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Dear praying friends,

Warm greetings in the Precious Name of our wonderful Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many changes have taken place internationally since we last wrote and the words of Scripture give much assurance and spiritual stability in a very unstable world. "Thou, O Lord, remainest for ever; Thy throne from generation to generation" (**Lamentations 5:19**). "But thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end" (**Psalms 102:27**). Amidst all the changing scenes on earth, He is the unchanging one and will remain so forever.

As **Covid restrictions** were lifted in the summer of 2021 things gradually started opening up again and more believers were able to attend assembly gatherings.

As everywhere the post-Covid pandemic effects are being felt, with increased prices in the shops, supply chain problems and the cost of gas and electricity rising.

In February 2022, war broke out in the **Ukraine**, the country next door. This has brought uncertainty and many challenges as well as a change in focus for some Romanian believers. An enormous amount of energy and effort has been put into helping those fleeing war and those who have remained in their own country. Both practical and spiritual help have been given and prayer is valued that the good seed sown might bear much fruit.

Owing to the kindness and generosity of the Lord's people our focus has remained on helping those who are taking essential items into the war zones and to those who are looking after refugees who have fled to safer areas in the Ukraine, nearer the northern border with Romania. Many are still living in cramped conditions in different buildings as they have nowhere else to go, sleeping on mattresses and with only a cardboard box to keep their belongings in. Much praise and thanksgiving has ascended to the throne of grace from those who have been helped by God's timely provision in very difficult circumstances.

Autumn/Winter 2021

As usual gospel literature and 130,000 calendars were distributed by assembly believers over large areas of Romania and into schools, offices, public buildings and factories, with distribution also taking place among Romanians living in Italy, Brussels and London.

100,000 A5 gospel texts (**1 Timothy 1:15**) and 300,000 A6 texts, both with a gospel message on the reverse, were also printed for distribution with the calendars and into apartment blocks and on the streets in many towns throughout Romania.

Work continues on new A5 gospel texts (with a gospel message on the reverse) and new gospel tracts. Literature distribution takes place on the streets in towns and cities in different regions during the Christmas and Easter period. It is most encouraging to see the development of this public gospel testimony.

From time to time people have questions and are open to discussion after they receive tracts. One brother received a phone call from someone who had picked up a discarded tract and wanted to know how to get to the assembly meetings. It is encouraging to know we can all be links in a chain that ultimately leads to conversion.

Regular visits for **Bible teaching** to assemblies in our home County and monthly Saturday studies (10.00 to 14.00) in Galați and Craiova (16.00 to 19.00) continued, as well as Bible studies via „Zoom” with the Ponsacco Assembly in Italy (3½ hours monthly) and series of ministry meetings in different areas of the country. Please pray for spiritual growth amongst believers.

Time was well spent with the architect planning the storage facility to make best use of the available space.

Spring/Summer 2022

At the end of February construction commenced on **the literature storage facility near Suceava, northern Romania**. We have been so grateful for the Lord’s help and that of all those who have been part of moving this project forward quickly in such a wonderful way. Many Romanian believers, who have expertise in different areas, have helped and guided us at different stages of the work and have given liberally of their time.



God willing, the building will be ready to use late November and we are looking forward to using it to its full potential for gospel literature work and ultimately for the salvation of many.



The gospel tent ministry entered its 15th summer season.

Gospel tents were pitched in 84 places in 15 Counties throughout Romania and in 4 villages and the town of Orhei in the Republic of Moldova, with over 16,000 children attending meetings and over 10,000 people (saved and unsaved) attending gospel tent meetings. Good numbers of people have been saved by Divine grace, especially in the Counties of Suceava, Satu Mare, Bihor and Hunedoara. Some people still prefer to listen to the gospel message being preached through the loudspeaker system outside the tent, on the roadside, on their balconies or in their gardens.

The first series of tent meetings this year was in N.E. Romania, in the County of Bacău. It was the exercise of one of the elder’s in the assembly in Onești for unsaved people to have the opportunity to listen to the preaching of the gospel in the village where he was born and brought up. His father was wonderfully saved at the age of 90! The last series will be this weekend in Călimănești, in the earthquake County of Vrancea, where we pitched our first gospel tent in May 2008.

One of the highlights of the tent work this summer was when the elders in the local assembly in Hanu Conachi were burdened to have tent meetings in the Eastern County of Galați in Hanu Conachi and Grivița. It was a real joy to labour in the gospel with this assembly in Hanu Conachi with nearly 100 people attending the meetings. They were „live” on the internet with over 1,300 people listening to the gospel message. A lady who was listening “online” in the city of Bacău, 90 miles away, under Divine conviction,

wonderfully professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Opening of a new gospel hall – During the last ten years a fair amount of time has been invested in the local assembly in Pietrișu, on the Romanian/Bulgarian border, and other assemblies in the area. It was therefore a real joy to be invited to speak at the official opening of the new gospel hall in Pietrișu. It was a very happy occasion and the new hall was packed with nearly 200 people.

Baptisms in the County of Gorj – Another highlight during the summer was preaching in Șitoaia where we have had series of gospel tent meetings in the past. The very small assembly of believers was most encouraged when seven believers were baptised by immersion.

Winter 2022

God willing, we are awaiting a delivery of 130,000 2023 calendars. They will be transported to key areas ready for believers and gospel workers to distribute together with an A5 gospel text and a tract to personal contacts. Distribution will also take place during special gospel outreaches in December.

Until late Spring systematic Bible teaching will continue in different areas of the country.

Gospel literature printing projects

A significant quantity of the literature printed is used in the Northern region of Romania, an area that we have been visiting for many years. Having a base for the work in this region is a strategic development and will help in the consolidation of the literature work and the expansion of gospel outreach.

Alongside delivery of gospel literature discussions are engaged in with brethren and gospel workers in the Counties of Iași, Suceava, Vaslui, Neamț, Botoșani, Bacău and Vrancea.

There are some encouraging developments in the gospel outreach work among the assemblies in the many urban and rural areas in the region of Moldavia (N.E. Romania).

With the wonderful provision of the literature storage facility near Suceava, we will be able to spend proportionally more time in the region of Moldavia. Working alongside local elders and assemblies we are seeking to develop different aspects of the Lord's work with a younger generation of believers living in a constantly changing society.

Literature translation work – Sue is involved in checking the translation of the **Precious Seed books on the Old Testament** and **Everyday Evangelism (sharing the gospel in conversation)** by Paul McCauley and David Williamson. Some translators have been delayed in their work due to helping in the Ukrainian relief work.

Goods sent out for the tent work and for people living in isolated communities are much appreciated and an encouragement to those who receive them.

We are grateful for God's sustaining grace and guidance and may He continue to encourage you all in your important service for Him.

Warmly in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Paul and Sue Williams

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