



# FAITH ROMANIAN MISSIONS

July 9, 2005

## GREETINGS FROM BRASOV

“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations (many different trials), knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.” James 1:2-3.

What an incredible series of difficulties God allowed for His purposes this last two months! Just a few details. With prices rising, gasoline hit \$5.00 a gallon in June.

Every vehicle here was in the shop for expensive repairs, making the necessary travel very difficult. We received a \$235. natural gas bill on one building. \$135. of that was tax! God knows, this is just the tiny tip of the iceberg! “Not to mention the care of all the churches.” Suffice it to say, we need your prayers more than ever! Please know that your prayers do help missionaries face the difficulties of the foreign field. II Corinthians 1:8-11.

We praise God every day for the grace that flows from Him in re-

sponse to the prayers of His people.

Along with the trials have come the joys of service and fruit for the Master. VBS in Bogata was a week filled with crowds of happy enthusiastic children learning the truths of God’s Word, and songs of praise to Jesus. The response to the gospel was very encouraging, with a lot of interest shown. We believe this planting will bear much fruit.



Five MBSF students from Arkansas helped our VBS team hold excellent evangelistic Bible Schools in Brasov, Feldioara, and Harman. We averaged over 50 children per day in Feldioara, and had one very clear profession of faith, and several inquirers. In Harman another little girl was saved, praise the Lord!

We need special prayer as we prepare for the MacMed team to hold their Brasov County Campaign July 18-22. Please pray for a safe journey for these brave volunteers, and a successful effort to relieve physical suffering and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the people here in the heart of Romania. We appreciate so much the participation of Macedonian Missionary Service in this ministry. Some of you may not know that Macedonian is leading out in the purchase and delivery of a new 15 passenger van to be used in our ministry in Brasov County. Bro. Leon Jasper tells me they still need donations to pay for this van. Please contact Macedonian Missionary Service in Kentucky if you are interested in helping.

Sister Ava reports that Humanitarian efforts are continuing with groceries being purchased for distribution to thirty families of critically ill children through the Brasov Hospice Center.

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Your Humanitarian donations are also sponsoring two families (both Romanian pastors and their wives) who are rescuing children from the orphanages and doing foster care in their homes. These foster parents and their new children are so joyful, and blessed. It is truly a sight to behold! Praise the Lord for the eternal difference this ministry is making!

Again, we say, “Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your faithful support in finances and prayers!”

You are holding the other end of the rope which keeps us here to do this work!

To God be the glory!  
 Looking to Jesus and His People,  
*Steve and Ava Westbrook*

**Faith Romanian Missions**  
**Income and Expense Report for May-June 2005**

Income	
General Fund	\$16,769.63
Humanitarian	\$2,860.72
Camp	\$3,500.00
Van	\$1,000.00
MBSF	\$1,500.00
Designated Mike Rogers	\$200.00
Bank Account Interest	\$1.81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,832.16</b>
Expenses	
Automobile	\$2,470.69
Bank Service Charges	\$47.22
Books & Publications	\$158.58
Camp	\$1,107.14
Construction Materials	\$148.43
Equipment	\$733.35
Humanitarian	\$1,642.49
MacMed	\$41.19
MBSF Trip expense	\$331.21
Ministry Building Expense	\$6.90
Payroll	\$12,073.37
Postage	\$639.81
Accountant Fee	\$53.57
Program Expense	\$86.32
Repairs	\$748.76
Mike Rogers	\$325.00
Supplies	\$156.38
Taxes	\$107.14
Phone	\$177.32
Travel	\$432.05
Utilities	\$883.85
ABA Booth	\$85.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,455.77</b>

Dear Faithful Friend,

We continue to be deeply grateful to God for His wonderful provision through faithful friends like you. Your generosity and prayers help make Faith Romania Missions work. Thank you.

We are in the process of some small changes in our reporting process. This month you are receiving a report from both Bro. Steve Westbrook and Bro. Jerry Chandler and the financial report looks a little different.

Bro. Westbrook is on the field with his wife, Ava, working hard with Vacation Bible Schools, a MacMed Team, and the on-going day to day work of the ministry.

Bro. Chandler and his wife, Kim, are working with us here at Faith to help inform churches of Romania Missions and guide us through the continuing transition in Brasov. His health is much improved and we are praying with him regarding his future ministry.

We are also in the midst of changes in our financial reporting procedures. We have a new financial assistant learning the ropes and new line items due to the move to Brasov. Some line items have significantly increased, such as our payroll as we take care of both Bro. Westbrook and Bro. Chandler and pay those Romanians who help us navigate our way through the Romanian bureaucracy. Automobile expenses have skyrocketed as we have taken over the Brasov vehicles and try to keep them up and running on some very rough roads. We are working hard to "get a grip" on all these changes.

All in all, it is costing more to do ministry in Romania as the gap between the lei and the dollar continues to close and as the ministry expands. But as the costs increase, so does the provision of God!

Again, let me extend my personal gratitude for all you do for Romania Missions. We have not listed all of our supporters this month because of space, but each one should be receiving a personal letter of receipt and news when you send your offering. If you do not, please contact our church office. And if we can ever answer any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

May God richly bless you as you continue to partner with us in the work of Faith Romania Missions.

Gratefully,



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