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Special points of interest:

- Be praying for the 14,000-plus souls within Romanian who are enrolled in Bible study courses.
- Keep the mission team leaving on June 24 in your prayers as they labor in Romania.
- Remember to let us know if you would prefer to receive ES over the Internet by using the contact information on the back page.

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From Ted's Pen

**"From the rising of the sun to its going down, the Lord's name is to be praised."
Psalms 113:3**

Every person has reason to praise the name of the Lord, especially Christians. Our gratitude to Him grows deeper each day for the marvelous blessings and the wonderful opportunities that He provides for us. Yes, let us praise the name of the Lord!

The Northeast church of Christ in Indianapolis, Indiana is a very fine congregation. It was our pleasure to be with them for a gospel meeting during the first week of May. We pray that good was accomplished for the Masters' cause. Brother Jack



May was a typically busy month for the Knight family and things are just getting started for the summer! We are so thankful for the opportunities to serve the Lord that lie ahead in the coming weeks and pray that our work will be fruitful.

Our oldest daughter, Brittany, graduated from Vilonia High School on May 15 and we could not be any prouder of her. On

Phillips is the preacher there and he and his wife Michella are doing a very good work. They have a weekly television program and I was invited to tape programs that ran for the following two weeks. I enjoyed that very much.

The attendance at the services was good and the night following the end of the meeting one of their elders was speaking on a lectureship at another area congregation. Six vehicles were filled with people who went that night to support the preaching of the gospel in that meeting.

Brother Phillips amazes me with his abilities because he is blind. I watched him change the oil in his car and was just made ashamed because I can't do that and I have



two good eyes! The Lord is blessing the good church at Northeast.

On May 9 we Americans celebrated Mothers Day and it was so nice to be at home and spend the day with our entire family. This was the first time that we had been at home for that day in many years and we all had a great time together.

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Marty's Thoughts

May 16 our home congregation hosted a banquet in honor of her and the other 11 seniors who are members there. While Brittany has had substantial success as an athlete and student, the thing that made her Dad most proud was when our youth minister praised her for her influence.

Britt is not the type of individual who will be outspoken with her faith, but I don't know of a person anywhere who is any more effective at reaching out to peers. She has very few non-Christian friends who have not, at one time or another, attended church with her. She is a great example to her family and I hope that she knows how much we appreciate her! She has made our job as parents very easy and we love her a great deal. Thanks Pete!

In addition to the mission trip that I have scheduled to Romania in late June, both of our daughters will be leaving for Mexico on Sunday, June 6. They will spend a week building houses for Christians in need in the border city of Piedras Negras. They will be part of a group of 130 youth and adults from two area congregations. Please pray for this team as they labor for the Lord.

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, we will be leaving on June 24 for Romania. I am so excited to be conducting nightly services in Slatina. While I have preached in Romania many times, this will be my first experience in leading what the Romanians call "public seminars" in the evening.

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From Ted's Pen (Continued)

Then, on Saturday, May 15 we attended the high school graduation of our two oldest granddaughters. They were born the same year and went to school together every day from the beginning through grade twelve. We are so proud of them. Britany will be attending Arkansas Tech University at Russellville, Arkansas on a scholarship to run cross country and Melanie will attend the University Of Central Arkansas here in Conway.

On May 16 we were privileged to be with the church at Austin, Arkansas. This is a small congregation, but they are growing and we are thankful for their support through the years. A young police officer and his wife were baptized that day. Brethren there had been studying with them and shortly after the services they asked to be baptized into Christ by Brother Tom Brister, the local preacher.

We were in Morley, Missouri the next week and we always count it a great joy to be with the brethren there. They too have some new people in attendance and are growing. Brother Bill Bradley has been preaching at Morley for a long time and is very interested in evangelism.

We closed the month of May with the church in Charleston, Mississippi. We stayed with our life-long friends, Carroll and Myra Morris, and had a great time. Carroll and Myra both grew up

picking cotton just like Barbara and I, but the poor boy decided to stay in that kind of work and now oversees several thousand acres of cotton planting and harvesting. Makes my back hurt just writing about it.

We are thankful indeed for the special contributions that we received as a result of last month's report. Several people cut out the little response form in last month's edition and sent funds to help us in our work. These funds were very much needed and appreciated. Marty is going to be conducting a campaign in Slatina this month and the advertising, room rental, hotel rooms for teachers and translators and other costs all are expensive. Our regular work with the children, Bibles and printed materials, and other needs continue to grow as well. Please accept our thanks for all the help that is provided for this good work.

We also ask you to pray for the Christians in Romania. With the introduction of the Euro, the new financial system in Europe, the economy is very, very, bad in Romania. Income is small and expenses are increasing all the time for the Romanian people. Ironically, the weekly contributions in the church are at an all time high and for that we are thankful indeed. There are many wonderful Christians in Romania and we thank God for them. Your prayers will help to make life better for them.

Upcoming Schedule

Ted's Schedule

June 11-16
Michigan City, Indiana

June 24-July 5
Mission Trip—Pitesti, Romania

Marty's Schedule

June 24-July 5
Mission Trip—Slatina, Romania

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A Teen's Perspective

by Kyndall Knight



Should women speak in bible study? This is a question that is on the mind of many women in our world today. Some people think that it is OK for women to speak in class, but not worship. Others think that it is wrong for women to speak in class or worship.

A few weeks ago, I realized that it bothered me when my teacher would call on me to read a verse when there were Christian young men in the class. As women, we have certain limitations of what to do in class and worship!

Women cannot usurp the authority of men. This is shown in 1 Timothy 2:8-15, where it says women are to learn in silence with all submission. 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 tells us that women are to keep silent in the church, for it is shameful for women to speak in church. We are told again in Titus 2:3-5 that women should have no authority over man.

Even though women are not permitted to speak in church, we do have responsibilities as Christians. We are told to profess godliness in 1 Timothy 2:9-10. 1 Timothy 2:11 tells us to learn the Word. Women are also told in Genesis 2:18 to be helpers of men.

A few examples of great women in the Bible include Dorcas (Acts 9:36-39); Phoebe and Priscilla (Romans 16:1-4); and Lois and Eunice (2 Timothy 1:5).

Many women today can teach women's and children's bible

classes, make food for the shut-ins, go on mission trips, etc. If we would do these things more often and quit taking the men's jobs, our church would probably be a much better place!

In conclusion, I want to remind all of the men to be sensitive to the fact that it is not the women's job to read scriptures during class. I would also like to encourage all of the young men to volunteer to read scriptures and lead prayers during class and worship

I will leave you with one more verse. This verse is Titus 3:8. It says, "This is a faithful saying, and these things I want to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to all."

(Note: Kyndall is the 14-year-old daughter of Marty and Lisa Knight and granddaughter of Ted and Barbara. She has been a Christian since October 2002 and shares a love of writing with her father.)

Marty's Thoughts *(Continued)*

Having just taken the opportunity to brag a bit, I want to mention several others. I am so proud of the article by my younger daughter, Kyndall, on page 2. She is a very gifted writer and plans to pursue a career in journalism. This will be evident to you as you read her article.

You may also notice that she is spiritually mature beyond her 14 years. Her article is one that is timely for the church and I hope that you find it thought-provoking. It should serve to remind women of all ages that they have a tremendous and valuable role within the church—one that is ordained by God and essential to the church's success.

It should also remind those of us men who teach Bible classes that we should be sensitive to the needs of the women who are in attendance. She first mentioned this subject to her mother several weeks ago and has struggled with it for some time. I hope that you appreciate her perspective on this subject as much as her proud father does.

Most of you know my sweet wife Lisa—either personally or by reputation. And if you do, you know that I married way beyond myself. No individual is more

responsible for my daughters being the people they are than my wife. She is the embodiment of what a Christian woman, wife, and mother should be and I am so thankful for her example.

Lastly, I want to thank my home congregation—Robinson and Center—for contributing to my work in Romania. The church there, as well as individual members, represent my single largest supporter from a financial standpoint and, simply put, my work would not be possible without them. Additionally, they provide unbelievable moral support and God only knows the number of prayers that are offered on behalf of the work. Counting those who will be involved in the coming weeks, a total of four brethren from R&C have been directly involved in our efforts. Others have expressed interest as well. My heartfelt thanks go out to my elders and my brethren there. You mean a great deal to us!

Many others contribute and make this work possible and we are deeply grateful for each of you. I look forward to reporting on our June trip in the next issue. Until then, God bless each and every one of you!

- Marty

God's Work In Romania

We will be leaving for Romania on June 24. We tried hard to get an earlier departure date, but folks, dealing with the airlines today is a genuine mess! Prices have soared and there is no such thing as getting any kind of a break from them. The attitude of most airlines is, "Here is what you can do and if you don't like it then, drive, walk, or swim."

So, on June 24 five of us - Barbara, Marty, Ron Boatwright, Pat Fay, and I - will leave for Pitesti, Craiova, and Slatina, Romania. Ron serves the Robinson and Center congregation as an elder and Patrick serves alongside Marty as a deacon there.

We have a very full schedule for the time we are there. In Pitesti, Barbara and I will be working with the Romanian Christians in the third annual Summer Bible School. In addition, we will be conducting one-to-one Bible studies and doing all that we can to encourage the church. I will also be going to preach at two of the new congregations which have been started since we were there in February.

Marty, Ron, and Pat will be working in Craiova on Sunday morning, June 27, and also conducting

regular services in Slatina in that afternoon. Then, on Sunday night June 27 a series of nightly services will begin in Slatina and continue through July 1.

Marty will be speaking each evening and one-to-one Bible studies will be conducted each day. Marty, Pat, and Ron will be returning home on July 5 and Barbara and I will return on July 6.

This will be our first time to work in Slatina. The congregation there began meeting about two years ago and has struggled to grow. Brother Harry Middleton of Nashville, Tennessee has provided much of the support for the work there. He reports that there were two conversions in Slatina this past month and there are now four Christians in the small Slatina church. We are excited about Marty working with the church there.

We are asking for your special prayers for this trip and for the work that we will be doing. We will also be with the church in Michigan City, Indiana for a meeting June 11-16 and we would appreciate your prayers for that work as well.

- Ted

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