

# Evangelistically Speaking

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*Please join us in praising God for the results from the July campaign in Cluj in the following ways:*

- Thank God for the 3 precious souls who obeyed the Gospel
- Praise God for the new students with whom we studied for the first time
- Thank God for the safe journey and the return home enjoyed by the team
- Pray that God will continue to bless the brethren in Cluj

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## From Ted's Pen

I am very sorry that we were not able to get an issue of this publication completed during August, but it was simply impossible to do so. Marty was with a team of teachers in Cluj, Romania. When he got home, Barbara and I were Indiana and Iowa and we just couldn't get it all done. Therefore, this issue will serve as an August/September issue and we trust that we will not have to do this again this year.

I will give a brief report on the work in July because we didn't have the opportunity to do that before. We were with the Bellefonte congregation for the 18th Annual Northwest Arkansas Lectureship during the first week of July. The theme this year was, "Jesus Christ: Who is This Man?"



Praise God for the month of July! It was a real honor for me to lead an incredible team of teachers in the city of Cluj, Romania during the month of July. Those who have participated in an effort of this type know that it is hard to adequately describe the work that is done. But, I owe it to you—our loyal supporters—to give it my best shot. Thanks to the Father for his abundant blessings in allowing this work to happen!

What a great theme and the lessons that we heard were just fantastic. Our thanks to the elders at Bellefonte and to Brother Ray Crawford for presenting this opportunity.

The second week of July we were thrilled to be with the church at Mt. Judea (Judy), Arkansas. We had some wonderful crowds, superb singing, and if I do say so myself, the preaching wasn't half bad either! Brother Jim Gaskill has preached at Mt. Judea for 22 years and is one of the most well-known, highly-respected, and deeply-loved preachers in that part of the country. He and his lovely wife, Sybil, do so many good things to help the cause of Christ and they are appreciated greatly.



The rest of the month we were in Michigan City, Indiana and Oskaloosa, Iowa. The church at Michigan City is one for which we have a special measure of affection. It was this congregation that gave me my first full-time preaching assignment. In those days most preachers moved every two to three years so I thought that this preaching thing would last a while and I

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## Marty's Thoughts

In addition to myself, there were five other teachers: Kyndall Knight (our younger daughter); Debbie Moreland and Paul McLendon of Conway, Arkansas; Robert Swain of Winona, Mississippi; and Derek Phillips of Greenbrier, Arkansas.

Four Romanian Christians were also part of the team, assisting us with translation and general help. Bianca Grigorivici, Raoul Szatmari, Dan David and Claudiu Murtaza did a fantastic job and we will always be grateful to them.

Some time ago, I asked Raoul to find someone who was willing to help us with translation. He told me that a lifelong friend of his was willing to do so. He also told me that he has studied with his friend and that he hoped we would be able to follow-up those studies.

On Monday, July 23 his friend, **Claudiu**, made the decision to obey the Gospel following a two-hour study. So, we had a fruitful first day, thanks to the foundation that had been laid by others in the past.

While the church in Cluj has been in existence for over 10 years and during that time there have been a number of campaigns, one of this type had not been done in several years. A number of steps had been taken to let the people of Cluj know that we were available for studies and those were profitable. I had made arrangements for us to distribute 1,000 bottles of water with labels attached telling the recipients of our work.

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would have to find something else to make a living and just preach when I could. Now, almost 50 years have passed and because of God's great blessings we are still serving in the kingdom and we are busier than ever. Only one person that I met in 1957 when I first went there is still there, as I recall. Brother Jim Alred wrote the first check that I ever received as a preacher and he is still there serving as the treasurer for the church. Brother Fred Davis now serves the congregation as their preacher and is doing a good work.

From Michigan City we went across Illinois and into Iowa to be with the church at Oskaloosa. If you have not driven through the beautiful rolling hills of Iowa when the corn is a beautiful dark green and the soft wind is blowing the golden tassles in the wind, you

have missed a beautiful sight. On Saturday, August 4 we had a session on personal evangelism where I gave them copies of all the study guides that we have used here in the U.S. and in Romania. We went through each lesson until we ran out of time and hopefully the brethren will be able to use that material to teach in Oskaloosa.

It is always a pleasure to be with the good brethren there and at West Liberty in Montezuma. Several of the brethren from West Liberty also came for the study on evangelism. We left there planning to drive about halfway home, but the closer to home we got the more we wanted to just come on. So, we drove all the way home and that was a long drive. In fact, it is exactly 500 miles from the church building in Osky to our driveway. It sure was good to be home.

We were blessed to be with the church at Hattieville, Arkansas for a gospel meeting on August 12-15. Brother Ivy Davenport served as the preacher at Hattieville for many years, but passed away some time ago and now Brother Jay Crow is the preacher. The church is moving forward with an increase in attendance and interest. They are remodeling their building to include a baptistery and other new features.

We finished the month of August with the church at Eglantine, Arkansas; Center Ridge, Arkansas; and Harding Street in Morrilton, Arkansas. It has been a very busy time, but we praise God for His abundant blessings.

## ROMANIA

Marty will give you a full report on the recent campaign in Cluj. The work in Romania continues to move forward and we are making plans for 2008 with renewed confidence that the work is going to make good progress in building the church there. It is more challenging than it has been, but the need is great and growing deeper each day to try to reach the millions of people in the country who have never heard the gospel.

We thank you for your prayers and your support as we continue to do what we can to present the gospel of Christ to them. Please pray that the hearts of the people will be receptive to the truth. May God bless you is our prayer.

- Ted

## Marty's Thoughts (Continued)

This turned out well since Romania was experiencing a record heat wave with temperatures reaching 105 degrees (Fahrenheit). We hit the stores on Saturday, purchased the bottled water, and some of the team spent the next two days in the large city park near the church building passing out the water.

We ran newspaper ads, distributed about 3,000 flyers, hung a large banner outside the church building and wrote letters to those with whom studies had been conducted in the past.

All told, we were pleased with the response to these things, although I was a little concerned that one individual told us that my picture on the brochure reminded him of Nicolae Ceaucescu, the former Communist dictator of Romania! I don't see the resemblance, but...

A significant number of the studies we had—nearly 40 were held over the length of the campaign—were a direct result of personal invitations. I commend the Christians in Cluj for their efforts at encouraging others to come. The nightly services that were held were well-attended and it is my prayer that things were said during those meetings that will reach the lost.

One young lady named **Maria** made the decision to put on Christ in baptism. She was one of the students who attended by invitation. Maria has had a difficult life, but has been living in a home for young girls that is sponsored by a secular organization and is making great progress in transitioning into a healthy adult life. As a matter of fact, she started her first job on the day of her baptism! What a great start for this new sister!

When Ted was in Cluj during the month of May, he met a lady by the name of Lidia who had attended mid-week service. She told him that she was from a village near Cluj and that she was interested in teachers coming to her village to preach the gospel. She had done much study herself and it was apparent that she was searching for the truth. Unfortunately, the day that she met Ted was his last day in Cluj. So, he told her of our campaign, exchanged contact information, and we began praying that we would be able to study with Lidia this summer.

We attempted to make contact with her upon our arrival, but she could not be reached. We continued our attempts to reach her

throughout the week, but were unsuccessful. As disappointing as it was, we had decided that we simply were not going to be able to reach her this trip. On Friday, July 27 we were within a few minutes of ending our studies and going to the hotel, when in walked Lidia!

She and I enjoyed a good visit with my dear friend and brother Claudiu Murtaza translating. Arrangements were made to meet with Lidia on Saturday and after a lengthy study she was baptized into Christ. She was absolutely thrilled at this life-changing decision and it showed in her reaction as she came up out of that water.

Over the past 10 years of this work in Romania, I have seen things that touched me deeply. When Lidia arrived at the building on Friday, I was presented with one of the most powerful of those things. As we talked, she pulled an envelope from a worn New Testament. Written, in English, on the outside of that envelope were these words: "Please help me in Lord Jesus!!" With tears in my eyes, I opened that envelope to find a slip of

paper on which she had also written these words in English: "Please, please, please help me to live in word." One last thing was written on that slip of paper—"Iacov 4:17." Those of us who speak English know that verse as James 4:17:

*"Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin."*

I don't know if Lidia meant for me to take that personally, but I did! If I have ever wavered in the knowledge that our work in Romania is needed, reading those words on that paper put those thoughts out of my mind. I was brought to the realization that I know that this work is good and it is what God wants from me.

I'm thankful for the lessons that I learned from Claudiu, Maria, and Lidia on this trip. Each of these new Christians is a special story.

I want to encourage you to remember them in prayer as they grow and develop in the Lord. One additional request involves Claudiu's family. His father was diagnosed with lung cancer while

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## Marty's Thoughts (Continued)

we were in Cluj and his condition is very serious. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Another thing that stands out in my mind about this trip is that it leaves me excited about the future of the work in Romania. This was illustrated by the fact that all three baptisms were done by young men who are new to that experience. Derek (age 18) baptized Claudiu on Monday and Dan David (a 20-year old Romanian Christian) baptized both Lidia and Maria.

At times it seems that there is an emphasis on the older American Christians who work in Romania. I'm thankful that so many young people, especially Romanians, are stepping up to the task of teaching and baptizing the lost of Romania.

While the work done by this team was outstanding, we had doubts that we would get to Cluj in the first place. Our travel experiences were a nightmare from the time we (finally) left Atlanta, until we arrived in Cluj 24 hours later than we had planned. This caused us to incur substantially more expense (\$2,500) than I had planned for, but the Lord will provide. I told the team during our unplanned overnight Rome stay on Thursday, July 19—that the Lord must have great things in store for us in Cluj or Satan would not be working so hard to keep us away! How true!

I want to offer deepest thanks to some special congregations who sent this team into the field. The Robinson and Center congregation in Conway, Arkansas provided the majority of the funding along with the Shirley, Arkansas church and our sending congregation, Levy in North Little Rock.

This marked the second time that the four adults on this trip had worked together in the mission field. Paul, Debbie, Robert, and I worked alongside two others as part of a teaching team in Piedras Negras, Mexico in 2005. The experience of the team was a tremendous asset. In total, this team has participated in well over 50 foreign mission efforts. The energy, enthusiasm, and laughter brought by the youngsters—Kyndall and Derek—was contagious and it warms my heart to see young people with a heart for evangelism. Especially when one of them is my own. Her mother and I are very proud!

In closing, I want you each of you to know how much we appreciate the prayers, financial support, and kind words. I want to encourage other congregations to consider sending a team to Cluj. We need the help and opportunities are abundant in 2008. Contact me if you're interested. We love you all very much!

- Marty

## Will Knocking on Doors Work?

Our good friends, Roger and Roni Gean, work with the church in Fremont, California. They are dedicated soul-seekers and are teaching and leading the church in seeking the lost.

Earlier this year they had a concentrated effort to find people who were interested in studying the Bible through door-knocking. Here are some of the results:

**Doors Knocked: 3,178**  
**People at Home: 1,177**  
**Bible Studies Conducted: 66**  
**People Requesting Call-Back: 54**  
**Number of Baptisms: 23**

What do you think? Some will think that was an awful lot of hard work to find only a few who will study. But, TWENTY-THREE SOULS WERE SAVED! According to Jesus, that is TWENTY-THREE WORLD'S! Brethren, keep up the good work! May more of us follow your example.

### Ted's Schedule

**September 2**  
*Hoxie, Arkansas*  
**September 15-21**  
*New England*  
**September 23**  
*Greenbrier, Arkansas*  
**September 30**  
*Charleston, Mississippi*

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