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“And there they preached the gospel” Acts 14:7



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“O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.” *Habakkuk 3:2*

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray this letter finds you in His nurturing grace.

As we come into a new year I am wonderfully reminded of how good and loving and patient our God is and how he continues to strive with man in His creation. The meetings in Valen and Lespez are going well and continue to grow. When we first started these meetings, it was mostly children, but now in both meetings many adults and young people are starting to come. The Christmas packets were enjoyed more by these two villages because most of these children are so poor, they've never even celebrated their own birthdays, let alone Christmas. We're very grateful for everyone who helped us make these children's lives a little brighter because of our Savior's birth.

Last week I was able to take two of my children to the meetings in Medgedia and Castelul. They got in the car after school and most of the car ride was quiet. Fifteen minutes before our first meeting Uriah asked me a question, "Dad, why do you get up and go to these meetings?" I remembered asking my father the same question when I was younger, and my response was the same. I told him, "Well son, I know where God is going to be today, and I don't want to miss Him." He then asked me again, "Why would God meet with poor people?" I responded by telling him, "That is what he did 2,000 years ago when he walked this earth. His message hasn't changed and is still the same." The verse comes to my mind "For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth;" *Psalms 102:19*

For the past few months in the town of Pecineagra, the Lord, through the support from the churches and brethren in America, we have been able to build a building to have church and feed afterwards. We meet once a week and pray and in time we want to have morning prayer meetings there also. Many of my wife's family lives in the village and it is an opportunity to reach people who are further away from our weekly meetings. My own nephews and nieces are coming to know the love of Christ and I would be ashamed not to take this opportunity from the Lord. Please be much in prayer for this meeting and us.

I thank all the brothers and sisters in Christ who have contributed and prayed for the work here in Romania. We love you dearly and covet your prayers. "Finally brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." *2 Corinthians 13:11*

From Constanta, Romania,
Jacob Reed and Family