

# Evangelistically Speaking

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*Update your prayer list:*

- Remember to pray for the July campaign team and the church in Cluj as they prepare for that work.
- Thank God for the time that He has granted us to take the gospel to a lost world.
- Pray for laborers who are willing to work the harvest in the U.S. and Romania.

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## From Ted's Pen

"Lift up your eyes to the harvest." These are words that have gone through my mind over and over again for the past several weeks. The harvest is greater than most can imagine, but in order to gain it we must lift up our eyes. May God bless us with greater vision than we have ever had before.

The trip to Romania was a challenging one for me. I was by myself and that is difficult for me. Some may think that I just need to grow up and be a big boy, but that is the way that it is for me. I arrived without any problems and even was blessed with an upgrade to business class which makes the flight much, much, easier. When I arrived in Cluj there was no one to meet me because of a mix-up in communications, but I knew the language

well enough that I got a taxi and went on to the building. The taxi driver charged me many times what I should have paid, but I had no choice. When I arrived at the building I could not get inside the fenced in compound so I dragged my luggage down the street to the home of one of the Christians and finally, after about 45 minutes, I got in, unpacked, and went to bed. Although the flight had gone well, it was very long and I was very tired.

I spent a lot of time making preparations for the July campaign that Marty will lead along with a team of workers from Robinson and Center in Conway, Arkansas. Newspaper ads were designed, brochures were designed, a banner three feet wide



and eight feet long was prepared, and everything went real smooth with these plans. The banner will be posted up above a grape vineyard inside the compound and can be seen and read from both sides of the street. We were able to pick up the brochures while I was there and they are very nice. We gave final approval for the newspaper ads on Friday and they are ready for the dates that we need them.

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I sit here writing these words on what we in the United States observe as Memorial Day. This day holds a special place in the hearts of Americans as we recognize those who have served and given their lives that we may enjoy a level of freedom unprecedented in world history. For most Americans, this day also serves as the unofficial start to summer. Like many of you, our family has a very busy summer planned.

## Marty's Thoughts

A significant portion of our time will be taken up with serving in the mission field, an opportunity that many of you make possible. We are so grateful and humbled by that opportunity.

Our younger daughter, Kyndall, will once again be participating in a benevolent effort in Piedgras Negras, Mexico along with about 100 other Christians from Arkansas and Texas. Please pray for the team as they work in that area building homes for those in need and continuing construction on a facility that will give churches in that area the means to care for abandoned and orphaned children.

As Ted mentioned in his update, the plans for the July campaign in Cluj, Romania are coming together nicely.

### CONGREGATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

The Robinson and Center congregation in Conway, where we regularly worship, has agreed to sponsor the July campaign. They will be providing the teachers, as well as the financial resources for this trip through a special contribution on Sunday, June 3.

I am excited about this concept of individual congregations being the "sending entity" for specific campaigns. There are a number of advantages to doing so, a few of which I will emphasize here.

First, it provides the entire congregation with the opportunity to personally participate.

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## From Ted's Pen (Continued)

Letters will be written to all Christians; both those who are currently attending and those who are not attending. Letters will be mailed to all the correspondence course students and to all who have visited services.

We worked to cover every base in informing the entire city of 350,000 people of this coming event. Now, we pray that God will bless those efforts with whatever fruit that He desires.

There is much work to be done with the church in Cluj. There are several members of the church who have fallen away and we are making every possible effort to get them to return to serving the Lord. There are some great facilities, a lot of very good material in the Romanian language, and opportunities abound. So, I told the Lord last Saturday night, May 19, "Lord, it is YOUR work and my family and others are ready to be used in every way that we can." Please pray for the work in Cluj.

It has been great to be with the brethren in Craiova for the past few days. The church seems to be doing well and we are thankful for them. It was also a great joy to be with the church at Moreni. The congregation is small but very faithful to the Lord.

I am thankful for the opportunity to make this trip and pray that in some way the gospel was preached so that those who listened were encouraged to serve the Lord. I am confident that you will remember all of these good brethren in your prayers.

Following the services on Sunday, May 20 I flew to Bucuresti where I was met by Sorina and Alina. Alina is a young Christian from Bucuresti and this was my first time to meet her. She was precious. Sorina has been with the church in Pitesti since she was just a child and is now a wonderful Christian. She teaches a children's class and has even spoken to the ladies class a few times.

On Monday, May 21 it was my privilege to visit in the home of Mihai and Stela Moraru. Mihai is 92 years of age and he was working in the garden when we arrived. Stela will soon be 87. They are two of the finest, most lovely, Christians that I have ever met. They have been married for 62 years!

Mihia has struggled with cancer and continues to be treated, but he seems to be doing well. We walked across the street and visited with Gheorge and Stephania Badea whom we have known for years. I baptized Gheorge several years ago and the next Sunday as we were preparing to leave for home, he came out of the building and in very plain English said, "I love you."

We visited on Tuesday, May 22 in the home of the Miron family. My first student in Romania was Gabirella Miron who was then 18 years of age. She and her sister came to study together. Her sister was baptized in the winter of 1996 and I baptized Gabi in July 1996. She has been a faithful Christian all these years. For the past few years Gabi has been very, very, sick with multiple sclerosis. Her condition continues to decline, but I love to go see her and her precious family. I wish that you would pray for them, especially Gabi. She cannot see, speak, or walk and it is sad to see her in that condition. We also visited Sister Eleanora Diaconu, an elderly Christian lady that I baptized several years ago. She has Parkinson's disease and is not able to attend services any more. She still maintains a lovely spirit and it was a joy to be in her home.

On Wednesday, May 23 I traveled to Craiova, my third stop in Romania. It was a wonderful to spend time with the brethren there for several days. The church there seems to be doing well and we are thankful for them. Finally, on Friday, May 25 I made my way to my last stop. It was a real joy to be with the

church in Moreni. The congregation there is small, but very faithful to the Lord. It was a joy to be with the church at Moreni the last few days of the trip. The church meets in the home of Cristi and Mihaela Dumitriu each week. There are three Christians and several people who attend who are not Christians. I have never been around a finer group of people. We hope that in the future we can do some things there that will help to take the gospel to the entire city and that the church will grow in number as well as the it has in spirit.

I left for home on Monday morning and arrived safely and early on Monday night, May 28. It is a joy to be at home for just a few days and then we begin our work for the month of June in Alabama. Please continue your prayers for us and for the work in all of Romania.

### THE VILLAGE

On Thursday night, May 17 we were ending our Bible study at the building at Cluj when a lady came in and sat down in the back. After our dismissal I went back to meet her. She had come two weeks before and the brethren told her that I would be coming and so she came back on that night.

She came from a village about 25 minutes from Cluj. She told me that she lived in a village that had 77 households, many of them elderly people. There is no church there. She said that they very much wanted a church, but not a man-made denomination! They want to know about the church that they had been reading about in the Bible. This really excited me! She said that she knows people in several villages who have the same desires.

We planned to go to the village on Saturday, but she was not able to get transportation to come lead us out there. She has to take four different buses to

get to the building. However, she gave her name, address, phone number, and email address and I am staying in touch with her. One of our translators will work with us in communicating. Plans are being made for someone from the campaign team in July to go there and begin teaching these people. Please pray that we will have the opportunity to teach as many as possible while time is on our side.

### KINDERGARTEN UPDATE

For many years we have been assisting with care for several children in what the Romanians call a "kindergarten." We would refer to it as a day school or nursery school. There are 36 children in the kindergarten and we have been helping with their needs for a long time. Some of the local Christians assist us in this by going there and finding out what their needs are and then buying the things and delivering the items to them. In the past we have bought a huge refrigerator, cook stove, heating stove, washing machine and dryer, and other things like that.

The director told us that she had a lot of needs, but the most critical one was for medicine. So, their doctor made a list of the medicines needed and we took it to the pharmacy. They used the list to tell us how much it would cost and I was fortunate enough to have funds to cover it. So, we picked it up the next day and delivered it to the kindergarten. They also had a list of other things such as diapers, detergent, cleaning supplies, and housekeeping materials. Thankfully, I had enough funds to cover that too, so we went to the market and obtained those things. I wish that all of you could see these children. They are wonderful! I cannot tell you how much the director and he assistants appreciate the help that YOU provide.

May God bless you!

- Ted

## Marty's Thoughts (Continued)

Sometimes those of us who teach in the campaigns fail to do an adequate job of making those who send—through financial means and prayer—feel as though they are a part of the work. We are placing a great deal of emphasis on the fact that this is a team effort.

Second, it alleviates the need for the campaign worker to personally raise all of the funds. One of the individuals who participated in a 2006 Operation Outreach campaign told me, "I would like to go again this year, but I don't want to go back to the same individuals and ask them for more money."

What a shame! A capable, willing teacher who doesn't feel comfortable asking for financial help!

The biggest shame of all would be for this teacher NOT to go into the field while, at the same time, someone with financial means is looking for a way to contribute!

I want to strongly encourage each congregation that receives this publication to consider doing this: **sponsor a campaign in 2008!**

The steps are easy and I am eager to help you make the necessary arrangements. **The first task is to find those who are willing to serve as teachers.** While there may not be dozens of people willing to do this, the process of finding them is quite easy: you

must ask. Don't get caught up in figuring out how to train them. We can help you do so. Ask if there are those who are willing.

**The second task is to fund the work.** This can be done in any number of ways. Some already have special events set aside on an annual basis to raise funds for mission work. If so, designate some of those funds for an Operation Outreach campaign. Others may choose to raise the funds through a special contribution, as did Robinson and Center. This is also an effective method. Or you may simply choose to include it in your annual budget.

I can't emphasize this strongly enough—the church worldwide needs your congregation to consider doing this, if you aren't already doing so.

If you would like information about sponsoring an Operation Outreach campaign, please contact me using the information (e-mail and phone) on the back page.

I look forward to updating you on the 2007 campaigns in the coming weeks. Please keep the July work in your prayers as the team forms and the brethren in Cluj make the remaining preparations. As always, thanks so much for your support and encouragement.

- Marty



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**CAMPAIGN DATES**  
**July 19-31**  
**Cluj, Romania**



**November 1-12**  
**Cluj and Moreni, Romania**

**Ted's  
Schedule**

**June 3-6**  
Clanton, Alabama

**June 13-17**  
Montezuma, Iowa

**June 24-27**  
Cotter, Arkansas

**Marty's  
Schedule**

**July 19-31**  
City Campaign  
Cluj Romania

**November 1-12**  
Teaching Teams  
Cluj and Moreni,  
Romania

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