

# Evangelistically Speaking

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*Please join us in prayer  
for the following items:*

- Pray that God will send forth workers to help in the harvest
- Praise God for His bountiful blessings in this day and age
- Ask God to bless those in the mission field with strength, health, wisdom, and opportunity
- Pray for the church in Cluj, Romania and for the preacher and his family, Claudiu and Anca Murtaza.

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## From Ted's Pen

My recent trip to Cluj, Romania was one of the most pleasant that I have ever had when going by myself. The flight over the ocean was uncomfortable because they had assured me that I had an exit row seat which has a lot more room, but I didn't have. The other flights were fine. The flight from Rome to Atlanta coming back was a beautiful flight. I looked out the window a lot and marveled at God's majesty and glory as seen in His creation.

I got through customs and immigration more quickly than I ever had and thought, "This is going to be a breeze." But, when I got upstairs there was complete hysteria! The bad weather had caused hundreds of flights to be canceled and others delayed. I



In just a few short days, three of us will leave the U.S. bound for Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

I am so thankful for the two men who will accompany me. Curtis Sawrie will be making his second trip to Cluj in as many years. He and I have known one another for most of our lives. His family worships with Mars Hill church here in Vilonia. I've known the second brother for the vast majority of my life. Our family

was fortunate that mine was delayed by only about two hours and I made it on home fine, but exhausted.

I was able to make some improvements to the living quarters for Claudiu and Anca, as well as to the place where we stay when U.S. workers go there. On my first trip to Cluj I learned that there was very little hot water available to take showers. I asked someone if we could get a hot water heater installed and the question was just ignored, so I assumed that it was not possible so I just dropped the subject. I was complaining to Claudiu and Anca about not having hot water and he told me that a "boiler" could be installed in one day. I told him, "Get outta here!" He said

moved to North Little Rock in 1966. Dad began working with the Levy church at that time and Al Jolly was the preacher at the Sylvan Hills congregation, just a few miles away. They became fast friends and fellow ministers. So, it's a genuine pleasure to work with Al these years later.

One of our primary goals in Cluj for 2009 was to restart a program that was used there in the past, the offering of free English lessons. We began running ads in early March. I'm thrilled to report that with only two ads having run, we have about 25 students enrolled.

The material that we will use is published by World English Institute. It is a tried and proven method that we trust will introduce students to the Bible. We look forward to meeting many of these new students later this month. We will also be hosting



that it was true and they were very anxious to get one. They both told me that they had nearly frozen trying to take showers under the present circumstances. He and the next-door neighbor to the building went and bought two hot water heaters and installed them without any problem and now there is plenty of hot water in both living areas.

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the annual young adult retreat at the camp near Cluj. This year's event will be evangelistic in nature. While we have invited a number of Christians from across the country, we are also saving about 15 openings for prospects from Cluj. These are friends, co-workers, fellow students and family members of Christians and we pray that this will open doors and hearts to the gospel.

The baptistery that Dad refers to in his article has been delivered to the church building. We hope to have the opportunity to put it good use in the coming weeks and months.

Please keep us in your prayers as we leave for Cluj on Friday, April 24, arriving on Saturday evening. We will return home on Tuesday, May 5. May God bless each of you!

- Marty

## From Ted's Pen (Continued)

I also got a microwave oven for our living quarters so we could heat water for drinks and other things. I can even warm up my Beanie Weenies now and that makes them a little better. Did you know that in Barbara's catalog of sins, eating Beanie Weenies is right up there next to the unpardonable sin! But, I like them in Romania.

We thought that we had figured out a way to install a baptistery, but the brethren there decided to pursue another way to do it. We had planned to take out some of the bathroom in the building and put one there, but that was not a desirable location. Now, they have found a place where they can buy a fiberglass baptistery and they hope that it will be installed very soon. It will be great to have a suitable and accessible place to baptize people into Christ.

I had some very good Bible studies with people who seem to have a great deal of interest in learning more about God's word and His will for us. Two ladies had visited the services a couple of weeks earlier and they both came for studies. They were such sweet ladies and I believe they are sincerely searching for the truth. One man just walked in from the street because he had seen our sign on the front of the building. We hope that he will return for studies with Claudiu and with the team of U.S. teachers who will be going to Cluj in about one month.

There is a young man named Calin who has studied with some other teachers and I was very, very impressed with him. His problem is this: his mother and both of his grandmothers were baptized years ago and then turned away from the truth. He says that he doesn't want to do the same thing. He wants to make sure that his decision is one that will be permanent. I ask that you pray for these and other prospects for open and sincere hearts as they study the word of God.

Claudiu and I went out to visit with two families that they helped during the recent holidays with food. One man and his wife have two children, ages nine and seven and they live in a small room about 12 feet wide and 18 feet long. It is really a sad way to live. However, they are very, very nice people and said that they would like to study the Bible with someone. The second family consisted of a man, his wife, and TEN children, nine of whom are still at home. What a great family! They also said that they would welcome a Bible study in their home. Those children were so nice and well-behaved and it was just a joy to be in their home.

Claudiu, Anca, and Raoul are beginning to teach free English classes every Saturday. We are advertising this opportunity in the newspapers each week. They will be using materials published by World English Institute, all of which involve using the word of God as the basis for the English studies. We are praying that many students will come and give us the opportunity to study the Bible with them.

We have a lot of plans for the rest of this year and we believe that God will bless our efforts with fruit according to His will. We ask all of our readers to pray that many souls will hear and obey the truth.

On March 4 I was privileged to teach the Bible class with the church at Mars Hill. It is always a pleasure to be with this part of our family. On March 8 we enjoyed being with the church at Higden, Arkansas to give a report on our work and to preach the gospel. On Wednesday, March 12 I spoke at Center Ridge, Arkansas on their lectureship and the subject they assigned me was "Marriage—Divorce—Remarriage." We had a splendid number present for the service and I pray that much good was done as we studied this most neglected subject.

We left home early on Friday, March 13 for Arizona. Barbara spoke on Saturday, March 14 at a Ladies Day program at Coolidge, Arizona. The next day I began preaching in a gospel meeting that continued through Friday, March 20. We had very pleasant flights to and from Arizona and we pray that much good was done by the Father through our efforts. We were blessed to stay in the home of Brother and Sister Vance Garrett, two of the finest Christians that we know.

The Garrett's always make us feel so at home. On Sunday, March 22 I spoke at Austin, Arkansas about our work during the Bible class hour and then preached in the worship hour and it was wonderful to be with these good brethren. On the evening of March 22 I gave a report on our work to our Levy brethren who have been overseeing our work for all these years. As usual, it was a pleasure to be with them.

### LEVY CAMPAIGN

Several months ago the church at Levy began formulating plans to conduct a major door-knocking campaign during the month of March 2009. A few weeks before

the public services began there were training classes and other activities presented as part of the campaign preparation. Several Christians began to spread out over the city inviting people to study the Bible with them at their convenience.

The public service portion of the campaign was conducted March 8-11 with Eddie Cloer doing the preaching. The latest update that I received indicated that 28 souls had been baptized into Christ. I believe that many more will come in the future. Studies will continue with other prospects and further studies with the new Christians.

Can you imagine the good that could be done if every congregation would plan and execute such a program every year? Thousands of people could be taught and become Christians! The need for teaching grows stronger every day and the door of opportunity swings wider open as more and more people are "un-churched." Please pray that God will wake us up and help us to see the harvest and then bless our efforts with fruit according to His will.

- Ted

Schedule

Ted and Barbara

MARCH 2  
*Return from Cluj-Napoca, Romania*

MARCH 8  
*Higden, Arkansas*

MARCH 13-21  
*Casa Grande, Arizona*

MARCH 29-APRIL 1  
*Casa Grande, Arizona*

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ON BEHALF OF THE  
APRIL CAMPAIGN TO  
CLUJ-NAPOCA, ROMANIA

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**PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR TEAM**

- Daily studies with WEI students
  - Daily studies with Bible students
  - Study, worship, prayer, and fellowship with the brothers and sisters in Cluj-Napoca
  - An evangelistic retreat for young adults
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Please place this list in a convenient place to help you remember the following in your daily prayers

**EACH SUNDAY:**

Pray for "good soil" – souls searching for the Gospel

**EACH MONDAY:**

Pray for the team as they prepare for the work:

- Al Jolly (Bryan, Texas)
- Curtis Sawrie (Mt. Vernon, Arkansas)
- Marty Knight (Vilonia, Arkansas)

**EACH TUESDAY:**

Pray for Romanian Christians who will work with the team in various ways, translating, inviting their friends to the retreat, and preparing lessons

**EACH WEDNESDAY:**

Pray that all who travel will be blessed with safe and efficient journeys to and from their destinations

**EACH THURSDAY:**

Pray that the advertising and publicity efforts will be successful in reaching those searching for the truth

**EACH FRIDAY:**

Pray for the sending families of the U.S. workers:

**EACH SATURDAY:**

Pray that the church of Christ in Cluj will grow in number and in Spirit

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LECTURESHIPS

*"It's Time to Change  
the World"*

APRIL 17-19, 2009

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VILONIA, ARKANSAS

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Speakers

Oran Burt—Friday, 7:00 p.m.  
"Does the World Need Changing?"

Tom German—Saturday, 9:30 a.m.  
"Changing the World by Preaching the Gospel"

Bob Harris—Saturday, 10:15 a.m.  
"Changing the World, One Person at a Time"

Dennis Gullede—Saturday, 11:00 a.m.  
"Changing the World Through Daily Christian Living"

Dean Fugett—Saturday, 11:45 a.m.  
"Changing the World by Changing the Home"

Robert Swain—Sunday, 10:00 a.m.  
"Changing the Entire World"

David Riley—Sunday, 11:00 a.m.  
"Changing the World is Up to Me"

Ted Knight—Sunday, 6:00 p.m.  
"Changing the World by Being Servants"

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