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Dear Pastors and Churches:

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Mission work: The meetings in Bocsa, Filiasi and Bucharest have continued as usual with Aurel Miclea preaching in Bocsa and Aurel Munteanu preaching in Filiasi and Bucharest. I am thankful for the faithfulness of these men.

We are praying towards starting another mission work. Timisoara, a large city in western Romania (one hour north of us) is the home of Aurel Miclea and Eunice, his wife. We have had some initial meetings there with interest shown. We hope to start a Bible study group that will meet regularly in this city. There are people in this city that seem interested in the truth. For this we are thankful. And the city is within our reach from Bocsa without great time and financial costs. Please pray with us for the prospects of this new work. And for the preachers, too, and all those involved. We feel humbled and thankful for all the doors our Lord opens and we trust that He will provide all that is necessary for the work.

Aurel Munteanu continues preaching in Filiasi and in Bucharest which is 4 hours east of Filiasi. He travels to Bucharest by train every week preaching, distributing literature on the streets, and meeting with different people that have shown interest in the truth. Bro. John is a great help there, too. Both of them are involved in distributing literature and speaking with people door to door.

I asked you last month to pray for two matters and I would like to update you on those: First: Aurel's mother in law was operated on in Vienna, Austria for a tumor that was thought initially to be inoperable. She underwent surgery and the doctor was very pleased with the outcome. He said that he won't even put her on chemo treatment, but she will need to come to see the doctor in a few months. This is great news and an answer to prayers. The second matter is about Bro. John's brother who lives near Bucharest and whom the Lord saved. He still faces much opposition from the family and his wife that left him taking their two children with her. Her reason for leaving him is because he left the Romanian Orthodox Church. She still has no intention on coming back to him. He is heart broken and needs our continued prayers!

Trip to USA: I arrived lately in Plant City, Florida finishing the trip that I started on August 1st. It was a long trip (I put more than 10,000 miles on the car), but a blessed one. I am thankful for all the opportunities I had to preach in the Lord's churches, for all the meetings I had and all the fellowship. I am writing this prayer letter as I am spending the last days of the trip in the States, but when you will read it I will already have arrived back in Romania (or, even better, in glory). I want to thank all of you for your prayers regarding this trip. Your prayers for me, for Miriam, for the work in Romania are all appreciated. I thank the Lord for the freedom that I had in preaching His Word. I am looking forward to see you again next time – hopefully sooner than 6 years. I will do my best to visit the supporting churches that I didn't get to visit this trip. My charge to you, precious saints, is that you may stand steadfast, guarding the faith against error and liberalism and pursue holiness for holiness becometh the house of the Lord for ever!

I would also want to thank you all for your generosity. All my expenses have been covered and I lacked nothing while on this trip. I even have a surplus of money left which will be put in a fund for the mission needs that we have in Romania.

Printing work: Miriam and Aurel Miclea (her brother) continued the work in the print shop in my absence. Aurel reprinted a sermon by Spurgeon (The Barley Field on Fire) that is very useful especially in hospitals. He also reprinted my testimony regarding the holidays, *Leaving Christmas* (this is available in English, too, on the web). One of the difficulties we face regarding the printing work is the lack of personnel. We have gotten to the point where it is very difficult to keep up with all the reprinting and especially printing new titles with the man power that we have (Aurel, Miriam and me being the only ones full time). Aurel and I need to preach, do outreach, go on mission trips, etc.: this besides doing the work in the print shop. So, we have our hands more than full. I was asked by several churches if we can't hire another brother to help us in the print shop. We lacked both a proper person and the finances, but I believe that the Lord has answered both needs. My brother, Michael, is the only church member that lives in Bocsa who can do the work we need (in the print shop, running errands, helping with the driving on the mission trips, etc., etc.). He has been helping voluntarily with this work and so has experience. I spoke with him and he is willing to be full time. Now we need constant help. And the Lord has met the financial need as well as three new churches started supporting the work in Romania This gave us the extra funds that we need. I spoke with Michael about helping us full time for one year and he agreed. I couldn't make a longer commitment and he also has plans to work as a medical nurse (this is his training), but I am thrilled at the prospect of having a good extra hand for this period of time. It will relieve all of us and give us more time to do mission work.

Thank you so much for being a part of the Lord's work in Romania by your prayers and financial support!

Bro: Raul