

ROMANIAN MISSIONS



November 1, 2003

From Brother Westbrook

- Missionary's Log -
October 24, 2003:

Monday began a grueling 31 hour journey from Little Rock, Arkansas to Tirgu-Jiu, Romania. After arriving very late Tuesday, Ava and I awoke Wednesday to the crashing of the bed on which we had precariously slept. The center brace running the length of the queen-size bed was particle board! The inevitable had happened. I spent the rest of the morning in the barn cutting and piecing rough lumber with a hand saw, rusty nails, and a hammer. The bed is now very sturdy, and Ava's back "doesn't hurt at all" this morning. Thank God! Jet lag leaves the last three days a blur. Wednesday night was interesting, getting the folks from Preajba to church in a tiny Dacia with a squeegee for a defroster. (My how we need a van!) The rain has been re-

lentless, and cold, but the Son is shinning. God spoke so clearly last night: Isaiah 61:10 "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation. He has covered me with the robe of righteousness."

Just thought you might enjoy a portion of my first journal entry in Romania.

Ava and I are more excited than ever about this new life God has given us. Setting up housekeeping in the Westbrook Wing is a process that will take several weeks, but step by step it is coming together. We are comfortable and happy here.

October 29th, we traveled by train to take Matt (our son who traveled with us) to the airport in Bucharest. Jim and Sherry Black blessed us with wonderful hospitality. After seeing Matt off, and buying Bi-

bles, and water filtration equipment, we returned to Tirgu-Jiu. On the train we spoke for hours with a 23 year-old college graduate named Cezar Fantana, from Craiova. He is a teacher of Romanian and English languages. Pray that Cezar will receive the salvation of the Lord. He did receive the gift of a Bible, which your offerings had purchased. Cezar asked me to come speak to him and his friends, who meet regularly to discuss new ideas.

The congregations in Romanari and Tirgu-Jiu are growing. The van ministry to Sadu is prospering. Mike Rogers and Dave Manary are two very busy fellows, with great hearts for God and the Romanian people. It is a pleasure to work with them. Dave and his family have finished their survey trip, and will be leaving for the States to begin deputation in less than a week. The Rogers will head your way in January. We must prepare to take care of this missionary residence, and thriving ministry through a cold Romanian winter. Thank God, by His grace in response to your prayers, the tasks will get done. Bro. Danny Berca, and the brothers and sisters here, will be fellowhelpers with us.

Transportation is a major need here. We have a good lead on a low mileage van from Germany for our per-

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sonal vehicle. It looks like it will take about \$16,500 to meet this need.

Just like in America, people here need transportation to get to church. Older, well-used vans can be purchased for three to four thousand dollars. If some state-side churches wanted to take on some very special projects, each of these two congregations could maintain an older diesel van, for picking up folks in nearby locations. Romanians are good mechanics!

As always, we continue to need your prayers for grace and wisdom to fulfill God's calling.

Thank you so much for your prayers and excellent support.

Looking to Jesus,



Westbrook Transportation Fund

A van for Steve and Ava to use in Romania is an urgent need. We are grateful for those churches who have contributed over \$5300 to this project already. At this time, it appears we will spend around \$17,000 for a good, late model, low mileage, 9 passenger Ford van with air conditioning and front wheel drive. Such a van will serve them well both personally and in the ministry. If you would help with this special project, please send your offering marked "Westbrook Transportation Fund" to Faith Baptist Church c/o Romanian Missions. Thank you for your part in Romanian Missions.

Romanian Missions Financial Report

AUGUST 28 – OCTOBER 31, 2003

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| BALANCE (from August 27th) | 31,826.30 | New Testament Baptist, Lonoke, AR | 200.00 | |
| | | Northside Baptist, Berryville, AR | 100.00 | |
| OFFERINGS RECEIVED | | Oak Grove Baptist, Austin, AR | 243.00 | |
| Faith Baptist Church, Cabot, AR | 2,000.00 | Faith Baptist Church, NLR, AR | 200.00 | |
| Faith Membership Contributions from: | | Russellville Baptist, Russellville, AR | 200.00 | |
| Alan & Donna Yielding | Awana Kids | Sharon Baptist, Benton, AR | 20.00 | |
| Dale & Amanda Duncan | Rebounders Class | Shiloh Baptist, Russellville, AR | 200.00 | |
| Chester & Tanya Harmon | Carl & Janeen Duncan | SpringHill Baptist, Alexander, AR | 227.36 | |
| Eddie & Kim Williams | Greg & Angela Turner | Temple Baptist, Bald Knob, AR | 350.00 | |
| Kieth & Desarae Holland | Donna McDaniel | Village Creek Baptist Church, F.C., AR | 600.00 | |
| Marilyn & Allen Highfill | Neal & Dana Wright | West Heights Baptist, W. Monroe, LA | 350.00 | |
| Sammy & Glenda Smith | Ed & Patricia Self | * Baring Cross Baptist, Arkadelphia, AR | 1,246.40 | *Special Designated Offerings: |
| Joey & Angie Bowman | Joyce & Odus Howard | * N. Jacksonville Baptist, Jacksonville, AR | 3,358.80 | (For airline tickets) |
| Philip & Amanda Gilbert | Mary F. Sterling | * Cross Roads Baptist, Benton | 2,000.00 | (For purchase of Westbrook's Van) |
| Phyllis & Ed Benedetto | Sue & Toby Hamric | * Victory Baptist Church, Sherwood, AR | 1,000.00 | (For Purchase of Westbrook's Van) |
| Total of Individual Contributions | 1,731.05 | * Central Baptist, Fayetteville, AR | 800.00 | (For travel expense) |
| Alma Heights Baptist, Alma, AR | 141.00 | Total Contributions Income | 22,738.67 | (For travel expense) |
| Antioch Baptist, Pearl, MS | 100.00 | Interest Income | 61.52 | |
| Baring Cross Baptist, Arkadel., AR | 50.00 | BALANCE + INCOME | 54,626.49 | |
| Calvary Baptist, Three Rivers, MI | 150.00 | | | |
| Center Hill Baptist, Searcy, AR | 100.00 | EXPENSES | | |
| Central Baptist, Newport, AR | 100.00 | Bank Service Charges (Jan-Aug) | 118.85 | |
| Central Baptist, Ft. Smith, AR | 479.01 | Medicines for Medical Mission | 336.00 | (Designated by Mt. Harmony Baptist) |
| Cross Roads Baptist, Benton, AR | 700.00 | Postage & Delivery | 151.38 | |
| Cornerstone Baptist, El Paso, AR | 100.00 | Visa Documentation | 36.00 | |
| Faith Baptist, Durant, OK | 258.00 | Telephone (For Aug.-Sept.) | 150.00 | |
| First Landmark Baptist, Ward, AR | 407.49 | Supplies | 166.10 | |
| Florence Blvd. Baptist, Florence, AL | 100.00 | Equipment (Packing trunks, 220 Skil saw) | 373.53 | |
| First Landmark Baptist, Indianapolis, IN | 70.00 | Romanian House Furnishings & Repairs | 603.73 | |
| Forest Hills Baptist, Benton, AR | 610.73 | Romanian Bibles | 121.21 | |
| Friendship Baptist, Bradford, AR | 100.00 | Payroll Expenses | | |
| Harmony Baptist, Ponca City, OK | 148.00 | Health Insurance (Sept. & Oct) | 607.12 | |
| Hickory Plains Baptist, AR | 200.00 | Housing/Utilities (Sept & Oct) | 350.00 | |
| Hilltop Baptist, Percy, AR | 202.53 | Salary (Sept. & Oct) | 5,000.00 | (1100.00 withheld) |
| Hyde Park Baptist, W. Monroe, LA | 1,000.00 | Salary Reimbursement | 5,000.00 | (Adjustment for housing expenses Jan.-Oct) |
| Jerusalem Baptist, Strawberry, AR | 110.00 | Total Payroll Expenses | 10,957.12 | |
| Landmark Baptist, Jacksonville, AR | 200.00 | Travel | | |
| Landmark Baptist, Carlisle, AR | 600.00 | Reimbursable Auto Mileage | 822.73 | |
| Landmark Baptist, Rose City | 368.00 | Other Ground Transport | 200.68 | |
| Landmark Baptist, Vilonia, AR | 150.00 | Meals | 126.67 | |
| Living Faith Baptist, Ft. Smith, AR | 200.00 | Lodging | 234.64 | |
| Lonoke Association Youth Rally | 78.64 | Airline Tickets | 2,090.00 | |
| Mablevale Baptist, Mablevale, AR | 76.00 | Extra Baggage Expense | 1,816.00 | |
| Maplewood Baptist, Martinsburg, WV | 200.66 | Total Travel | 5,290.72 | |
| Massard Baptist, Ft. Smith, AR | 100.00 | Total Expenses | 18,304.64 | |
| Missionary Baptist, Corsicana, TX | 75.00 | | | |
| Mt. Harmony Baptist, Benton, AR | 736.00 | ENDING BALANCE | 36,321.85 | |

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