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"And there they preached the gospel." Acts 14:7



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Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and hope this letter finds you well and in His nurturing grace. As winter begins, I'm honestly thankful for the cooler weather, but for many in this country this will only become the beginning of their hardships as they try to search for wood and anything to burn to keep their family warm. I want to thank the Lord for what he has done these last few months of summer and fall in the church here in Pecineagra. This is the village where my in laws live and help us every week with the Turkish meetings. Many of my wife's relatives live in this village and come regularly to the services. We start with a meal and then we sing hymns, testimonies and then me or my father preach. It is a blessing to hear of the joy in the believers as they leave.

This past July, we had a church group come over from Texas to visit the children's home, where we live, and they came out to Pecineagra. We had three days of church activities with Bible studies, and we cooked meals, and had evening services. It was a tremendous blessing for the children who have never experienced anything like it. Many started to come who have never come before and it was a blessing to see the American's share the love of Christ. They couldn't speak the language, but the adults and children could feel the love of God. It was a true blessing to me and my family also. After the group returned to America, our Orthodox neighbors with whom we've had problems in the past, went to the police and filed a noise complaint about our singing, comparing it to the sound of howling dogs. This is not the first time they have come against our church, and we ask you to help us pray the Lord touches their hearts and brings them to repentance.

In October, some of our fellow missionaries came up from Bulgaria for a big church service in Calarasi, where my dad and mom live. We brought the Turkish believers from Constanta and several other villages to Calarasi, where we had a meal and fellowship and then had a wonderful service. We sang and prayed, people gave testimonies of the Lord's goodness, then we enjoyed the preaching. The believers were blessed and encouraged to see each other and to just enjoy a good time in the Lord. A couple of days after the meeting in Calarasi, I and some Turkish believers went to Bulgaria for a special service they were having down there. On the way back, at the border between Bulgaria and Romania I encountered problems with the border police who said my international driver's license were not valid and told me I couldn't drive until I got specific ones, they accept. My dad was able to get the ones we needed, but I couldn't drive for around three weeks. It was a trying time, but the Lord showed Himself faithful and provided the funds I needed for Ubers, to get my kids back and forth to school. Several people helped me financially, and I can't express how much I appreciate them because the Ubers were very expensive.

We want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the Lord richly bless all of you, the faithful.

From Constanta, Romania,

Jacob Reed and family

*"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you." 2 Thessalonians 3:1*