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Special points of interest:

- Make plans to attend the 6th Annual Evangelistically Speaking Lectureships on April 8-10 at the Mars Hill church of Christ in Vilonia, Arkansas
- 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 hold up in prayer those in Asia who were affected by the tsunami — and especially those of the household of faith.

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From Ted's Pen

It seems like such a long time ago since we published our last issue of this publication, but we have been a lot of miles and done a lot of work during that time. I cannot tell you how good it is to be in the United States of America, and unless you have traveled outside the U.S. and then come home, you cannot understand it anyway. We are so abundantly blessed to be privileged to live in this country and enjoy it's bountiful blessings.

We began the month of February with the congregation at Greenbrier, Arkansas where on the first Sunday of February every year they

have a special emphasis on mission work and a special contribution for missions. This year they had a goal of \$10,000 for mission efforts and they exceeded \$11,000! We offer our congratulations to the entire congregation and the leadership of the elders and their preacher, Bob Turner. I am so proud of these people whom we have worked with and loved for so many years.

Our work in Romania for the rest of February was very good. The trip back home was extremely difficult, but we made it home safely and that is what counts. We left Romania in a blizzard requir-



What a tremendous blessing the month of February was to me! It was a real pleasure to spend two weeks with my good friend and brother, Paul McLendon, working with the church in Craiova. We are so grateful to our brothers and translators, Claudiu Mur-taza and Alin Vladutescu, for their hard work and dedication. Our prayers, including many of yours, were answered and we had as much work as two ol'



ing us to sit on the plane for 2½ hours before even moving out to the runway. They got half the plane de-iced, ran out of de-icing fluid, and had to go get loaded up again. When they returned, the part they had already taken care of had frozen over again and they had to de-ice the entire plane again!

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Marty's Thoughts

boys from Arkansas could handle! About 80 one-to-one Bible studies were conducted over six full days and results were evident in one baptism and one restoration. All praise to God for those results!

Dad did a thorough job of detailing our eventful trip home. Mom said that she was impressed with my patience during all of the delays and, for those who know me well, I'm proud of that fact! Lisa would have been stunned!

I also spent a significant amount of time working with my home congregation during the months of January and February as we plan for the selection of additional elders and begin establishing some much-needed long-term plans for the church in Conway. This process is continuing into March.

I solicit your prayers as we begin consideration of another work on foreign soil. On March 29-31 I will be traveling to Piedras Negras, Mexico to open dialogue with the churches there regarding future evangelistic efforts. The name may be familiar to you as my girls have been involved in a youth mission effort there for the past three years. If the brethren there feel that there is a need for us to help, then we stand ready to do so.

As we've mentioned before, Dad and I have spent quite a bit of time discussing the future of our work in the U.S. and the possibility of coordinating evangelistic efforts here at home.

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Of course, we missed our connection in Paris and finally had to fly home on an Air France plane. Folks, there is a world of difference in a French plane and a U.S. plane, especially the food that is served. We arrived several hours late in Atlanta where they lost our luggage in the Atlanta airport making us even later getting to a hotel for some rest.

The next day when we went to the airport our flight was delayed one hour. After finally boarding we backed out on the runway and promptly returned to the gate because the front wheel had problems and had to be replaced. So, we had to unload, wait another hour, and then finally arrived in Little Rock very late again. From the time that we left our apartment in Romania until we arrived at our bed at home, we spent 61 hours on the road. However, the planes did not crash and we are now rested up and kickin' high again.

Barbara and I taught many one-on-one Bible studies in

Pitesti. One was baptized into Christ and others are getting close to obedience. Since there are U.S. workers in Pitesti at the moment, some have probably become Christians already. We had excellent translators who worked hard with us and we believe that much good was done.

We spent one entire day visiting in the homes of some of the local Christians. We visited our translators' parents and it was so good to meet them and we look forward to meeting them again. We visited in the home of Sister Eleanora Diaconu who was baptized a few years ago and has been a very faithful Christian. A few months ago her husband passed away and she misses him greatly. She now has Parkinson's Disease and is not able to attend all of the services, especially when the weather is very cold as it was the entire time we were there. And, a lot of snow and ice came as well.

We visited with Brother and Sister Gheorge Badea, both of whom are Christians. It was a pleasure to visit in their home

again. We spent some time with Brother Mihai and Sister Stela Moraru in their home. Many of you will remember our talking about them in the past. Brother Mihai celebrated his 90th birthday on February 27 and the two of them celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 11th. What a wonderful couple! Brother Mihai has prostate cancer, but continues to do as well as can be expected under those circumstances.

We also visited in the home of Sister Gabriela (Gabi) Miron. My first two students in Romania in 1995 were Gabi and her sister, Ana Maria. Gabi was 18 years of age at the time. Ana was baptized first in early 1996 and then in July 1996 I studied further with Gabi and one day she asked, "When can I be baptized?" Of course, she was baptized immediately. We learned during our visits and studies that Gabi had a disease that was taking her sight away. Later she also learned that she had MS. Through the years Gabi has been very faithful in serving the Lord although

there have been some difficult times. When we were there in July 2004 she came to the services on Sunday. However, when we arrived this time we were told that she could no longer move about, so we went to her home to visit with her. She is blind, unable to speak, cannot move one of her legs, and is just continuing to get weaker and weaker.

Our hearts break for her because she is in severe pain. Her mother, Margareta, who is also a very fine Christian, is a wonderful care giver along with Gabi's grandmother. We ask you to pray for Gabi and for her family. Thanks be to God that someday things will be much better for our beloved sister and it is such a joy to know that she had the opportunity to learn what to do to be saved, obeyed the Lord, and has lived for Him.

We also had the opportunity to visit with the children in the kindergarten who we have been helping for about

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three years. The local Christians visit the children and use the money that we leave with them to help supply their needs. We bought a lot of medicine, diapers, detergent, cleaning supplies, and other things while we were there. We met with the doctor that cares for the health of the children and she gave us a list of antibiotics, vitamins, and other medicinal needs and were able to buy them there and take them to the kindergarten. We wish that all of you could see these children and just know how their lives have improved because of your care for them.

We took the materials for the Summer Bible School which is to be conducted the last week of June. The teachers now have that material in hand and will have it ready for classes which will begin on June 27. It was a pleasure to watch about 25 of the local Christians

work for three days on the World Wide Bible Study program. They grade the courses, answer questions, prepare Bibles and other materials to return to the students in a splendid fashion. The real joy comes from knowing that all of those teachers are new Christians because the gospel has only been taught in Pitesti for 10 years now. They are very diligent workers and we are so proud of them.

Please continue to pray for all the congregations and Christians in Romania that we have worked with through the years. We thank God for your loyalty in helping us to go there and teach those who are lost and help to encourage and build the church. We certainly ask that you continue to pray for us and our work as God provides us the opportunities to serve.

- Ted

Upcoming Schedule and Key Dates

Ted's Schedule

ES Lectureships

April 8-10
Mars Hill—
Vilonia, Arkansas

April 15-21
Casa Grande, Arizona
Sun Lakes, Arizona

April 24
Southside—
Cabot, Arkansas

Marty's Schedule

March 29-31
Stockdale, Texas
Piedras Negras, Mexico

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Marty's Thoughts (Continued)

A brochure providing details of this work has been developed and is available for download on the website. If you are aware of congregations that might benefit from this type of effort, please contact us.

While the work on foreign soil is of great value, we also have a desire to teach in mission fields that are closer to home. We solicit your prayers and your input as we seek to identify those opportunities. We already have a number of pro-

spective locations, but would like to know of others.

My schedule has limited the time that I've been able to spend in fundraising and we do have some expenses from this last mission trip to cover. If you can be of assistance, we would certainly appreciate your help. As always, I am humbled by your generosity and love for the lost. For those who have assisted us, thank you! May God bless you all!

- Marty

SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

"Fire In My Bones"
Howard Norton

"Person to Person Evangelism"
Lance Mayes

"Preparing the Soil"
Hugh Hale

"Teaching Our
Denominational Friends"
Carroll Sites

"Qualifications of a
Soul Winner"
Enrique de los Santos

"Evangelism Through
the Printed Page"
Robert Swain

"The Advantages of
Personal Evangelism"
David Riley

"Do We Really Believe God?"
Ted Knight

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