

# ROMANIAN MISSIONS



May 14, 2005

## Greetings From Brasov

"The Migratory Nesting Bird." That is my new nickname for my precious wife.

Jesus believed in nicknames. Simon became Peter, "a small rock", because the Master knew his hard-headed personality. James and John were called the "Sons of Thunder" because of their fiery tempers. I thank God for "The Migratory Nesting Bird". She has been very busy lately. I heard her familiar call this morning, "I know it's around here somewhere!"

I had to laugh, and praise God for her patience and diligence.

We need your prayers as we continue to make adjustments to another field of labor.

Most of you know that Jerry and Kim Chandler have now returned to the States because of health problems. God, in His grace and wisdom has kept them on this ministry team by directing Faith MBC in Cabot to call them to work with us as Mission Consultants for the next six months. This has already been a tremendous source of strength and encouragement to Ava and myself, as we have communicated, counseled, and prayed with

Jerry and Kim by phone and e-mail.

Much of my time is still being spent learning the ropes of this many-faceted ministry. The work of the churches in preaching the gospel, and teaching the Word of God in Brasov, Zarnesti, Harman, Feldioara, and Bogata is going forward thanks to the fellowship of Romanian preachers with which God has sent us to work. Please continue to pray for Brothers Liviu, Luci, Petru, and Coduts, and the many other fine brothers and sisters in the churches here, who are ministering the Word of God in this needy country.

Landmark Church in Zarnesti has lost their instrumentalist. Bro. Robert's parents have stopped his attending and serving in the church. Pray for this young man, and the church.

I have been teaching some guitar lessons, to encourage musicians. In answer to my prayers, God is motivating Bro. Codruts,



a tremendously talented young guitarist, singer, and preacher, to write songs. Exciting, wonderful, spiritual songs, obviously blessed by the Lord. Pray that God will use this precious fruit of a surrendered life to help change the course of this nation.

The work of the literature translation team continues, as these talented young believers labor to prepare Vacation Bible School material for summer. We thank Bro. Bill Johnson for raising and providing funds for this operation.

Indeed, we are on the doorstep of a very busy summer. VBS in June and early July, Macedonian Medical Campaign in mid-July, and Camp in early August.

The Humanitarian Ministry continues. We and the Chandlers believe God is leading to make some changes. We continue to be very involved in providing food for families of patients in the Hospice Center in Brasov. But, we will no longer be distributing groceries through Romanian government office of Protection of Children. God is opening up some exciting opportunities to make an eternal difference in the lives of children through non-governmental means. Please continue to

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partner with us in prayers and offerings for humanitarian ministry.

Words are not sufficient to express our gratitude to God and to you who continue to faithfully support this ministry with your prayers and offerings. To those churches and individuals who have joined with us since the Chandler's reassignment to the States, we say, "Welcome Aboard!" We are so thankful to have the Chandlers and you, working with us. May God help us all keep our eyes on Jesus, and faithfully preach the Good News of Eternal Salvation through Him, till He comes!

To God be the glory!

Looking to Jesus,

*Steve and Ava Westbrook*

# Romanian Missions Financial Report

\*March 1 – April 30, 2005\*

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| <b>BALANCE FROM FEB. 28, 2005</b>  | <b>27,872.09</b> |
| <b>OFFERINGS RECEIVED</b>  |                  |
| Faith Baptist Church, Cabot, AR<br>(From General Treasury)   | 3,090.00         |
| Contributions from Individuals and<br>Supporting Churches<br>(\$4,986. of this, designated for Building)<br>(\$25. designated for Dave Manary)<br>(\$125. designated for Mike Rogers)<br>(\$100. designated for Bibles)<br>(\$100. designated Humanitarian)<br>Jerry Chandler's Mission Fund | 14,681.33        |
| Transferred from West Somerset MBC   | 982.14           |
| Macedonia Missionary Service   |                  |
| For expenses of Medical Mission in July  | 3,000.00         |
| Receipt letter sent to each contributing church.   |                  |
| <b>Total Contributions Income</b>  | <b>21,753.47</b> |
| <b>Interest Income</b>   | <b>6.98</b>      |
| <b>BALANCE + CONTRIBUTIONS</b>   | <b>49,632.54</b> |

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>EXPENSES</b>   |                                     |
| Bank Service Charges  | 210.31                              |
| Humanitarian  | 188.88                              |
| Rovinari Building Purchase  | 18,512.22                           |
| Legal Fees  | 101.14                              |
| Translating Fee   | 21.42                               |
| Construction Materials- Rovinari Bld.<br>And Brasov Mission Residence | 2,038.18                            |
| Equipment   | 142.86                              |
| Ministry Utilities  | 550.83                              |
| Contract Labor  | 462.31                              |
| Language Acquisition  | 140.74                              |
| MacMed Expenses   | 1,325.55                            |
| Teaching Materials and Supplies                                       | 22.22                               |
| Missionary Payroll Expenses   |                                     |
| Housing/Utilities*  | 350.00                              |
| Salary*   | 5,918.00 <i>(1,100.00 withheld)</i> |
| Romanian Salaries   | 516.26                              |
| Total Payroll Expenses (Mar. & Apr.)                                  | 6,784.26                            |
| Telephone   | 287.18                              |
| Travel  |                                     |
| Reimbursable Auto Mileage   | 1,463.34                            |
| Ministry Transport  | 266.79                              |
| Meals   | 51.11                               |
| <br>Total Expenses  | <br>32,569.34                       |
| <b>ENDING BALANCE</b>   | <b>17,063.20</b>                    |

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