

Christ Commission For Romania

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Greetings from the harvest outreaches of Romania!

“We Go & I Go” is the order of the Kingdom message given to all of us! “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,” Matthew 28:18. Thank you, our friends and co-workers with Christ, for sending us into the white harvest field of Romania! This is why you are here with us too. You’re the under-the-hood engine of this movement here, and Jesus is always present. But you too, through your prayers and heartfelt support, are a vital part of it all.

Seminar Updates:

In this letter, let’s continue with the good news from the four September regional seminars. Again, thanks to the Saint Louis, MO team, Pastor Harold Maxey, and his right-hand church elder, Allen Jackson, who were totally dedicated, reaching each of our leaders as if they were their best friends. I would have liked to include their testimonies instead of mine, as Pastor Harold has enriched his friendly memory list with several new names to love and pray for. I should have asked them to share their experiences, but I missed the mark this time. Perhaps in one of our upcoming letters.



Testimonies from the Field:

However, I wanted to catch up with a couple of follow-up testimonies. First, in Timisoara, we had a couple of families who came all the way from Suceava. While in Timisoara, Rev. Daniel was ordained to pastor the new church he planted there in Suceava. Daniel is a graduate of the first CFN Bible school generation in Suceava, and since then, he has never stopped serving the Lord. He has started and accomplished a dozen timely ministries in Suceava and other cities around it. However, just a week ago, I returned from Suceava, and I was thrilled to witness something new. Daniel received a double anointing while ministering and preaching, almost visibly! Anyone could see that he is under a surge of the Holy Spirit, and something great has happened to him since his Holy Spirit seminar experience in Timisoara. The anointed teaching has become the practical walk.



His prison and preaching outreaches have been endowed with power from above, in such a way that families of present prisoners have traveled long distances to attend the small church in Suceava. These poor families, who had been blessed and assisted by him and his team to build homes in the past, suddenly awakened, found the church, and gave their lives to Christ. Because of Daniel's longtime prison ministry, "A Day with Tata or Mama," prisoners are allowed a day off to spend with their family in the presence of the ministry team and a prison guard. I have pictures of many families happily enjoying time with their wives and children, but here's just one to spark your imagination of what we can do for this broken world. During the Timisoara seminar, Daniel was also prayed for and anointed with Holy Oil to receive healing for his back and severe gut problems. Now, while I was in Suceava, the pastor confessed that his former constant pain is evaporating, and he is now able to rest through the night. Daniel's frail health came from his hard work building homes for homeless families, but now the Holy Spirit is ministering life back into his body as well. We need the Holy Spirit, don't we? Yearning for Jesus in the first place!



Continued Outreach:

In Jimbolia, a city near Timisoara, the second seminar was held in a small Baptist church. My dear friend, Pastor Tica Stroia, is a Spirit-filled Baptist leader who openly supports the baptism of the Holy Spirit if there is a truly committed believer for Christ alone. However, a new surge came not only over him but also over the Baptist leaders in the seminar. Now, those who were doubtful are calling on us to lead and show them how to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. No theology expert could convince these strong men by just the word to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Only His presence can make the difference because He alone convinces us of God's truth. Again, we need the Holy Spirit's presence to make any difference in the world and throughout our daily lives. In a couple of days, I will be back in Oltenia, visiting the same locations and regions where we held the other two seminars. But while there, I will also be reaching a couple of new locations for the first time. As always, after an impact, we follow up with ministry to ensure that what was received remains. Please pray for these trips, as they may take everything from us. We go to serve, washing the feet of others, not to reign or simply declare, because serving may take all we have in us.

Support for New Church Buildings:

I'm also encouraging two building projects to house new churches that were planted by pastors who were ejected from the Pentecostal Union for putting Jesus first. Starting from scratch in naked faith, the Lord was with them, and now they're rebuilding the living church. The Lord blessed them with smaller but beautiful buildings to shelter their precious congregations. The people are now on fire for the Lord and hungry for the living bread, as the Lord adds daily to their number. Here are the projects yet to be completed: 1. One family church has a nice building but no heating system. They currently worship in the cold. \$7,000 will cover the heating system project. May God help them, and may someone see this need and reach out to help. 2. The second family church has built up the walls but is waiting on God's mercy for a roof. It will cost around \$5,000 to finish the job they've started but cannot yet complete.



Expansion into Serbia:

Pastor Tica Stroia, who pastors two Spirit-filled Baptist churches and ministers spiritual life to our Life Center students, has also expanded his ministry beyond the Romanian border into Serbia. In the town of Deliblato, with a population exceeding 10,000—many of whom speak Romanian—he has initiated a new Pentecostal church. Starting with just two backslidden believers, the congregation has swiftly grown to 12 devoted members. Every second Sunday, Pastor Stroia leads a ministry team from Romania to support this burgeoning church, which has graciously been offered a former Adventist church building for use at no cost. This effort is part of a broader mission to bring revival to Serbia, a country experiencing a significant spiritual drought.



Financial Needs and Support:

The travel expenses for these ministry trips are substantial, amounting to \$200 a month, which currently only covers the gasoline for the team's travel, excluding food or their time. This financial burden has been challenging, as it has been funded out of personal pockets thus far. We are prayerfully seeking someone who might feel called to support this vital work financially. Supporting this ministry could light the way for spiritual renewal in a region that desperately needs it.

Closing Thoughts:

As we prepare for our next journey to the Oltenia region, where we will visit and support the new church locations, we remember the essence of our mission: because Jesus came to us, we must go forth to serve others. It's through a loving heart, expressed in prayer and giving, that you join us in making a difference across Serbia, Bulgaria, Ukraine, and Romania.

We cherish your partnership and fellowship in this grand endeavor. Until our next update, we send our love and gratitude.

*Warm regards,
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