

# 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

We appreciate so very much the expressions of gratitude from so many of you for receiving this publication each month and keeping up with our work. It seems to me that we just get one issue in the mail and it is time for another. When we are late, as we have been so much of the time this summer, it does seem that we have to hurry to get the next issue ready. We are hopefully going to have this one on the mail by October 1, if at all possible.

God always blesses the teaching of His word whenever it is done in love and purity. I often get discouraged because there are not many more public responses to the invitation than we have, but then I remember that it is my duty to preach the truth and



to preach it in love and God will handle to harvest. I know that there is always rejoicing in heaven when a soul responds to the gospel and resolves to begin living for Jesus or asks for the prayers of brethren and resolves to walk more faithfully in the steps of Jesus. We just continue to sow the seed in the hope that good fruit will come forth to the glory of God.

On September 6 I gave a report on our work and preached at the Harding Street congregation in Morrilton, Arkansas. These brethren have been supporting our work and encouraging us from the beginning of this ministry. We are thankful for them.

On Sunday, September 13 I again gave a report on our work

and preached to the congregation at Hoxie, Arkansas. Again, we enjoyed being with brethren who have lifted our spirits so many times as well as supporting us with the prayers and expressions of appreciation and financial support for many years. We pray that God will bless the efforts of this fine congregation.



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## Marty's Thoughts

Through thick and thin she has stood firmly with me. She is responsible for the things that have brought me the greatest joy in this life. I thank God for her every day.

Just three days prior to our wedding back in 1984, her parents celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. If you've ever lived through being the parents of a bride, you know the turmoil that goes with the job. I remember telling them back then that we would make up for it in 25 years. Where'd the time go?

Lisa's family enjoyed some time away during the month and it was a very special weekend with her parents, her sister, Tracye, and her husband, Todd. We are doubly blessed to have both sets of our parents with us and for

them to have all been such outstanding examples of Christian living. We are thankful to them.

I am encouraged by the things that I hear from Cluj, Romania. Our brother, Claudiu, continues to serve the congregation there and we're grateful for his contributions. It thrills us to hear the reports of individual spiritual growth that is occurring among the brothers and sisters.

Brother Phil Jackson was able to spend a few days in Cluj during the month of September. Phil and his wife, Rebecca, were one of two couples who first established the congregation in Cluj back in 1996. The Christians in Cluj love the Jackson family very much.

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## From Ted's Pen (Continued)

I spoke on Wednesday, September 15 on a lectureship at Jerusalem, Arkansas. There was a terrible storm and very heavy rain and I expected that there would be very few people who could get out for the service. I was pleasantly surprised at the number of brethren, not only from Jerusalem, but also from Hattieville who braved the weather and came to the services that evening.

We were thrilled to be with the church at Charleston, Mississippi on September 21. Brother Robert Rawson is now working with the church at Charleston and these good brethren continue to bless the lives of many with their efforts to present the gospel, not only to their community, but throughout the world.

Our last week of the month was spent with the good church at Oskaloosa, Iowa. We always come away from the church there feeling that we have been blessed far more than we have been a blessing to them.

We closed the month of September by speaking on a lectureship with the church at Velvet Ridge, near Bald Knob, Arkansas on Wednesday, September 30. My assignment was to speak on the subject of "Love" as one of the three abiding principles of Christi-

anity. I hope that the lesson was helpful to the hearers as much as it was to me as I studied for it. An old friend, Carl Cook, and his wife worship with the church there and it was good to see them as well as all the brethren.

The month of September was also a challenging month to our family because of so much illness and the loss of a very dear sister-in-law. When we were in Indiana during August we received a call informing us that Rachel, the wife of my rother Ray, was near death. Rachel fought a good fight and finally won her battle with several dis-eases on Friday, September 11.

We left immediately after the services at Hoxie on Sunday morning and drove directly to Nashville, Tennessee to be with Ray and his family. The funeral service was conducted on Monday morning, September 14. Ray and Rachel were married 51 years, 2 weeks. Barbara and I were there for their wedding and I was asked to say a few things at the memorial service. We will miss Rachel very, very, much and I ask you to pray for Ray and his family.

My oldest brother, C. W., and his wife Emma have both been very sick and have been hospitalized during the month. They have been taken from their home to the

home of their younger son, Robert, so that they can be cared for in a better way. Also, another of one of my brothers, Herbert, has been placed in a nursing and rehabilitation center in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas following back surgery and then some falling incidents that banged him up pretty good. I was able to visit him while I was in the area to preach on September 12. He has been a gospel preacher for more than Sixty years.

Our very dear friend, "Dub" Mitchell from the Levy congregation had his right leg amputated on Friday, September 18. He has been battling bone cancer for almost 12 years. Barbara's sister,

Melba "Jane" Tipton remains in the VA Hospital in Memphis where she has been for almost five years. Finally, Barbara's niece, Sherry Lind, continues to battle a staph infection following lung surgery for cancer.

So, we have a lot of people in our family and among our friends for who we ask your continued prayers.

Marty will provide an update on the work in Romania. As always, we love and appreciate you so much.

- Ted

Schedule

Ted and Barbara

- OCTOBER 4  
Swifton, Arkansas
- OCTOBER 11  
Mountain Home, Arkansas
- OCTOBER 18  
Center Ridge, Arkansas
- OCTOBER 25  
Eglantine, Arkansas

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## Marty's Thoughts (Continued)

I'm thankful that Phil was able to spend some time, as he called it, "at home" encouraging the church in Cluj.

I also ask for your prayers on behalf of Brother Tom Langley, who will be in Cluj during the month of November. Tom is the co-director of World English Institute and works with the church in Maryville, Tennessee. His family lived in Romania and worked with the church in Oradea for a number of years. Tom will be working with English students who are studying with the brethren in Cluj.

The WEI approach is both sound doctrinally and very effective at teaching the Gospel of Christ. The WEI material is being used in nearly 200 countries around the globe and has been used extensively in Romania. Back in May of this year we began advertising for free English lessons and some 35 students have taken advantage of the offer.

Claudiu, his wife, Anca, and Raoul Szatmari have taught weekly lessons since May. Tom will follow-up there studies with individual Bible lessons. We're grateful for Tom and his willingness to go.

All of this brings me to this very important point: **TEACHERS FOR 2010 ARE NEEDED!** We need those who are willing to spend 2 to 4 weeks in Cluj teaching these same lessons. I wish that I had a much greater opportunity to answer your concerns and objections.

You've never taught using this material? **WE'LL PREPARE YOU!** You can't afford four weeks in a hotel and eating out? **WE'LL PROVIDE HOUSING!** You've never traveled internationally? **I CAN HELP YOU WITH THOSE ARRANGEMENTS!**

We need at least three teaching teams to work in Cluj throughout 2010. The calendar is wide open and we can work around YOUR schedule. What we need from you is a **COMMITMENT!**

If you would like additional information or if you have questions, please contact me using the information on the back of this paper. As the Lord said, "The fields are white to harvest." Will YOU be the workers that are sent forth? Please give this your prayer and consideration. We love you!

- Marty

In our studies with people, especially in foreign countries, when the student expresses an interest in being baptized we use the following questions to help us determine if further study is needed before the baptism. We want to share these with you and maybe you can use them in your studies with others as well. We used some questions that Harvey Starling uses in his work and we added some of our own, as well. We hope that they might be useful to you.

- Ted

### THOUGHT-PROVOKING QUESTIONS BEFORE BAPTISM

1. As you understand the scriptures, are you now lost in sin or forgiven in Christ?
2. Have you been a student of the Bible before we began this study?
3. Are you now "in Christ" or 'out of Christ'?
4. Who only can forgive and save you from your sins?
5. Why do you want to obey the Lord?
6. Will you be a member of the church when you are baptized? Yes No
7. Whose church is this?
8. Do you understand that Christians have an appointment on the Lord's Day (Sunday) to worship God?
9. Where do you plan to be next Sunday when the church assembles for worship?
10. Are you aware that there will be times of discouragement in your Christian life?
11. The Bible teaches that a person must be baptized in water to be saved. True False.
12. When you are baptized, what name will you wear to honor God: Orthodox, Protestant, Evangelical, Christian?
13. When you become a Christian who is the only person to represent you or stand between you and the Father?
14. When a person becomes a Christian, Who is his Lord and Master?
15. If there is a conflict between what the Bible says and what church tradition says, who must we believe and follow?
16. Do you want some guidance and planning in your personal Bible study program?
17. What does it mean to 'repent of our sins'?
18. Are you ready to confess your personal faith in Jesus Christ and to be baptized in Him?

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