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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 are certainly living in an unsettled world. An earthquake comes killing hundreds of thousands and leaving millions homeless. Floods, snowstorms, and other weather-related disasters destroy houses and other things that people have worked for years to accumulate.

One man is elected to the U.S. Senate and his vote can have a terrific impact upon issues confronting our entire nation. One single vote can stop the President of our country and many others from passing into law proposals that can affect every single person in our nation.

One criminal like Mr. Madoff can bring catastrophe to thousands of people whose confidence in him has been betrayed. One

terrorist can carry out a cowardly act against humanity and the affects may be felt for many, many, years. These things have brought forward two things in my mind.

Man is just not as powerful as he thinks. With all of our power and technology, we can't stop mudslides, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and such. That brings an uneasy feeling to most people. In many ways it breeds fear and that leads to chaos and in many instances turn men against each other to the point of killing a neighbor or someone else.

I believe that the topsy-turvy conditions which exist today are opening the door of opportunity for Christians to take the gospel



of hope and assurance to the world like I have not seen in my lifetime. I believe and I am hoping and praying that people are becoming more and more fed up with the social, empty, entertainment-focused religions which may have been impressive and enjoyable for a time, but fail in the end.

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Marty's Thoughts

We're thrilled that she has found such an outstanding Christian young man to marry. They will begin their lives as husband and wife in June 2011 following graduation from college. We ask that you pray for them as they begin their lives together.

We also ushered in the month of January by ramping up our plans for the coming year in Romania. As Dad mentioned in his article, we are so encouraged by the news that we receive from the church in Cluj. The little group of Christians there continue to mature and grow and for that we are grateful.

As it relates to efforts that will involve American workers, there are three primary sets of activities which will take place in 2010.

The first is the Third Annual Christian Retreat that will take place in the mountains just outside of Cluj. The dates for this event are May 6-8. Brothers and sisters in Christ from all over the country will gather in a beautiful setting for a period of fellowship, worship, and encouragement.

The second activity is the VBS that will be held for the second year during the month of July. The specific dates are July 19-23.

The third set of activities involve the teaching of English by using the WEI materials. We're so thankful for two individuals who spent time in Cluj during the months of November and December. Brother Tom Langley, co-director of WEI, was in Cluj

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Isn't New Years special? There is always hope for a fresh start. It is the perfect time for a new beginning.

This New Years Day was special for our family as our younger daughter, Kyndall, delivered very exciting news. She is now engaged to Erin Brown, the fine young man that she has been dating for the past 15 months. They are both students at Arkansas Tech University.

From Ted's Pen (Continued)

I love the simplicity that is in Christ Jesus. When an honest soul will open and study the word of God, that word can bring stability and assurance during these turbulent times. This is where every Christian needs to wake up, lift up our eyes upon the harvest, and begin to sow the seed with greater enthusiasm than ever before.

We must be dissatisfied with the average and mediocre. We must stop allowing our congregations to just die because of declining attendance, decreased contributions because of the death of older members, and younger ones moving to other localities. How can we stop it? **We can teach and preach the gospel!**

Every Christian can become an evangelist, maybe not in the pulpit but in our homes and communities. **The door is opening wider with each passing day!** As Aunt Bee told Otis on the Andy Griffith Show, "Get to it!"

The month of January has been an interesting time for us. We reported on our work to some of our supporting congregations each weekend and enjoyed just being at home and relaxing some. But, we also had the opportunity to offer support and encouragement to some friends and brethren who are going through some very difficult times with health issues. We visited the hospitals and some others who are dealing with serious health problems at home. Barbara broke one of her little toes too and if she hasn't told you about it yet, she probably will when she sees you. I finally told her that she had "ridden" that deal long enough!

We are also very happy to tell you that the severe headaches which Barbara had suffered since last June have subsided greatly. We saw a doctor here in Conway who had advertised in the local paper that he specialized in dealing with headaches. We were a bit skeptical, but his treatments have been wonderfully effective. He tells her that she will probably have headaches

some in the future, but not as severe and not as often as before. As I write this it has been almost **seven** weeks since she has had a headache. But, she did break her little toe! She is going to break my head when she reads this paper.

The month of February really begins a busy time for several months to come. We will be with the church at Greenbrier on February 7 for their annual Missions Day. A special contribution is given to support un-budgeted mission efforts in many places.

We will be with the Downtown congregation at Morrilton on the evening of Sunday, February 7 to report on our work. We will leave on February 10 to go to Casa Grande, Arizona through February 15. We are anxious to see many of our friends and brethren there again. On February 21 we will go back to Greenbrier to give a report on our work for 2009 and then February 28 we will be with the Oak Grove congregation in North Little Rock to tell about our work and preach the gospel.

We have received reports in the past few weeks from Brother Claudiu in Cluj, Romania that are very, very encouraging about the work there. We are so excited about our plans for 2010. But, we have also learned of two more deaths among our Romanian brethren.

I guess that I just expected that death would never come to our loved ones over there but, of course, that just isn't possible. We have lost three precious people in the past couple of months. Please remember the families of Gabi, Alexandrina, and Mihai who have gone on to their rest. Marty will give your further details about our plans for the year in Romania.

I want to remind all of our readers who live in Arkansas about the Evangelistically Speaking Lecture-ship which is scheduled for April 16-18 at the building of the Mars Hill church. The Mars Hill building is located east of Vilonia on the

south side of Highway 64 at the Faulkner/White Country line. We will begin on the evening of Friday, April 16 with 30 minutes of congregational singing which is always inspiring and encouraging.

Brother David Riley will be our speaker for the first lesson of the lectureship on the subject, "The Cross: Our Motivation for Evangelism." I can hardly wait for this lesson because I know something about the cross of Jesus and I know something about David Riley

Please don't let anything interfere with your plans for that Friday evening. A full schedule is given

elsewhere in this issue, so please go over it and come to be motivated to greater involvement in evangelism.

Thank you brethren for your continued support of our work. You make it possible for us to preach the gospel in many places throughout the United States, as well as Romania. May God bless you as you lend your efforts to this task through your support and prayers.

We love you all very much!

- Ted

Schedule

Ted and Barbara

FEBRUARY 7
AM - Greenbrier, Arkansas (Missions Day)
PM - Downtown, Morrilton, Arkansas

FEBRUARY 10-15
Casa Grande, Arizona

FEBRUARY 21
Greenbrier, Arkansas

FEBRUARY 21
Oak Grove, North Little Rock, Arkansas

WEBSITES AND INFORMATION

Evangelistically Speaking Online:
<http://www.evangelisticallyspeaking.net>

Operation Outreach:
<http://www.operation-outreach.com>

Cluj-Napoca Church of Christ:
<http://www.bisericaluihristoscluj.com>

Vilonia Church of Christ:
<http://www.viloniachurch.com>

Marty's Thoughts (Continued)

for two weeks during November. His mother, Dorothy, then followed him in early December. We've heard great things about the work they did while there. Thank you, Tom and Dorothy, for your efforts on the Lord's behalf. We would like for at least two WEI teams to work in Cluj during 2010.

Opportunities are available for workers who wish to be involved in these endeavors. YOU ARE NEEDED!

Romania brethren are taking the lead in organizing each of these events, as they should, and we're grateful for that fact. But, don't let that stop YOU from becoming actively involved.

If you have experience in working with young children and wish to be a part of a VBS team, YOU are needed!

If you want to teach the Bible using the materials prepared and published by World English Institute, YOU are needed!

We will even prepare and educate you to use the WEI materials in the event that you haven't ever used it.

Don't let a lack of experience quench your desire. If you have the desire in your heart, we'll help prepare you! Again, those dates are as follows:

**RETREAT:
May 6-8**

**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL:
July 19-23**

**WORLD ENGLISH
LESSONS:
August / October**

There is flexibility with the WEI dates and we can work around your particular schedule. If you are interested in becoming a part of the work in Cluj, please contact either of us using the information on the back page of this publication.

Excitement continues to build as the Vilonia congregation prepares to start work on the new primary facility. As mentioned in this publication before, we completed a temporary building in November and the Ministry Center has provided some much needed relief with crowding. But, the Ministry Center is a temporary fix for our crowding.

During the last week of January, we will begin construction on a 3,600 square-foot facility that includes a 175-seat auditorium, six new classrooms, rest rooms and a baptistry. The Ministry Center will be used as an additional classroom and for fellowships, potlucks, and receptions.

The Ministry Center will also be used for our Community Pantry program. This was an especially effective ministry during 2009 and I would encourage other congregations to consider something similar. We were able to serve over 130 families by providing basic food staple and supplies. These are difficult times in which we live and many are hurting without jobs and income. Our goal was to reach out to the community and offer help. The Lord has blessed us with that opportunity. The pantry will be managed from the Ministry Center in the future.

The church also has major plans for work during the month of June, using the new facility. We ask that you continue to pray for the work of this new church family. We're grateful that glory is brought to the name of the Lord through our efforts.

I pray that 2010 will be a year in which you accept new challenges, take advantage of the opportunities that God places before you, and bring glory and honor to the Father. I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers, financial support, and words of encouragement.

- Marty

12TH ANNUAL EVANGELISTICALLY SPEAKING LECTURESHIP

APRIL 16-18, 2010

**Mars Hill Church of Christ
Vilonia, Arkansas**

*Located just south of U.S. Highway 64 at the
Faulkner/White county line between
Vilonia and Beebe*

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

7:00 — Singing

Ted Knight (Conway, Arkansas)

7:30 — The Cross: Our Motivation For Evangelism

David Riley (Vilonia, Arkansas)

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

9:30 — Singing

Thomas Martin (Vilonia, Arkansas)

10:00 — Dealing With False Doctrine In Evangelism

Glen Elliott (Greenbrier, Arkansas)

10:45 — Evangelizing Our Fallen Brethren

Randy Rankin (Morrilton, Arkansas)

11:30 — Evangelism Of The Early Disciples

Steve Norris (Conway, Arkansas)

12:15 — Lunch Provided By Mars Hill Sisters

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

9:45 — Evangelism: Key To Unity

Robert Swain (Vilonia, Arkansas)

10:45 — Evangelism: The Path To Maturity

Ted Knight (Conway, Arkansas)

6:00 — Evangelism: Redeeming The Time

Jason Almond (Perryville, Arkansas)

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Dan and Jan Davis

In Memory of
TERRY GALLAHAR
Marty and Lisa Knight

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