



Constanta, Romania, 10th of October 2020

Dear faithful supporting Pastor and friends,



“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”

Romans 8:37

Yes, these days we are facing all kind of hard situations: people getting sick around, some of them family, many dying, some being afraid because they don't know from where the danger is coming, the doors of freedom we were so used to have are closing, being more and more tight, BUT, in all these through Jesus we can experience His special care!

This pandemic time was and it is a big challenge for us here, to learn how to take the Gospel of Jesus' love to those incarcerated. But God is good with them and with us too and gave us new opportunities to work.

God blessed us and the number of those who want to study the Bible to our Bible study program by correspondence, is increasing every month! We just received a message from an inmate's wife and here it is what she says: **“God touched my husband's heart, and changed it totally! He repented of all his past and in the first (after 7 years) permission to come home for 24 hours, he got baptized. I don't have enough words to thank you that because of your labor, my husband is a different person! Praise the Lord!”** These are her words! God is so good!

We have prayed a lot that God will open a door to start again the programs. And HE DID! We asked many times for on-line programs, and in the beginning of September, the prison Administration in Romania, send us a letter asking if we are willing to start the programs in this way! Of course, we answered quickly that yes, we are willing and ready for this. As a result, **we are working in 2 prisons on-line (in one of them we didn't use to work and this is a huge opportunity to start working in many more prisons than before), we are in preparation to start in another 6.** And we expect to be more! This involve a lot of traveling (and expenses) to teach our volunteers and also the prison staff how to develop the programs. **Please pray for our safety as we travel and we meet a lot of people we don't know about them if they are infected or not...** the number of people infected in Romania is increasing every day... we started with 100-200 and now we have like 4000 every day! The hospitals are overloaded!

Also, we were asked to cover a need of **900 fabric masks** for inmates in one of the largest prisons in Romania. God helped us to show we care, that He cares, and we were able to purchase and donate them.

We received also a **request to provide clothing and footwear for 35 minors in a detention facility.** They are young men with the age between 14-18, who don't have family or someone to take care of their needs! We used to work in that prison and this is one of the prisons we will start working online! God helped to be their help! Also, **there is another minors and youth prison who asked for help!** Praise the Lord, He provided the money we needed to buy shoes, socks and T-shirts for **27 of them.** Hopefully this will help as the weather is getting cold here.

Our family is well now. Our oldest son **Lucian** and all his family were infected with COVID-19, they are still recovering. On the 14th of July, **Alex and Alexandra received the gift of God, ANA GIULIA!** She is healthy and so beautiful! We are so grateful for the way God is taking care of our family!



Pease pray for us for being able to meet the needs of the inmates and their families, to be able to get in more prisons with the Gospel, for health and safety, for The House of Hope project!

Thank you so much for all you are doing for us! We are so grateful to God for your love and care, prayers and support! God bless you!

Mircea & Ronela Cristian, Missionaries in the country of Romania

2 Corinthians 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.