or get another car if you want to get out of here.

It was a 24 hours service station, we already drove 13 hundred of miles or so, and it was past midnight, so we needed some rest. We ate a little, and I prayed like this; Lord you know that we don't have any money to fix this car or to get another one. We're here in the middle of no where, and we don't know anybody around, you have to do something or we'll become street people.

We went peacefully to sleep in our little motel car, so tired that we went into a sound sleep until 7 am. The same moment I woke up, I heard a man's voice talking in Romanian out over my sleeping head. Now, once you're awake and rested well, take your wife Viorica and pray, eat breakfast, pray again, and take off. The car is ready to go and you'll be on time on today's meeting. We did exactly as we were told, and when I started the engine, it did work.

It worked smoothly without any noise being heard, and for about another month, we drove, at least another 17 hundred miles all the way to Chicago.

But again when just entering the freeway in Chicago, heading back to Dallas, we heard back again the big engine noise. I exited off the freeway, looking at my Chicago map, we realized that we were just a couple of miles away from a family we knew there. I drove the car to the address, and said, by tomorrow we should be back to Dallas, but it looks we'll not make it. But here was the blessing, they had an extra car they couldn't drive because the stop lights didn't work. I fixed that problem, and they told us, if you will drive this car to Dallas, and leave your broken car with us, it will be from now on ours and ours will be yours. And this was the car that we had for another couple of years. It was a sports car and two years younger than our Mercury Cougar.

This is not of any coincidence but the Lord's divine provision follows up with the need. These ways of provision are always around and spread all over the ministry and to others at CCFR.

We were praying for our cars to move, just as we are praying for a Life Center building before having one. The Lord sent Brother James and Betty Robinson to build one for us in Romania!

Let's everyday say, *This is the day the Lord had made, let's rejoice and be glad in it*. And today's is a gift of God made for us to have. Let's turn around and be thankful in doing His very pleasure and His very will may be accomplished for us here on earth, and do it today.

Praise The Lord! And thanks for supporting us to do Christ's work in Romania,

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