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Update your prayer list:

- Please keep Ted, Barbara, and Marty in your prayers as the travel to Cluj in early January.
- Pray for laborers who are willing to work the harvest in the U.S. and Romania.
- Pray that churches with resources will feel the call to send workers into the field.

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From Ted's Pen

This issue of Evangelistically Speaking marks the beginning of Volume 16. Where have the years gone? I can't help but think of the words of Job which remind us that life passes so quickly away, and of the words of James where he says that life is like a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. I am constantly aware that there is so much to be done in the Lord's work and so little time to do it.

2006 will be remembered by Barbara and me for many reasons. There have been some times when we were on the pinnacle of the mountain and some times when we were deep in the valley, but the Lord was with us all the way. We rejoiced when several people were bap-

tized into Christ and others responded to the Lord's invitation with other needs. I will never forget baptizing the Parvulescu's in Craiova, Romania, two wonderful people in their middle seventies who had been studying and searching for the truth for a long time. What rejoicing we all shared when they came up from the waters of baptism.

I will long remember several young people in congregations here in the U.S. that put the Lord on in baptism and I am convinced that they will be great workers in the kingdom of God. We have been disappointed when some who are Christians turned away and stopped walking with Jesus every day. We pray for their return home to God.



We were thrilled to see some others grow spiritually and assume roles of leadership in the work of the Lord, especially in the work in Romania. We have watched people who were children when we first met them many years ago grow to the point where they are now teaching classes and preaching the gospel. What a joy!

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Marty's Thoughts

"There are now more overweight Americans than average-weight ones. So, that means that overweight people are now average. Congratulations! You've just met your New Year's resolution!"
- Jay Leno

As this new year begins, I want to offer you a few challenges. These are not meant to make you feel guilty for not having done some of these in the past. They are meant to inspire you to think about the possibilities—what can be!

The writer G.K. Chesterton once said, "The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul." So, as 2007 begins and we think about possibilities, I challenge you to resolve to do the following in the coming year.

2007 is here and with it comes a fresh start! Here are a few light-hearted quotations associated with New Years:

"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in; the pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves."
- Bill Vaughan

"Most resolutions go in one Year and out the other."
- Oscar Wilde

Have a new eye!

See the blessings that God has given you. Realize the responsibility that He has given us to be good stewards over those blessings. (1 Corinthians 4:2)

Have a new ear!

Hear the sound of blended voices praising God. Relish the sound of a new baby's tender voice. Enjoy the sound of the birds in springtime. (Mark 6:31)

Have a new heart!

Open your heart to those with whom you share a home, office, or classroom. Listen closely to their words and watch for the chance to do a good deed. Make the most of the time you have with them. (Ephesians 5:15)

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From Ted's Pen (Continued)

It is a special feeling of joy for Barbara and me to see our family growing in Christ every week. In July Marty led a team of workers that included his wife, Lisa, and daughter, Kyndall, on a campaign to Moreni, Romania. We are so proud of them. We could not do our work if it were not for Kathy and David, our daughter and son-in-law. They transport us to the airport, pick us up when we get home, take care of our house and other affairs while we are on the road and help us in so many other ways.

Granddaughters Brittany and Melanie have supported us for all these years. When Brittany was a child she told someone, "Pop and Mam just go up and down the road." And last, but not least, we now have a grandson-in-law, Daniel, who is always there as an encouragement to us. It sure is nice to have a supportive and encouraging family and a family that believes in and participates in evangelism. We thank God for them.

We were blessed to work with seven congregations during the month of December. I spoke six times and Barbara spoke once to a group of ladies at our hometown congregation. I preached at a number of places in Arkansas, including Black Oak, Jerusalem, Overcup, Bellefonte, Plummerville, and Liberty (Conway) and Barbara spoke at Bay. So, we were busy and enjoyed our work.

On January 7 I will preach at Gravel Hill on Sunday morning and Mars Hill on Sunday evening. Then, early the next Wednesday (January 10) Barbara, Marty and I will leave for Cluj, Romania. From the time that we get up, until the time we can lay down again it will be about 28 hours. But, when we land in Cluj we will only be about 20 minutes from our bed and that is really good. We have been having to ride from 2 to 4 hours to our place of work after arriving in Romania. Marty will return to the States on January 22, but Barbara and I will

stay for the rest of the month. We have a lot of work to do on this trip in relation to planning for the future of the church in Cluj.

We have a place on the grounds of the church building that has been prepared for living quarters. That is great because Barbara can prepare our meals and we will not have to get out in the weather a lot going from one building to another. We also have another small building on the property and we are going to look into having that made into living quarters as well so teams of up to eight people can go and be housed on the grounds and not have to pay hotel bills. We will be signing the papers to accept the leadership of the Foundation which makes everything legal for us to work there. So, please pray for this trip and the Cluj church.

I mentioned last Month that Brother Ted Clarke who preaches in Marshfield, Missouri would be having serious surgery on November 27. He did have the surgery, it was successful, and he is doing really well. However, I have received "Get Well" cards and some phone calls expressing concern, since I said, "Ted, will have surgery on November 27." I guess I didn't make it clear that it was Ted Clarke and not Ted Knight. I didn't have it and I sure am glad that I didn't.

The 2007 Evangelistically Speaking Lectureship is rapidly approaching. We hope you will mark the dates—April 20-22, 2007—and plan to attend. For the 8th consecutive year it will be conducted at the Mars Hill church of Christ, located just south of Highway 64 on the Faulkner/White County line between Vilonia and Beebe. A lineup of outstanding speakers has been finalized and will be announced shortly. As always, the lectureship will be dedicated to the subject of EVANGELISM.

As 2007 begins, we pray that it will be a blessed year for you as we labor for the Master.

- Ted



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Saturday, January 27

9:00—12:00

Levy Church of Christ
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Review of 2007 Opportunities

Take The Right Way Home

By Barbara Knight

There is a singer that I like, Keb Mo, who sings a song which is titled, "More Than One Road Home." In the song he expresses the view that there are many ways to travel home.

I remember when Ted and I were very young and lived in Michigan City, Indiana. We had not been away from home for Christmas in our lifetime and I wanted so very much to go home, but we could not go. Yes, we had parents and others there then and they wanted us to come too, but it was just not possible.

Now, all of those parents are gone and when we do get to go home, they are no longer there to greet us. The chance to go home like it was then is forever gone.

We are just beginning a brand new year. Many people have gone home over the holidays and others wanted so very much to go home, but it was not possible.

Here is something that I want to share with you: In our spiritual journey there are not many roads home. There is only ONE road that will take us home and that road is wrapped up in a person and that person is Jesus Christ. (John 14:6)

I want to urge every reader of this message to get on the ONE road home right now and stay on it until you reach your desired destination - HEAVEN! If you need to be baptized into Christ for the remission of your sins, do it now. Don't put it off! You are presently on the WRONG road and it will lead you to a destination that you do not want to reach.

If you are not serving the Lord faithfully and have gotten off on the WRONG road, make whatever corrections you need to make and get back on the ONE road that will lead you home for sure. Please do it now!

- Barbara

Please note that this issue is for the months of both January and February. Due to our busy schedule during the month of January, we will not be publishing another issue until February 2007.

Ted's Schedule

January 7

Gravel Hill—Dover, Arkansas (AM)

Mars Hill—Vilonia, Arkansas (PM)

January 10-February 1

Cluj, Romania

Marty's Thoughts (Continued)

Have a new nose!

Use that nose to smell the roses along life's way! Treasure the smell of your favorite meal! Of the grass in summertime. God wants us to rejoice in the fact that we are alive in His world! (Philippians 4:4)

Have a new backbone!

Resolve, this year, to take a stand where in the past you may have given in to temptation! Be strong in Him! (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Have new hands!

Use those hands to build a relationship, a commitment, something that will last! As you build, remember that it's the Foundation that counts. (1 Corinthians 3:9-11)

Have new feet!

It is my hope that during 2007 you will renew, strengthen, or perhaps even begin, your commitment to teaching others. There is so much to be done and time is precious! I pray that this will be the year that finds you making a commitment to taking the gospel to those in need. (Romans 10:14-17)

During the year just past, it was my privilege to work with a number of individuals who are experienced teachers and missionaries. I thank God for each of them and the work that they have done in the past. I learn much from them.

2006 also afforded me the chance to work with a number of individuals who gained new experience in the mission field. Eight workers were introduced to the mission field in Romania during 2006. Of those eight, five were participating in their first teaching campaign. I am deeply grateful to them and their families for their commitment in terms of time, resources, and perspiration!

As 2006 draws to a close, I'd like to thank those 18 brothers and sisters in Christ who labored with me in Craiova, Cluj, and Moreni. God alone knows the fruit that will be borne of our efforts—all to His glory. I love you all!

Now, we press forward into 2007! In the coming weeks, I'll provide the details of the 2007 Operation Outreach campaigns through a special insert in the next ES and through the January 27 Orientation Session.

The schedule will, of course, include several campaign opportunities in Romania; however, I am happy to announce that the 2007 schedule will include a domestic campaign to Fall River, Massachusetts during March. We're excited about these opportunities and look forward to sharing more details with you soon!

- Marty

Fast Facts – Cluj, Romania

As our work with the Romanian church in Cluj begins, let me take this opportunity to provide some facts about the city and church.

First settled in about 200 BC, Cluj-Napoca (the official name) boasts of a prominent place in Romanian history and an important role in the socio-economic structure of modern-day Romania. Located in northwestern Romania, Cluj has a rich heritage dating back to the Roman empire and includes Hungarian and German influences.

With a population of 350,000, Cluj is Romania's second-largest city. Of that figure, over 60,000 are college students who attend one of the city's six state universities or other private institutions. Students from 26 different countries reside in Cluj.

The city is served by an international airport which makes travel to and from the U.S. very convenient. Cluj boasts of numerous tourist attractions, including art, museums, memorial sites, and beautiful surrounding mountains. The weather is mild during the summer, but very cold in the winter.

The church that meets in Cluj was first established in 1996. Two missionary families—Dan and Jan Davis along with Phil and Rebecca Jackson—moved to Cluj at that time. Their work, combined with the efforts of teams of short-term workers from the U.S., has resulted in a group of believers who faithfully meet on a regular basis. The Jackson family returned to the U.S. several years ago and the Davis family returned in October 2006.

With assistance from U.S. brethren, the church in Cluj began meeting in their own facility in 2000. The building has several classrooms and an auditorium that seats about 60-75. Building space on the grounds will be used as living quarters for workers who travel to Cluj. By the end of 2007 we plan to have space to house up to 8 workers.

Please keep this congregation of the Lord's people in your daily prayers as, together with us, they move into a new phase. We couldn't be any more excited about what God has planned for the future of the church in Cluj!

- Marty



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