

ROMANIAN MISSIONS



May 1, 2003

From Brother Westbrook

“But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.” Job 23:10

God just continues to show His amazing care and provision for our lives and this ministry. The first day of April, I was admitted to the hospital for emergency surgery to correct a bowel obstruction (kinked small intestine). Though this was the beginning of over three weeks of painful recovery, it was a gracious provision of God. This would have been a medical nightmare in the poorest corner of Romania, where most hospitals and doctors leave much to be desired. It was a scary and difficult time, but thank God for His gracious provision.

The surgery knocked us out of a month of appointments, but we hope to re-schedule each church we missed.

We give special thanks to God for Bro. Brent Summerhill and Faith Church for their unwavering support and encouragement during this time of sickness.

We are thrilled to be able to report that God is indeed calling churches to stand with us in regular support. We now have over 50 percent of our projected monthly ministry expenses

covered by regular offerings of supporting churches. This is incredible, after only four months of deputation, and could only be the work of God!

Our great friends at North Jacksonville Baptist Church, just down the road, have signed on as an endorsing church with a unique burden to help with special projects. They want to raise and provide funds to meet special needs of this ministry as they arise. Their first project is to see that the kitchen in the Westbrook Wing (our part of the missionary residence in Romania) is paid for and completed. Then, they want to lead the effort in raising money to purchase a vehicle for us in Romania. What a great blessing! Any individuals or churches interested in getting involved in these projects can contact Bro. Billy Wilson at 501-988-5285 or North Jacksonville Church at 982-3200.

Our efforts to learn the language continue, as I learn conversational dialogues with which to speak to Romanians about their spiritual welfare. For instance, I have learned how to ask Romanians, “Are you sure that you will go to heaven when you die?” Then, “Would you



Steve and Ava Westbrook
Missionaries to Tirgu-Jiu, Romania

like to know how to be certain you will go to heaven?” Please continue to pray for Lucian and Audrey Stanisor as they attempt to teach us more about the Romanian language and culture. This is going to provide such great help in our coping with culture shock, and adapting to life in Romania.

Olympia Baptist Church in Olympia, Washington is planning another Medical Mission Trip this September 11-22. They will be looking for medical and non-medical volunteers. Pastor Brent Summerhill and I plan to participate in this trip. If you would like more information concerning this exciting journey you may contact Dave Manary at 253-377-6267 or Pastor Bobby Ball at 360-438-0455. E-mail olymbc@aol.com.

It is still our goal to move to Romania this Fall. The target is now the last week of October.

We hope to see many of you at the ABA meeting in

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Wichita, Kansas. It is now our plan to turn north and east, after the ABA, and visit churches in Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, and points in between. We’ve already been invited to visit these areas by some wonderful people.

We were greatly honored to be invited as a featured missionary couple to the annual Mission Conference at Skyline Baptist Church in Madison, Alabama, on September 24-27. Hope to see some of you there!

Please continue to pray for us. We love you all.

Looking to Jesus,

Romanian Missions Financial Report

March 1 – April 26, 2003

BALANCE FROM FEBRUARY 28 17,817.79

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Faith Baptist Church, Cabot, AR 2,000.00
Faith Membership Contributions from:

Allen & Donna Yielding	Amandag Theroux
Brent & Cynthia Summerhill	Carl Duncan
Brett & Michele Mackrill	Dale Duncan
Chester & Tanya Harmon	Donna McDaniel
David & Michelle Park	Eddie Williams
Doug & Judy Crowder	Julianna Ragsdale
Edward & Crystal Byrnes	Neal & Dana Wright
Edwin & Patricia Self	Patricia Self
Haynes & Susanne Ragsdale	Robin Martineua
Jimmy & Doris Wallace	Joey & Angie Bowman
Marilyn & Hartsel Highfill	Joyce & Odus Howard
Sammy & Glenda Smith	Kieth & Krista Holland
Sue & Bernard Hamric	Kevin & Karen Murphy

Total of Individual Contributions 2,642.00

Ray Powell	14.00
Wade & Lynne Eanes	25.00
Baseline Baptist Church, LR, AR	286.00
Cabot Faith, Ladies Auxiliary	77.00
First MBC, Campbell City, FL	50.00
Center Hill Baptist Church, Searcy, AR	50.00
Cornerstone Baptist Church, El Paso, AR	311.00
First MBC, Rogers, AR	50.00
Hamilton Baptist Church, Carlisle, AR	110.26
Hickory Plains Baptist Church, AR	886.00
Hyde Park Baptist Church, W. Monroe, LA	107.93
Ladies Auxiliary, Cornerstone, El Paso, AR	85.00
Lakeside Baptist Church, Des Arc, AR	185.00
Landmark Baptist Church, Jacksonville, AR	100.00
Landmark Baptist Church, Carlisle, AR	84.00
Landmark Baptist Church, Vilonia, AR	50.00
Liberty Baptist Church, McKinney, TX	20.51
Lonoke Assoc. District Brotherhood	143.00
Macedonia Youth Rally	181.63
Maplewood Baptist, Martinsburg, WV	181.56

Mt. Calvary Baptist, Pleasant Plains, AR	289.00
Mt. Harmony Baptist Church, Benton, AR	200.00
Faith Baptist Church, NLR, AR	200.00
North Jacksonville Baptist Church, AR	250.00
Panola Baptist Church, Lonoke, AR	60.00
Russellville Baptist Church, Russ. AR	605.00
Temple Baptist Church, Bald Knob, AR	700.00
Victory Baptist Church, Russellville, AR	682.00
Village Creek Baptist Church, F.C., AR	600.00
West Bauxite Baptist Church, W.B. AR	381.00
West Heights Baptist, W. Monroe, LA	454.50

Total Contributions Income 12,061.39

BALANCE + CONTRIBUTIONS 29,879.18

EXPENSES

Bank Service Charges	4.00
Exhibit Rental at ABA	85.00
Language Acquisition	50.00
Postage & Delivery	159.30
Printing & Reproduction	450.59
Telephone	146.83
Payroll Expenses	
Health Insurance (March-May)	910.68
Housing/Utilities*	350.00
Salary*	5,000.00 (1100.00 withheld)

Total Payroll Expenses 6,260.68

Travel	
Reimbursable Auto Milage	544.12
Meals	117.30
Lodging	184.65
Total Travel	846.07

Total Expenses 8,002.47

ENDING BALANCE 21,876.71

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