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Special points of interest:

- Pray for those mission efforts around the globe, especially in places where windows of opportunity are being thrown open to us.
- Remember to let us know if you would prefer to receive ES over the Internet by using the contact information on the back page.
- Continue to keep our armed forces in your prayers.

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From Ted's Pen

We are told in Proverbs 12:3, "A man is not established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous cannot be moved."

There are millions of people today who live with the mistaken notion that the way of sin is profitable and they are staking their eternal destiny upon that false assumption. I love the assurance that I find in the truth that the "root of the righteous cannot be moved." Faithful and loyal service to the Lord is the ONLY way to find stability and security.

We thank God for the blessed opportunities that we

have in Christ to serve our fellowman and find our establishment in Him.

What a joy it was to be with the congregation at Heber Springs the first Lord's day of September. They have just selected three men to serve as shepherds of the flock and several men to serve as special servants in the office of deacon.

Brother Lance Mayes, who is the preacher, announced the beginning of a class on "Person to Person Evangelism" which was to be conducted for a period of eight weeks. I saw a great spirit among the brethren and I



gave all the encouragement that I could to the new evangelism class.

We were with the church at Farmerville, Louisiana on September 12-15 for a gospel meeting. The attendance was very good with visitors from the community as well as from area congregations. We were thrilled that two

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Marty's Thoughts

She is attending Arkansas Tech University in Russellville and we are thrilled that she has made the adjustment well. We are so grateful for the Church of Christ Student Center at ATU and the work that is being done by Chris Buxton and the Westside congregation. Campus ministry is one of the ripest mission fields for the church today and we are thankful to God for their efforts.

I also made three different trips to Phoenix, Arizona during that span and spent a total of 20 days there as part of my "tent-making job" with Acxiom. I had the opportunity to visit with the Camelback Road congregation while I was there and enjoyed being with the brethren there. I was reminded of how small a world it is while

reviewing a bulletin board in their foyer dedicated to mission work. One of the works that they support is the congregation and the preacher's school in Fall River, Massachusetts—a work that Dad has been involved in for several years.

I am also grateful for the opportunity to preach at our home congregation, Robinson and Center, in late August. It had been quite some time—15 years, I believe—since I had preached there and I hope it's not quite that long until the next time!

Plans are quickly coming together for our work in Romania in 2005. As I mentioned in August, I want to make my plans

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precious people were baptized into Christ and one was restored to his first love. We got to spend a lot of time with my sister-in-law, Elta Knight, who had made arrangements for us to have some wonderful fellowship in the homes of several of the families there. We had a wonderful time.

We got to spend several hours with Gabriela Iacobaie who worked with us as a translator and teacher in Romania for several years. Gabi now lives in Many, Louisiana after receiving her Masters degree from Harding last December.

On Sunday, September 19 we were with the Harding Street congregation at Morrilton

where I gave a report on our work and preached during the worship hour. These good brethren have been encouraging us in our work and supporting us through all the years of this ministry and we always rejoice in the opportunity to be with them.

We took off the week of September 26 and my sister who lived with and took care of our mother for several years before Mom passed away, came and spent a few days with us. She has not had the opportunity to get away from home in a long, long, time and we certainly enjoyed having her in our home and showing her some of the beautiful country where we live.

Great News from Romania!

The Lord's church began meeting in Craiova, Romania on a regular basis on November 23, 1997. I was privileged to preach the first sermon there on that day which was also my birthday. Marty was among the first group of three teachers to go to Craiova to conduct Bible studies in July of 1997.

We began meeting in the House Of Culture in a small room and continued there for some time. Later we moved to a school building, but continued there for a very short time and they asked us to leave.

We went back to the House Of Culture again and began meeting in another room in the building. It was not a very good place to meet, but it was the best that we could find. Several times the brethren

have gone there for worship on the Lord's day and found that some other activity was taking place and they just had to scramble around and find a place for worship that day although the room had been paid for by us for every Sunday.

Through the years we have looked diligently for a better place to meet and on several occasions we thought that we had found suitable property, but then some problem would arise and the deal would fall through. Harvey Starling and some of the local Christians have spent days, weeks, and months, searching for a place that would help us to be more effective in reaching the city of Craiova and the surrounding areas in the district of Dolj.

I am just thrilled to tell you that on September 23 Harvey contacted me from Romania and

said, "THE CRAIOVA PROPERTY HAS BEEN PURCHASED!" I cannot tell you how I felt when I heard that news. Barbara and I prayed and rejoiced and I sent the news on to many others as soon as I got it.

The architect is now working on plans to remodel the building. It has about 1,000 square feet on each floor and there will be room for an auditorium, classrooms, baptistery, office, and a place for the U.S. workers to live while we are there to work. It will take some time to get the remodeling work done and the building ready for us because a lot of work must be done. But, at last we have something to move forward to with great eagerness and anticipation.

The Christians in Craiova have been so faithful and patient through the years and now they are excited that soon they will have a good place to meet to worship and serve the Lord. This building is going to be a great tool to accomplish great things for God in the district of Dolj.

BUILDING FUNDS NEEDED

We have a special building fund set up to raise the needed funds for this building. The costs for the building, permits, fees, commissions, remodeling, furnishings, and all other expenses will be approximately **\$210,000**. Perhaps there are congregations or individuals that could contribute \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000 or even more to help this dream come true. Any contribution regardless of the amount will be helpful. It may be that there are some who could make "end of the year" contributions now so that we

could get the funds raised and have that behind us. Please, please, consider the needs of this fine congregation of the Lord's people in Craiova and help us. You can make your contribution to "LEVY MISSION EVANGELISM FUND" and mark it for "Craiova Building" and send it to P.O. Box 1297, Conway, Ark. 72033.

I wish that I could help you to see the entire area that we are talking about. The city of Craiova has a population of about 400,000 people and the entire district of Dolj has many thousands more. At the present time we are working with congregations in Craiova, Cioroiasi, Secu, Vali Stancului, and Cetatua. So, we are not working with ONLY Craiova, but the entire district.

This building will give us a place to stay while we work in all of these areas. Hotel expenses and rental of the room in the House Of Culture have risen out of sight and now we will not have those expenses any longer. If you could just feel the excitement that I am trying to convey to you, you would be excited too. We have worked long and hard and now the Lord is helping us to make a giant step forward and we are so humbled and thankful.

Please pray for not only the Christians in Craiova and Dolj, but in Pitesti and all the other areas where we are working as well. Praise God for His marvelous goodness toward us! And, thank you brethren for your love, prayers, and generosity as well.

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Marty's Thoughts *(Continued)*

available to you early as possible since many have indicated that they want to be involved. I also committed to providing workshops for those of you who are interested in participating in one of these efforts, but feel that you want to know more about it.

These workshops will be conducted on Saturdays and are designed to answer questions and reservations that you may have regarding foreign missions. I want to strongly encourage you to attend one of these workshops if you have considered this type of Christian service. I currently have two scheduled—Saturday, November 13 and Saturday, January 8—both at the Robinson and Center building in Conway. Please RSVP with the form above if you plan to attend. An online form will also be available on the website.

Dates for the mission efforts have also been set. I will be leading a small teaching team to Craiova and Slatina in late January. I still need to identify two to three teachers who can join me.

In July and October of 2005 we will be taking larger campaign teams to Craiova and Slatina. Additional details regarding these campaigns is forthcoming.

The article on page 2 provides you with details regarding the building in Craiova. May God be praised for this blessing!

As always, I am grateful for the opportunity to partner with so many of you in this work. It is truly humbling to know that you place your confidence in me and it is my prayer that my efforts are worthy of your support. May God bless you for your support of his church globally.

Upcoming Schedule

Ted's Schedule

October 1-3
Gospel Meeting, Southside
Batesville, Arkansas

October 1-2
Ladies Retreat (Barbara)
Mammoth Spring, Arkansas

October 6-10
Gospel Meeting
Marietta, Oklahoma

October 17
Colony, Bee Branch, Arkansas

October 24
Gravel Hill, Arkansas

October 29-November 5
Gospel Meeting
Bunnell, Florida

Marty's Schedule

November 13
Mission Prep Workshop
Conway, Arkansas

January 8, 2005
Mission Prep Workshop
Conway, Arkansas

January 27-February 7, 2005
Mission Teaching Team
Craiova and Slatina, Romania

July 7-July 19, 2005
Mission Campaign
Craiova, Romania

October 6-18, 2005
Mission Campaign
Slatina, Romania

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