

NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER

Dear Pastor Marvin Barham,

"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philipians 1:4,5

We had a national conference at the Romanian Parliament this month. I believe it was a great success. After much prayer the Lord brought unity in the different Gypsy groups (tribes). Every tribe leader has signed an agreement to work together for the cause of Christ and their nation. There are over 4 million Gypsy people in Romania and tremendous revival has spread through them all over the country. I have shared with you about some of the wonderful things that God has done in my other newsletters. I thank God for everybody in Europe and in America that helped us in this work with pastors conference, with children programs and with the Church for All and School for Children program.



This spring a couple of missionaries, Rev. Jan and Elly from Holland decided to come in Romania and work with me in this great work. They pastored for years in Holland and moved in Sangeorgiu de Padure, very close to Dove House. One of their desires was to help me with the pastor's seminars in different areas from Romania, after I explained the necessity of these seminars. Brother Dirk, the leader of their organization has decided to help financially in this work. The Apostle Peter said the devil is like a *"roaring lion looking for someone to devour"*, trying to inspire fear and stop us but he will never have success because Jesus will overcome them.

One month ago Brother Jan became ill. For weeks his temperature was high and would not come down. I made the decision to take him to the medical emergency room. After the medical tests were complete he was suspected to have leukemia. The doctors suggested for them to go back to Holland for more tests. From the emergency we went together to church and I asked the people to pray for him. Together with Pastor Rad we anointed him and prayed. At the same time he asked his church in Holland to pray for him. The next morning I took them to the airport in Bucharest. After one week in the hospital Brother Jan announced to us that he is completely healed as the doctors couldn't find anything in his blood and his temperature became normal. Praise the Lord for healing! He is a mighty God. *"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well..." James 5:15 NIV*

On my trip to Bucharest airport with Brother Jan and Sister Elly I received a phone call from my sister saying that my mother is in the emergency hospital. After investigations the doctors told me that she has lung cancer. She is 78 years old. She is a woman of prayer. She was persecuted and suffered very much during the time of communism. Much of the persecution was because our home was an underground church and people from the whole country came there for prayer. The Lord worked many wonders and miracles through them during that time.



I remember one time the doctor called my mom for a medical checkup and the doctor gave her the wrong shots on purpose. Because of it she was three months in a mental hospital. This was one of the communist secret police methods. Prayer was lifted to heaven in our home for 3 months. 24 hours a day and 7 days a week praying Christians from the whole country asked God to intervene until my mother came home completely healed. The communist secret police searched my parent's home many times because I was pastor of the underground church and involved in a Bible distribution network. Because of this my parents lived under constant fear and were threatened by the secret communist police many times. I know it was her prayers that healed me when I was burned and it was her prayers that gave me power to go through every persecution I suffered by the communist secret police. Now, she is in the place when she asked me: *"Paul, please pray for me and please tell everybody to pray for me."*

Now, I am humbly asking you, please pray for my father and mother in this situation. I ask of you this because I believe *"...The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."* James 5:16

On September 15th school started for the children. We have 24 children that go to school (12 from Dove House, 8 from Bethany House and 4 from the Good Samaritan home (a foster family). The protection child asked me if I prepared the children for school with supplies, school bags, clothes, shoes, etc. The support I received for August was not enough to buy all these things. It was not enough even to pay all the bills. Plus, at Dove House the sewer is broken and in Sangeorgiu de Padure is no city sewer. The cost to fix our septic problem is \$1,000. Before the school opening my heart was broken for the children. I knelt down and prayed and cried and I told the Lord I can't go forward anymore and that I don't know what to do because I feel so very responsible for these orphan children. The parents abandoned them once and I can't do this one more time. I asked the Lord to give me a word and the Bible and I opened to *Isaiah 1:17 "learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow."*



I received a letter from Brother David and he told me about a lady who is in an institution due to head injuries she had when she was young. He said she wants to offer \$1 per month for the orphan children in Romania. She can not afford this money but she wants to offer it for the children. This news caused me to awaken and I remembered Jesus when he looked upon the people who placed gifts in the temple treasury and he told to his disciples, *"I tell you the truth.....this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."* Luke 21:1-4



I know the Lord has enough people in the world to help these abandoned and orphaned children, even the government does not help them. I don't know them or how to reach them, but my God is able to talk with them in different ways and tell them what they need to do for these children. They will not be giving to me. They will be giving to children who are helpless and in their need.

It is hard for me to understand the Romanian government. They say that they want to have success and be a civilized country but then they play

political games with orphan children. They hurt them by taking away their right to be adopted and to have a family with a future. Nobody in this government cares if the children do well in school or not. No one in government cares if the children have anything. They do not understand that they can not be prosperous and succeed until they care for the innocent and the poor. They will not succeed until they bind the wounds of the broken and weep for the down trodden. We need to pray for them because they say they want to deal with poverty but in turn they are the cause of it because a nation without love and care for the weak will soon end.

In the first week of September the weather became so cold at night that we needed to start the heat at Dove House. I am very afraid of this because I know the gas for heating has become more expensive. Just since last year the gas price increased by 30%. It is widely known that Romania pays more for the methane gas than any other nation in Europe. For two years I have wanted to put more insulation in the house, desiring to save energy. But I could not do the work because the estimate is €7,752 (Euro) for the insulation and I couldn't provide the money. Only Jesus can provide it or He can work on somebody's heart to do it. We must rest it there and keep warm the best way we can.



I want to thank everybody that has prayed and helped financially. Special thanks to those who encourage me with letters. They have given me boldness to go forward. I can't explain to you what this means to me except to say,

"Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land." Proverbs 25:25

I love you and pray God will bless each of you. Please feel free to contact me by email or phone numbers provided at the bottom of this page. I promise to return all mail as soon as I can.

In His service together,

Paul Crisan,

Email: paulcrisandove@gmail.com or paulc@zappmobile.ro

Tel. 011-40-744.555.609 / 011-40.788.555.609