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From Ted's Pen

**"A faithful man will
Abound with blessings."
- Proverbs 28:20**

The promise of God that He will take care of the needs of His children who are faithful and loyal to Him, is a promise that provides the foundation of many wonderful things. I know that most of us can attest to the fact that God has kept His promise in the past and we have confidence that His promises will be kept forever.

The first of February we published our last report for two months because we would not have time to publish one again until now. So, it is good to send our greetings to you for the Month of April.

We had a fine day with the congregation at Greenbrier, Arkansas on Sunday, February 5 for their annual "Missions Day." Each year several of the missionaries that they support are able to come to Greenbrier and speak about the work that they are doing and enjoy a time of fellowship with the church. I am thankful for the emphasis on preaching the gospel to the world that the church at Greenbrier continues to observe.

ROMANIA TRIP

On February 5, Cindy Tatum of Turlock, California joined Barbara and me for three weeks of teaching the gospel in Pitesti, Romania. We arrived on Wednesday evening, February 6 and began our studies at 10:00 Thursday morning. Many good studies were awaiting our arrival because of the work of Harvey and Pat Starling in the weeks prior to our arrival there. Here are some highlights from the trip:

We conducted at least 153 one to one Bible studies. We conducted a teachers meeting in preparation for the 2002 Vacation Bible School, which will be taught by Romanian teachers. Sister Tatum was able to get the materials for the school and the teachers have it and are working already.

We had special meetings of all the regular Bible class students, teachers, and parents on two Saturdays while we were there. It was a delightful thing to see the progress that the students and teachers have made. There were Bible quizzes, singing, and other activities which many of the parents had never seen before. I salute these fine teachers for the great work they are doing - Irina, Gabi, Lucia, Ramona, Paula,

Ramona, Cristina, Iulia, and others are working very hard to make their classes both enjoyable and profitable.

We had a special class for all teens on one Saturday and 21 of them came for the class and fellowship afterwards.

Barbara conducted special classes for several of the ladies about five or six days and Cindy also taught a special class for those ladies for two or three days.

We made a trip for me to preach at Craiova on Sunday, February 17. There was about 80 present for the worship service and it was wonderful to meet with the fine Christians who meet at Craiova. Following the services we had a great period of fellowship.

Four people were baptized into Christ at Pitesti during the time we studied there. We rejoice that there are now four more souls have been added to the Lord's church and we believe that they will be faithful in serving the Lord.

We delivered medicine and vitamins to 37 children who are cared for in the kindergarten.

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Every time we go to Romania and the time comes for us to leave, we feel that if we just had a little more time others would obey the Lord. We left some very good prospects for those who are now there to teach them. We pray that there will be many others who will become Christians and serve the Lord for the rest of their life.

WORK IN U.S.

We arrived back at home late in the evening of February 25, exhausted as usual, and three days later we left for Casa Grande, Arizona for a meeting with the church there. It was my pleasure to preach the gospel in Casa Grande for the first time although we had visited there one time before. It was also a joy to stay in the home of Sister Marie Bishop who was instrumental in getting the invitation extended to us to come. What a delightful sister she is and we had a wonderful time in our visits with her.

After the meeting at Casa Grande we took two days off and Don and Dorcas Rackley of Gainesville, Missouri who are "snowbirds" as they are called in Arizona, took us on three trips that were some of the most enjoyable that we have ever had. We went to Old Mexico one day and that was some experience. The next day we went to Sedona and Jerome, Arizona and saw some of the most beautiful country that our eyes have ever seen. On Saturday before leaving for the airport the Rackley's took us to Cave Creek and Carefree, Arizona, just outside of Phoenix. Again, we were thrilled with the beauty of area. We needed those two and one-half days and surely did enjoy them.

We were privileged to host the Area Wide Fellowship on March 12. This was the 20th year in a row that I have hosted the meeting in March, beginning with the very first one. We had 117 Christians from about 24 congregations throughout the area who came together and enjoyed a great period of singing, praying, and fellowship with one another.

I love the Christians who make up the church at Morley, Missouri. We were thrilled to be with them on March 17. I always enjoy being there and singing with Brother Ralph Evans who is 89 years of age and still leading singing, and to be encouraged by all the good brethren at Morley.

We concluded the month of March in a gospel meeting with the church at Caney near Yellville, Arkansas. The meeting was March 24-29 and I enjoyed presenting some very basic lessons on the theme, "What Truth says about..." I presented the truth about the church, sin, salvation, judgment, heaven, hell, and daily Christian living. Some of the lessons were illustrated with old bed sheet charts and the brethren appreciated them very much. I appreciated the good response to the lessons from those who attended.

KINDERGARTEN IN PITESTI

I want to tell you more about our work with the kindergarten in Pitesti, Romania. In February 2001 Barbara and I learned of the place where these children were being cared for. They are children whose parents work hard all week in order to earn the money to have their children for the weekend. So, they stay in this center day

and night and are cared for by about five or six workers. When we first learned of them they were in desperate need of food, medicine, clothing, cleaning supplies, bath soap, diapers, vitamins, and many other things. During the past year we have been able to supply many of the things that the children need. Last July we bought two washer/dryer combinations for them and they are being used to wash the clothes, bedding, etc. We also supplied money to the local Christians who bought food, medicine, and other supplies and took these things to the kindergarten. Barbara and I do not deliver these things the local Christians do.

When we went to visit the children in February of this year we learned that they were in even more need that we had anticipated. We took a large supply of medicine and two large boxes of vitamins which the Cave City, Ark. congregation had sent for them. But, we learned that they needed medicine which we did not have and they needed it badly. They needed food and clothes. They needed a refrigerator because theirs had completely stopped.

We met with the doctor who takes care of the medical needs of the children and he gave a list to the local Christians of the medicine that was needed immediately. We gave the money to the Christians and they bought and delivered the medicine to the doctor and the director of the home. We bought a nice refrigerator and had it delivered to the home. However, several days later the Christians contacted us by e-mail and told us that they had gone there to see how things were going and the refrigerator was unplugged. I asked, "Why?" Their reply

was, "There is no food to put in it!" We had left some money with the brethren and they immediately went to the market and bought milk, butter, cheese, eggs, fruit, and other food items and delivered them to the kindergarten. Remember, the kindergarten is not given money! We supply as much help as we can but only through the local church and only with the supplies that they need and not cash money.

We have since learned that the care givers in the kindergarten are not being paid for their work. The government simply has stopped supplying the money for their very meager salaries. At this time they continue to work and hope that they will begin getting their pay again in the near future.

Barbara and I are committed to doing as much as we can to raise the funds to provide food, medicine, clothing, vitamins, and other needs. We do visit the kindergarten and love the children and hold and play with them. But, all of the assistance which is given is by the local Christians and not by us. If you would like to help with this work, we would be glad to hear from you.

LECTURESHIP SERIES

I want to urge you to attend the Third Annual Evangelistically Speaking Lectureship which will be conducted at the Mars Hill church of Christ on the White/Faulkner county line just off of highway 64 east of Vilonia, Arkansas. The dates are April 12-14. The evening services on Friday and Saturday will be at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, April 13 we will begin at 9:00.

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UPCOMING PLANS

April 2002

APRIL 6
Barbara—Ladies Day
Overcup near Morrilton,
Arkansas

APRIL 7
Higden, Arkansas

APRIL 9
Area-Wide Fellowship
Plumerville, Arkansas

APRIL 12-14
ES Lectureship Series
Mars Hill Congregation
Vilonia, Arkansas

APRIL 21-24
Charleston, Mississippi

APRIL 26-MAY 1
Montezuma, Iowa

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Ladies Day at Overcup near Morrilton, AR
7 Higden, AR	8	9 Area-Wide Fellowship at Plumerville, AR	10	11	12 ES Lecture Series at Mars Hill—Vilonia, AR	13 ES Lecture Series at Mars Hill—Vilonia, AR
14 ES Lecture Series at Mars Hill—Vilonia, AR	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Meeting at Charleston, MS	22 Meeting at Charleston, MS	23 Meeting at Charleston, MS	24 Meeting at Charleston, MS	25	26 Leave for Iowa 27	
28 Meeting at Montezuma, LA	29 Meeting at Montezuma, LA	30 Meeting at Montezuma, LA				

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Lunch will be provided at noon. Brother Harvey Starling will speak at the first service on Friday evening on the subject, "The Fields are White; Laborers are Few." We are looking for a great crowd for that first service and then for every session to follow. Make your plans to attend.

We are thankful for all that so many of you do to help us in our ministry here in the United States and in Romania. Without your faithful and loyal support we would be unable to continue.

We thank God for you. Please continue to pray for our safety in our travels and for fruitfulness in the work. May God bless and keep you is our prayer.

- Ted

KRISPY KREME by Larry Ray Hefley

(NOTE: If my niece, Melanie Koone, were given her choice of a last meal, I'm not so sure that she wouldn't choose a dozen Krispy Kreme donuts. During their recent trip to Phoenix, Dad and Mom had the chance to walk down the street to a Krispy Kreme shop for breakfast several mornings. Melanie was so jealous and I thought of her when I ran across this article. - Marty)

While in a meeting near Dallas, for the first time, I walked into a Krispy Kreme donut shop where they make their luscious productions on the spot. As I entered, a lady greeted me with a friendly smile as she extended to me a glistening glazed donut. Said she, "I must warn you, sir, that if you take one bite, you are mine forever!"

She was right, and if you've ever had a warm, fresh "Krispy Kreme" donut, you know what I am talking about!

So it is of sin. It is what the devil could have said to Eve, "Take one bite, and you will be mine forever!" One bite is all it took for David to be brought low.

One bite destroyed Ananias and Sapphira. Nadab, Abihu, the prophet of 1 Kings 13, and Uzzah were all "one bite" victims. Were it not for the suffering and sacrifice of the Savior, all who take one bite of sin would belong to the devil forever.

The Spirit speaks of "the cords" and "bondage" of sin (Prov. 5:22; Jn. 8:33-36; 2 Pet.

2:19). Paul groaned in the captivity of sin and found no deliverance from it until he received liberation in the Lord (Rom. 5:12-8:4; 2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:1). Without Christ, one bite is fatal.

The next time you are sorely tempted, when the allure of sin rages within you, consider what that lady said about her donuts—"If you take one bite, you are mine forever!"

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GIFTS OF MEMORIAL AND HONOR

One of the ways that you can help our work is by sending in a contribution in memory or in honor of those whom you love. We have received the following memorials and honorariums in recent weeks.

In Memory of

Bennie Rogers

By

Dennis and Shelby Cooper

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