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Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ from Eastern Europe:

With the Lord's help, our new year has begun with great rejoicing as we share with you just some of the praise reports and needs that have been met through the sacrificial prayers and support of our dear friends and partners.

Recently we traveled some distance to the gypsy community of Fundul Vaii, Romania, which has approximately 2000 people living there. Together with students from Romania we were able to go and share the Gospel in a wonderful way in an open area, which is the greatest gift that has been given to mankind.



We thank the Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, that for the first time in this community, children received a Christmas gift where the parents are not able to give gifts and are poverty stricken.



We thank God for the older ones, which have such a great joy to hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray as our hearts desire and prayers is that this community will be able to take at least 50 children this coming summer to a summer camp. We greatly appreciate your prayers as we look forward to having these children for 7 days at the cost of \$10 per day (\$70). We also appreciate you praying as we see an opportunity to plant a new church in this community for the glory

and honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is how we start new churches, by reaching the old and young with the Gospel. As the Lord opens their hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit, He convicts them of their sins, which leads to repenting and believing in the Lord Jesus Christ. **Only the Gospel of the Kingdom of God will change people's lives.** Please pray along with us for this community.

In February of last year, we shared with you about our dear brother Ion (John) Leca whose mother and father divorced when he was an infant. Because of his parents being strong willed and all that took place between them, his mother allowed the enemy to work through her and he grew up with a hate in his heart for his father. He became involved in Tai Kwan Do and it was his hope to grow up and beat his father for the pain that he endured while growing up, for dealing with the shame, rejection and pain as the children made fun of him. The father and son both suffered shame because divorce was looked down upon. He felt like a prisoner in his own feelings built up by the enemy in his heart but thanks be to God and our Lord and Savior that after he heard the Gospel he repented, received the love



of Christ and was set free. The father also suffered, turning to alcohol because he wanted to see his son but the mother forbid it. Never overcoming the small problems in their marriage became the biggest problems of their lives. The father not being allowed to see his only son was the one way to hurt him. Brother Ion and his father reconciled and after some time the father started to attend church. His father attended more and more but stayed in the corner as brother Ion asked the church to pray for him. Recently as I visited them in their village of Puhoi, Moldova, I had the privilege to meet his father when Brother Ion invited him to his home. **It is exciting to share that I had the privilege and honor to lead his 75-year-old father to the Lord.** Not only is it a joy to see him attending church but to also be involved in his children and grandchildren's lives. Please continue praying that

the Lord would restore the years **“that the locust has eaten”** (Joel 2:25) and to be able to continue to rejoice with each other. As Malachi 4:6 says about the last days, “And He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers...”. We want to say thank you to all who prayed life-changing prayers in the past for Brother Ion’s father that one day he would be saved. As our partners send in their prayer requests for their loved ones, we believe that He is working in the same way in their families. **Only through the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ can people be reconciled to God and to each other.** All of the glory, honor and praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Please continue praying for his daughter Corina, who has had surgery on her leg and for her medical needs. She is in need of her legs to be strengthened and straightened and

we appreciate any gift towards helping them.

We want to thank all of our partners who support the annual project to provide wood for the widows and people with major disabilities. What a great joy to see and hear them being blessed, as well as to be able to visit the homes of people like Sister Olga and Brother Petru in Moldova. Brother Petru has been paralyzed from the neck down since childhood and grew up in a wheelchair all his life. In recent years he heard the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ at a summer camp for adults with disabilities. This is where he met Sister Olga, herself a widow and living with major pain in her life because of her own disabilities. He asked her if she would like to be his caretaker and to help each other, so they were married. In one of the most painful situations Sister Olga was diagnosed with cancer and she had to have surgery. As I visited them they were crying because of their situation but at the same time they were full of hope because heaven is the place where their hearts are longing for. We cried at their bedside listening to brother Petru sing a song, which he composed about his heart’s cry to the

Lord and his suffering. He sang about his hope that the Lord would have mercy and heal him but if he doesn’t he was thanking the Lord for the salvation of His soul and the hope for the future and eternity. Sister Olga was on the side crying and hiding her tears from him. She shared how after the surgery she



went through chemotherapy and had so much pain in her body. Please continue to pray for them that the Lord would help us minister to their physical needs. It is very difficult for those who are disabled in Moldova who live on not more than \$50 per month. But the Lord is always faithful through our partners when we share these needs with you. We do not want to only share a sad story, but as we left from their place we had been more encouraged to live a Holy life and dedicate ourselves to the preaching of the Gospel in a greater way and to do whatever it takes for others to hear the hope that they have. They were encouraging us and saying they will pray so “you go and preach”. What a great attitude and what a great encouragement from those who are sick in bed. **We thanked God that in the midst of their suffering they find words to praise the Lord and rejoice in Him.**



Traveling on through Moldova, we visited Sister Nina who has been bed ridden and paralyzed for the last 8 years. Now at the age of 61 her mother Maria who is 81 years old is taking care of her. As we visited them to see how they

were doing, and how the wood, which our partners provided for them is helping during this harsh and cold winter here in Eastern Europe, she expressed her hearts desire and thanks towards all of you. She was crying the day we arrived saying she did not have any medication or adult incontinence pads to help her comfort. Please pray that the Lord would help us provide the medications to reduce her pain and to have the things that she needs.

We are so very thankful to all of you who continue to help us be your hands and feet here in Eastern Europe and beyond. Jesus Christ is the only answer to the world’s problems and we pray that He helps us to continue to shed His light in this dark world. May the Lord Jesus help all of you to live a faithful, holy and fruitful life as we prepare for His soon return. We love and appreciate all of you and your families!

Love in Christ

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