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“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son. In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins” (**Colossians 1:12-14**).

Dear praying friends,

Warmest greetings in the lovely Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is 13 months since we last wrote a letter for praise and prayer. It is exactly 25 years since the local assembly in Cheshunt commended us to the grace of God for work in Eastern Europe. We have been living and serving the Risen Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus, in Romania amongst the many local assemblies since May 1996.

We are extremely grateful for „your fellowship in the gospel from the first day [October 1992] until now [October 2017]”. Your prayer support and practical fellowship during this time and also during the last year are greatly appreciated.

It is quite remarkable how our Sovereign God has helped, guided and protected us in a former Communist country and how He has wonderfully opened up for us different ministries amongst the many assemblies that gather to the Precious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is His work, for His glory, and we are “labourers together with God” (1 Cor. 3:9). Romania, as a country, has experienced huge changes during the last 21 years, but our responsibility is to continue to serve our own generation like David. Truly, we can say with the apostle Paul: “Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day” (Acts 26:22).

ROMANIAN BIBLE EXHIBITION – We have just returned from a profitable weekend in the city of Iași, N.E. Romania. Permission was granted to set up the Bible Exhibition [18 panels and 5 display tables] in a very large shopping mall for two days. From 10am to 10pm a good number of believers, especially younger believers, gave valuable help in a variety of ways. It was an excellent opportunity to make contact with hundreds of people from a variety of backgrounds and to engage in conversations with people from different countries, especially students returning to university. For some it was a new experience and they found the panels captivating and informative. Many visitors said that the Exhibition had given them an interest to read the Scriptures. Please pray with us that there will be much spiritual fruit to God’s glory.

In May part of the Exhibition was used in an infant school in the town of Plopeni and about 100 children listened attentively as they were taught about the Bible.

Future plans are to respond to requests to take the Bible Exhibition to different areas especially to reach the younger generation with the truths of the Word of God.

VISITS TO ROMANIAN ASSEMBLIES IN EUROPE – At the beginning of October 2016 we were able to visit the Romanian speaking assembly in Vienna, Austria, to encourage the believers. In March 2017 Paul was invited to the large Romanian speaking assembly in Rome, Italy, for a series of ministry meetings and also to the Spoleto assembly. It was a most encouraging time with very good interest in the teaching of the Word.

THE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE WORK is still going on steadily amongst prisoners and individuals, and the courses are being used in local assemblies in different areas of Romania.

BIBLE STUDY BOOKS – It is a delight to see believers encouraged by the study books and using them to build up local assemblies spiritually. Requests for literature (gospel and Bible teaching) are regularly received from Romania, Romanian believers living in Europe and from time to time, the U.K. Requests are also received for Bible study notes to be sent in electronic format. Recently 1,000 copies of Jack Hay's book „Tell me more about the Holy Spirit” were sent to believers in the County of Vaslui.

ENGLISH TEACHING – Sue continues teaching English in our home and enjoys visits from former students and young people when they have time.

RELIEF ITEMS – People in isolated areas were pleased to receive many useful items sent out for them and their families. In connection with the tent work the exercise books and “back to school packs” were really appreciated. Parents are always grateful when they see that someone has taken an interest in their children. People remarked on the quality of the goods. Thank you for your time and effort put into this work.

DISTRIBUTION OF 2017 CALENDARS – Last December it was a real joy to spend four days delivering 80,000 calendars to key centres throughout the country. From these places calendars with Bible verses were distributed to believers, evangelists, gospel tent workers and local assemblies as they reach out with the gospel. God willing, we will receive 80,000 Revival calendars from N. Ireland in November. It is so encouraging to see these calendars in homes and public places, truly “the entrance of Thy words giveth light” (Psalm 119:130). Fraser Munro's gospel booklet on the birth of the Lord Jesus entitled “Christmas Treasure” was distributed to some areas and used over the Christmas period and greatly appreciated.

CONSECUTIVE BIBLE TEACHING – This long-term ministry largely takes place during the autumn, winter and early spring months. It involves all-day Bible studies, series of ministry meetings (two sessions each evening), invitations to special occasions like baptisms, and regularly ministering the Word in assemblies in our home County of Prahova. We continue to see a very good interest in the teaching of the Word of God. Many requests for spiritual help from local assemblies are received. The studies also give opportunities to distribute sound Christian literature and commentaries.

Our time is also spent in visits to homes to encourage believers, phone calls and answering emails, often with questions on the Scriptures.

THE GOSPEL TENT WORK – This ministry began in May 2008, using one tent, and brings many new opportunities each summer. As we look back over the last 9 years we have much to thank the Lord of the harvest for: the wonderful provision of 14 tents of different sizes [13 in Romania and one tent in use in the Republic of Moldova]; large quantities of gospel literature; dedicated tent workers; people saved, baptised and in

assembly fellowship. As we travel extensively throughout Romania prayer would be valued for safety on the congested roads.

The first tent this year was pitched on 2nd March in Uric, County of Hunedoara. A tent has been used in 43 villages in this County, up to now, by a very dedicated gospel worker.

During the 10th summer of this gospel outreach, tents have so far been used in 137 villages and small towns [in 21 Counties] with at least 360 people professing faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; over 15,600 children and over 20,000 young people and adults [believers and unbelievers] have attended these tent meetings. Not everyone wants to come inside the tent. In some places good numbers of people stop and listen at the side of the road, in their homes or their gardens, as the gospel is preached through the loudspeaker system.

It has brought much joy to hear that in different areas of the country people saved in tent meetings were baptized this summer. We experienced extreme temperatures of 40+ degrees Centigrade during the summer, but the Lord gave us and the Romanian tent workers good health and strength to keep on with the work.

It is a great privilege to be able to work together with local assemblies and Romanian evangelists. Prayer would be valued for believers as they follow-up contacts made in their areas. Some people like to stay behind after the gospel message to talk about what they heard.

This year it has been an encouragement to see a few more local assemblies with a vision for tent evangelism. Personal highlights of the summer tent ministry include:

- Preaching the gospel in tents pitched very near blocks of flats in Certeju de Jos (County of Hunedoara) and Motru (County of Gorj).
- Using a tent in the central park in the town of Moreni (County of Dâmbovița). Good numbers of children came with their parents and other unsaved adults listened in the tent or in the park to the preaching of the gospel.
- In our home County of Prahova very good tent meetings were held on public land in Brazi, Popești, Coada Izvorului, Moara Nouă, Negoiești and Pisculești.
- Ten days of encouraging meetings using three tents daily in the Counties of Gorj and Mehedinți, an area that is very hard in the gospel, especially in Șitoaia.
- Tremendous meetings in a tent in Budești (County of Băcau) when we experienced the power of God in saving two ladies and some troubled teenagers.
- Working with a devoted evangelist in the County of Argeș where we had a tent in 11 villages. Excellent meetings in Momaia with over 100 children present in the afternoon and good numbers of unsaved adults each evening.

Future plans are to consolidate and expand the gospel tent work. Preparations for next summer have already started with discussions with brethren and evangelists, printing gospel literature and prayer. Please pray for the provision for other needs connected with this expanding ministry as there is still “much ground to occupy”.

PRINTING OF GOSPEL LITERATURE – This important ministry keeps us busy all year round. Evangelists using the gospel tents and believers engaged in personal evangelism distribute great quantities of gospel tracts and booklets. This year a large quantity of different tracts have been received. We are currently working on new ones

for next year. Believers throughout the country are very grateful for good quality and sound Biblical gospel literature. This year the following gospel literature has been printed with the Lord's help:

1. 25,000 copies of a gospel booklet "The heart of man".
2. 75,000 copies of a gospel tract "Christ is Risen" by C. Glendinning.
3. Reprinting two gospel tracts: "Jesus Christ the Saviour" and "The forgiveness of sins" (100,000 of each).
4. Printing two new gospel tracts: "4 things God wants you to know" and "The secret to life's meaning" (200,000 of each).
5. 50,000 copies of Genesis 1:1 (A4 format with an explanation of the verse and about creation on the back).

Until February 2018 the following gospel literature will be printed:

1. 50,000 copies of a gospel booklet "A letter for you" for use with the gospel tents and the Romanian Bible Exhibition.
2. 50,000 copies of a gospel tract "Eat, drink and be merry" by C. Glendinning for use during the Christmas period.
3. 75,000 copies of a gospel booklet "The folly of atheism" (Fraser Munro).
4. Another 25,000 copies of the gospel booklet "Christmas Treasure" (Fraser Munro).
6. 75,000 copies of a gospel booklet "Considering Christianity" (Gareth Edwards).
7. 50,000 copies of 1 John 4:14 (A4 format with an explanation of the verse and about the incarnation of Jesus Christ).

Future plans, in the will of the Lord, are to translate into Romanian and then print:

1. A booklet by Fraser Munro „Why I am a Christian?” - 75,000 copies.
2. A reprint of the gospel booklet „The heart of man” - 25,000 copies.
3. A gospel tract about „The birth of Jesus Christ” - 50,000 copies.
4. A gospel tract about „The resurrection of Jesus Christ” - 75,000 copies.
5. Revelation 22:12,17 [A4 colour format with an explanation on the back about the important subject of the Rapture] - 50,000 copies.
6. Overview of the New Testament published by Precious Seed in 5 volumes and written by B. Jones, J. Hay, J. Scarsbrook, J. Bennett, K. Keyser and T. Wilson - Prayer is valued for the translation and checking of this 404 page overview.
7. Christianity in action [First Century principles for today] by Clark Logan - After the New Testament Overview has been completed prayer is appreciated for the translation and checking of this 230 page book.

We greatly appreciate your interest and may the Lord richly bless you all as you faithfully serve Him.

Yours in the Master's service,

Paul and Sue Williams

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