

Christ Commission For Romania

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Greetings

Let everyone reading this letter join the team in heartily thanking the Lord for His goodness, that we are still alive on the face of the earth and have reached this blessed year of 2025. This is truly a gift from God, offering each one of us another opportunity to prepare ourselves, arming us in the Spirit of God. It makes us ready to meet the Lord in the heavenly cloud, when we'll see Him face to face. And when we see Him face to face, we will be like Him.



John Dolinschi with his wife Viorica and youngest daughter Christina

Life Center Update

At Life Center, we have a few students with more serious needs that require our full attention. One example is Silviu Crăștiu, from Lugoj. He comes from a family of 10 siblings, many of whom are still teenagers or little children. Their father was sick for a couple of years and passed away, leaving their mother to work for a small monthly wage, which is insufficient for their needs. Silviu is with us at Life Center, and we have offered him a full scholarship, although he may take a few hours of part-time work. However, he still needs extra money to cover his travel expenses to his hometown, where he assists his family by providing supplies found in the city. We are helping as much as we can by providing food and clothing for his younger siblings. Any extra finances would be a blessing to his brothers and their widowed mother. Additionally, food expenses in Romania have increased by about 20%, so Life Center is seeking extra support to meet these student needs and ensure they can complete their training without interruption. Any additional help will be a priceless blessing.

Life Center Prison Ministry

Our student teams regularly visit three different prison towns and are passionate about ministering and staying in touch with both the locked teenagers at boot camps in Arad and Buziaş. These specialized youth prisons house young men and women who are around the same age as our Life Center students. They can relate to the struggles of these young people, and their ministry focuses on counseling and sharing the Gospel through their own life experiences. The teams also engage in music and singing, alongside delivering Bible messages, showing the imprisoned youth that godly morals guide everyone toward a blessed and happy destination. These youth greatly appreciate their time with our Life Center teams and often express a desire to spend more time with them. Many of these broken yet lovely young people are making spiritual progress. They are reading their Bibles, praying with us, and doing their best to change their lives. Recently, a 25-year-old named Valentin pleaded with us to help him find Jesus and save his life. After prayer, he asked for water baptism and how to be filled with the Holy Spirit to transform his mind.

We received permission from the prison director to bring a few teenagers to our church in Timișoara once a month, accompanied by a couple of guards for supervision. Last Sunday, at Maranta Church, everyone enjoyed the service, and at the end, our pastor prayed over each one of them. They felt so blessed and accepted. After the service, we shared a fellowship lunch, and each one of them thanked us over and over, feeling the parental love of our church home.



Before entering the prison, our ministry team takes a moment to prepare ourselves spiritually and mentally, seeking God's guidance and strength. We approach this sacred work with hearts full of compassion and a desire to share the love and hope of Christ with those who need it most.

Discipleship and Church Ministry

Discipleship, personal evangelism, and church planting are the core of my work today in Romania. For some time now, the Lord has clearly directed me to focus my efforts on nurturing the hearts and minds of believers. This is not the mass evangelism we were once accustomed to, nor is it about famous ministers or big events. Instead, this is a humble ministry, like a beehive, where each member knows their role and works together to pollinate God's love throughout the community. We do this with passion and love, knowing that when we share God's heavenly aroma, the souls of men will be reached, and the honey will be produced. The original hive will be filled, and new hives will multiply, all filled with God's children. We will be ready for the work, occupying until Jesus returns to take us to heaven's glory.

Here are some of the leaders with whom we are working in discipleship and church ministries. These leaders are committed to daily evangelism, whenever and wherever we find ourselves, and they consider any place their territory. Following this, we gather in fellowship, starting with just two or three believers, but this is the true power of the Church. Know that there is power in one true Church!

Please pray for the following church leaders: Tica Stroia, Valentin Dedu, Samuel Caba, Costel Gal, Claudiu Feca, Gigel Ignat, Romulus Paraluta, Milo Novacovici, Laurentiu Popescu, Laico Veres, Ioan Buliga, Petrisor Staicu, Costel Gramada, Vasile Bostiog, Daniel Baltaru, and many others connected in this fellowship outreach. Each of these leaders has a team of others who help guide their ministry.



Local Church Fellowship

We refer to our local church fellowship as the Lord's hive. Here are just a few of the localities where we are working: Chechea, Jimbolia, Timișoara, Arad, Pecea, Valea Mare, Piscu Vechi, Bistreț, Craiova, Valea lui Patru, Motru, Valea Perilor, Cordun, Urziceni, Moldoveni, and Suceava. Many more localities are involved in this movement, and through multiplication, we aim to spread the Gospel even further. We are not only looking for pastors in a traditional pulpit sense but rather leaders who can guide people both inside and outside the church—leaders who teach and lead others in the work of ministry.

Our leadership team is actively working to meet the physical needs of those around us. We reach out to families and children in need, providing food, clothing, and shoes whenever possible. For example, the Tudose family from the poorest southeastern region has seven children. The mother suffers from a chronic disease, and the father struggles to support the family with his farming and extra building jobs. However, after the newly planted church helped support their needs, this made a huge difference. Even small contributions from many of us can fill the gaps in a family's needs.



Testimony

Another testimony comes from Checke and Mirela Alexandru, who, after moving from another part of Romania, were struggling in their new home. Their house was falling apart, and the father, disabled after an accident, could not provide for his family. Their daughter has a mental handicap and is fully dependent on them. When they were reached by the Philadelphia church, they found hope. They accepted Jesus, and their lives were transformed. Despite their continued struggles, they have found hope and satisfaction in Christ.



We thank those who support our ministry and respond to the needs we encounter. Your prayers and contributions help us meet the ongoing and emergency needs of those around us.

*Warm regards,
John & Viorica Dolinschi*

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