

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This summer was a real blessing for us in the south of Romania. The churches are just few in the south mainly because the south part of Romania was almost 500 years under Ottoman authority. Because of that, we had no reform influence like the northern part. Also, during the communist time the persecution was stronger in the south because our former dictator was from our district. Our church is doing well and 15 new people joined the church this summer. Seven of them are coming from outside of Christianity and other eight are coming from Pentecostal, charismatic, free evangelical or brethren church.



GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT. On the 24th of July we had a choir from the Romanian Baptist churches in the US (CA, OH, AZ) in a concert at the cultural House from Slatina. Even though it was very hot (over 98) and we didn't have any air conditioning, over 200 people were there.

SLATINA BIBLE'S DAYS PROJECT This event took place for one week in downtown Slatina, in the morning from 8 am-12 am and in the afternoon from 7 pm- 11 pm. We had also 7 teenagers from different churches and different denominations from other cities working with our teenagers. We received the approval of the city office to measure the people's blood sugar, blood



pressure, and weight. Nurses from our church were involved in this, but also we had a lady who had decided to help us even though she is an Orthodox. Also we gave



thousands of brochures, New Testaments and Bible. Because the evangelical use a different translation than the orthodox church uses, the orthodox blame our translation (similar to the The New King James). In one of the mornings an orthodox priest was checking the New Testament and he asked our people to give him couple hundred of New Testaments for the hospital where he works. Our Gideon group will go sometime in the following weeks to do this. Also in that time a man from Turkey, Muslim, his name is Mohamed, that asked us for Turkish Bible. I know a man from Romania that is an underground missionary in Turkey and through him we managed to get our hands on a Turkish New Testament. I had a meeting with this muslim, it was a very good meeting and we exchanged phone numbers. He works in Slatina for Pirelli and travels between Romania and Turkey. He invited me to visit him in Turkey. I invited him to church.

COUNTRY SIDE SUMMER MISSION. Teenagers and families from our church served for a week in the villages of Valea Merilor and Stoborasti where we have two sister churches. They worked with children doing VBS. They also did street evangelism, held youth meetings, helped old people from village and



did administrative work at the churches. Over 20 people were involve on that mission. Two teenagers from Stoborasti had decided to be followers of Christ and they are strong in their decision. Some other youth started attending church as well but are not firm.

CHRISTIAN POETRY, PSALMS, SONGS AND PREACHING IN PUBLIC PLACES IN SLATINA.



NEW CHURCH STARTED AND THE SPIRITUAL WARFARE. Last year we started getting involved in



Parscoveni, a village that is located 30 km from Slatina. The ministry in the village started with a small group meeting in a house. We had the first baptism on the 2th of September. Baptism in Romania is a huge step in becoming a repente in the eyes of people and family. Usually, after the baptism persecution becomes stronger against the new repenter. That day of baptism was one hard battle. We had the church service outside of building in the down town of the village. On that Sunday morning I was very, very sick. I could not walk or stay on my feet. I was not able to eat or drink. On the way from Slatina to the village our missionary from that village had a car accident. The other driver did not stop and a very bad accident took place. We had a band that sand, and my son and another pastor from the north of Romania preached the Gospel. During the prayer time for the new converts, the orthodox priest and his son came and interrupted the church service and prayer. He was drunk. Even though the mayor gave us the approval to have this church service, he disturbed the meeting (He can be seen in the picture, the person that has a white beard). Last Sunday we had the formal meeting to start the church officially in the village. There are nine members in this small church. The name of the church is THE WA , THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. People from our church are involved on that mission together with Alex, the missionary.

COUNTRY CHILDREN MINISTRY. Our church is involved in children ministry through a young lady and her husband (they got married this summer). She started eight children clubs in the villages around Slatina. They work with children weekly and meet with them in homes in the winter and outside during the summer.

SERBIA SHORT MISSION. God put me to go on a short mission to Serbia for four days. The Christians in Serbia are very few and there is a need for work and help there. The church was persecuted during the time like the church from Romania is now under the persecution of the church. They need to be evangelized, witness and also receive good doctrine. I met with some of the leaders of the church. Our church is very open to developing a partnership with the Serbian church and we are praying to see what God wants us to do.



on my heart for Serbia. I was a Christian in Romania, but the orthodox church was not encouraged to door to door and teaching. I was in a big need to see the churches.

GRACE CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT. Our church building is very old and located very far away from the area where the majority of the people live. The neighborhood is the second worst in Slatina because there is no population around. Also, the space is not helping us to grow. We have no room for children or teenagers activity. We have money to build the foundation and we want to buy the metal building from the USA. The cost for the building is 70 000 Dollars. We have in the bank 45 000 \$. This price includes the blue print and the transportation from USA to Romania. Last month we finally received the first stage approval from the mayor's office. It was a very long and strong battle. The orthodox church across the street from our future church building has a huge influence in the city council. Now we are in the process of receiving the approval from different departments in order to build the foundation next spring. If possible, we



would love to have people coming from your church to help us erect the metal building. But first we need to raise 25 000\$ to purchase the building. This is also a reason we are praying for. We are happy to see that some of the members from our church have given especially for this cause.

NEW YOUTH PASTOR. Benjamin, our son, finished the seminary this year and although he was offered to serve as a youth pastor in a church of about 300 members, he wanted to serve the Lord in the South. He will coordinate the youth ministry and the music ministry in the church. The church offered to pay his monthly utilities (water, electricity, garbage), but he doesn't have a support. If you would want to support a minister over the seas please take Beni into consideration. 500 dollars is the sum I have in view. He is already of great help for the ministry in a city full of youth.