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Dear Friends,

Warm greetings to you all in the Precious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is good to know that in a rapidly changing world we can keep our hearts and minds firmly fixed on “the One who never changes” (Malachi 3:6).

This summer started off wetter than usual but turned out to be very hot and dry. **The gospel tent outreaches** (more details on page 2) in different counties have been most encouraging with very good numbers of children and adults attending and professions of salvation being made. Tents have been pitched in new areas where there is no local assembly and contacts have been built up. It is a joy to see younger believers developing an interest in tent outreach work and local assemblies building on contacts made over recent years.

Gospel tents



We are keeping pace with the ongoing **literature work**. Gospel tracts and booklets have been spread widely throughout the country and distributed by local believers during tent outreaches, at Christmas, Easter, and other occasions throughout the year. During visits to local markets and door to door visitation in villages and towns gospel literature is gratefully received. New tracts are currently being worked on as we are aiming to print new ones each year.

Gospel booklets



Gospel tracts



A variety of A4 gospel texts with an explanation of the verse and a suitable gospel message on the back have been very well used. We were in a village during the summer giving out the texts and other literature and a lady said she had been waiting for one of the new texts to put on the wall in her house. They are displayed in many homes up and down the country.

A4 gospel texts



Gospel calendars have also been widely distributed and we have seen them on display in our local post office and in public buildings in the town, “the entrance of Thy words giveth light” (Psalm 119:130). As a result of the Lord’s provision through His people, assemblies and gospel workers will distribute 85,000 2019 calendars, 100,000 A4 gospel texts (Luke 2:11) and 100,000 gospel tracts entitled “The gift list”, during the winter. In the last 18 months we have encouraged assembly believers to distribute this literature also on the streets in towns and cities in different regions. Prayer is greatly valued for this increasing work of sowing in a number of towns and cities throughout Romania.

Winter literature distribution



We have many requests for **Gospel and Bible teaching literature** from Romania and Romanians living abroad. Believers express their thanks and appreciation for the quality and variety of literature available. Our stocks are constantly being replenished. Literature can reach many places that we will never be able to visit personally!

During the last year hundreds of thousands of A4 gospel texts, gospel tracts and booklets have been printed. Also large quantities of New Testaments and Bibles have been purchased. The tent work and seasonal literature distribution require large quantities of tracts and booklets, therefore prayer is valued for the Lord's timely provision for the following **printing projects for 2019:**

1. **100,000** copies of a gospel tract for use at Easter.
2. **100,000** copies of Luke 23:33 (A4 format with a gospel message about the three crosses).
3. **15,000** copies of 1 John 4:14 (A4 format).
4. **15,000** copies of 1 Timothy 1:15 (A4 format).
5. **100,000** copies of Luke 2:7 (A4 format) and **100,000** copies of a tract for use during the Christmas period.
6. **50,000** copies of a gospel booklet entitled „Life's most important questions”.
7. **20,000** copies of a children's book for prizes.
8. **50,000** copies of a booklet by Fraser Munro „Why I am a Christian?”
9. The purchase of Bibles and New Testaments to support the expanding gospel tent ministry and other outreach works.
10. Overview of the New Testament published by Precious Seed written by B. Jones, J. Hay, J. Scarsbrook, J. Bennett, K. Keyser and T. Wilson.

This year's **gospel tent ministry** commenced in early April in the County of Hunedoara where an evangelist has pitched a tent in 34 locations and people have been saved. Weather permitting, he will continue until the end of October. It was a real joy to work with another evangelist in the County of Argeş where tents were used in 12 places. It was good to meet people who were saved in previous tent meetings and are going on with the Lord. In Prahova, our home county, tents were pitched in 11 villages and towns with good numbers of unsaved people present in most places. Prayer is valued for a new work for children (Saturday) and adults (Sunday) that began as a result of tent meetings in Filipeştii de Târg. This month a tent was used for the second year in a central park in the town of Moreni with up to 70 children and 50 unsaved adults present.

It is the 11th summer of gospel outreach using tents which so far, this year, have been used in 128 villages and small towns in 23 counties with good numbers of people professing faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Over 16,000 children and 15,000 young people and adults [believers and unbelievers] have attended these tent meetings. Outside the tents others have listened to the gospel being preached through the loudspeaker system. Already preparations are underway

for next year and your fellowship in prayer is much appreciated for this expanding gospel work.

Bible teaching and gospel preaching are engaged in regularly during the year in our local area and in different counties. It is good to see capable younger men who study the Scriptures developing as Bible teachers and gospel preachers. Bible teaching occupies Paul's time from October to April. This takes the form of all-day Bible studies, series of ministry meetings in different regions of the country, weekly ministry meetings in some assemblies, and regular visits to other assemblies for Bible teaching. Some of the highlights this year were: Six Wednesday evenings in the Prundu Assembly (85 miles from home) from 17.00 to 21.00; nine Thursday nights with the large Assembly in Mărăşeşti (110 miles away) with up to 100 believers present. Five days (09.30 to 16.00) of Bible studies with believers from assemblies in the Counties of Iaşi and Neamţ in Paşcani, followed by ministry in assemblies in the area each evening. Six nights of ministry (two sessions nightly) with the Sighet Assembly on the Romanian border with the Ukraine were most profitable.

The Bible correspondence course work is progressing and we are working together with others to advertise and distribute the courses to a new generation. Discussions on the future development of the Bible Correspondence Course work (K. Jones books), that is currently based in Codlea, and the use of Emmaus Bible courses continue with brethren from Suceava.

Last autumn on our way back to England we visited Romanian speaking assemblies in Austria and Germany and during this year in Italy and London. Believers appreciated the ministry of the Word of God and times of warm fellowship were enjoyed.

Invitations to weddings, funerals and baptisms continue to be received. Visitation also keeps us busy.

Sue enjoys contact with children and young people as she teaches English in our home. We have been encouraged to be invited to the weddings of some of the former pupils of our infant school in Codlea and to see them going on with the Lord. Sue has been checking the New Testament “Precious Seed” commentary that will be printed in the next few months

Goods sent out for isolated communities have brought much joy and the many people who received them wish to convey their thanks and appreciation.

We are very grateful for your prayer support and practical fellowship which are a great encouragement to us. May you continue to know the Lord's guidance and blessing as you serve Him faithfully.

Yours in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Paul and Sue Williams

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