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Pastoral Ministry in Romania

Report: January – March 2016

Updates

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FIVE CHURCHES NOW...

5 After being interim pastor for a couple of months, in January 2016 **Sat Sugatag Church** officially elected me to be their full pastor. So since this January 2016 I've been pastoring **5 Churches** not only 4 as before.

Sat Sugatag Church is a small baptist church with only 29 members, but with growing potential. My pastoral responsibilities in this church are: leadership, preaching, pastoral visits and working with children and youth.

Please pray for Sat Sugatag Church!



Pray for Sat Sugatag!

- *A new baptism service this year 2016*
- *Those who listened the Word of God this Spring*
- *A bible teacher for kids on Sunday School*
- *Kids that started learning to play on church's piano*
- *Those members that have healthy problems*

ENGAGEMENT SERVICE

13th February was for **Gabriel and Adelina** their **Engagement Day**. With their relatives and friends we sang christian songs and meditated on God's love.



My family on G & A's Engagement Day

Gabriel and Adelina are involved in church ministry and have a godly character. Gabriel is preaching God's Word in the church and Adelina is working with the kids on Sunday Bible School.

I have already started the premarital counseling and studies about marriage with them and with God's help their Wedding will be in August 2016.

"And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies."

Hosea 2:19-20 (KJV)

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

Evangelism

In Romania, the end of Winter and start of Spring is a proper time for Evangelistic Events, because people are not so busy and it seems that they are more open to come and listen the Gospel.

Evangelistic Week in Sighet Church (22-28 February)

Every evening during the week (except Saturday) we had special Evangelistic Services where unchristian people had the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



I was so glad to see that some of the unchristian people that I have visited before, came at this event and they were quite receptive to God's Word.

Along with other evangelistic preachers who were invited, I also preached one message inspired from Psalm 139

intituled „How close are you allowing God to be”. On that evening, by His grace, God used me in a special way. Praise God!

Evangelistic Days in Sat Sugatag Church (14-16 March)

In the middle of March, the Sat Sugatag Church decided to have 3 Evangelistic Days. The preachers came from other parts of Romania, and they preached powerfully.

On *Tuesday 15th March*, I went to some Pastoral Visits in Sat Sugatag, where I had the opportunity to meet some people that were in church the previous evening service, and they told me that God spoke to their hearts.

I have also invited more others to come, people that I met during that day. I was so glad that some of them came in church the following evenings!



More Church Events: www.sorinsarbu.com/events

Pastoral Visits

LAST PASTORAL VISIT



My last visit to sister Ana (88)

She had some problems with her liver, but she never complained. In stead, I was amazed because her prayers were full of thanks to God. I was very blessed by God, because she daily prayed for me. God allowed me to be at her husband's funeral eleven years ago, and now I was honored to lead her funeral service on 25th February 2016. Here you have a picture from **my last pastoral visit to sister Ana** when I also gave her Lord's Supper (Psalm 116:15).

VISITING THE OLD AND SICK MEMBERS



Brother Laurentiu at the hospital

Thess. 5:16). Brother **Laurentiu** was converted in the hospice for old people where he heard the Gospel. He is unable to walk and he is coming to the church on his wheelchair.



Brother Ilie is the oldest (96 years)

“ Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me”

Matthew 25:40

Ana Mih (88 years old) was a great woman of God. She loved God very much from her childhood and she was a woman of prayer, reading her Bible daily (full Bible twice a year).

When I was visiting sister **Maria** I became more thankful for my health. She has varicose ulcer on her leg for many years, but she is always joyful! (1



Sister Maria is a old widow woman

Brother **Ilie** is the oldest member being 96 years old. God protected him in Second World War and while being a war prisoner in Siberia camp, he visited a baptist church and received Jesus. Coming back home in Romania he became one of the first baptist missionary in this area (Psalm 91:16).

Projects

SERVING OTHERS

FINISHED PROJECTS

Door-to-Door Visits: On 31th of January 2016, I went to Roma Community from Sarasau and visited 11 Gypsy Homes. This way I was able to share the Gospel to 19 Roma adults and their children. In every house I prayed, read a Bible texts and shared the Gospel. I also gave them an booklet and a 2016 Christian Calendar with Bible verses and for kids I have prepared some candies.



Visiting Roma families in Sarasau

Please pray that God will make this ministry grow!

NEXT PROJECTS FOR ROMA KIDS:

- **“Hair-Cut”** for Roma (gypsy) boys from Sarasau community. This will give me an opportunity to let them know what Jesus said about ‘hair’ (Luke 12:7). This project is for April 2016.

Working for living...

ONGOING PROJECTS

Piano Lessons: God gave me a musical gift. Music is important in the church, and in many rural churches they don't have someone to play at the piano. So, starting this January 2016 I started giving organ



Piano lessons

this piano lessons with kids from church.

My experience confirms that this piano lessons will help a lot the churches and the children also. When kids have something to do, they feel useful.

Family

SARBU FAMILY

LOIS IS NOW 3 YEARS OLD!



Our daughter **Lois is now 3 Years old!** She was born on 9th March 2013 and God blessed her with His protection all this years. She is lovely, clever and so sweet. We love her so much!

We celebrated her birthday together as a family, accompanied by my father. Simona prepared a delicious cake and we have taken many pictures on that day.

You should see how shy she was when we sang „Happy Birthday” 😊



TIME TO WORK FOR MY FAMILY

We have now 2 children: Ezra (9 years) and Lois (3 years), but **we are expecting another child this May!** Simona is pregnant now and we have to prepare everything for that ‚special month’. That implies a lot of work for our family... and I did!



We changed the *windows* in the chicken and bathroom because during the winter time the cold came inside. We also bought the *wood* for the winter so our home will be warmer. I also started working in the *garden*, so we will not be needed to buy everything from the market.

Pray for my wife Simona! She is pregnant now and it seems that the child inside have some heart problems. Please pray!

Needs

CAN YOU HELP US?

FINANCIAL NEEDS

A Central Heating is Needed:

In Romania, during the winter time we deal with very cold weather and it is very important for a family to have proper stoves. For couple years we tried to pass the winter time with the stoves we had, but it was very difficult.

Now, expecting a new born child, we would like to buy a Central Heating System for our home.



Actual stoves in chicken and bathroom

A Car is Needed: Being a pastor to 5 churches, means that I have to travel a lot. At this moment I have an old Ford Escort from 1996, and the engine is quite worn and full of rust.



worn engine

I have started praying, and also done my part in saving money in order to buy another car, not older than 10 years and with power engine 2.0 Diesel (or lower).

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SPIRITUAL NEEDS

- **Pray for a godly character.** I want so much to build in my life a godly character so I might be a good example and effective pastor in God's ministry (1 Timothy 4:7b).
- **Pray for God's grace and protection.** In this spiritual war, pastors are the devil's main target, so I want to be fully covered by God's grace!
- **Pray for Simona.** Please pray every day for my wife Simona. She is pregnant now and the baby from her womb it seems to have some heart problems. Now, Simona is taking medicine treatment. Your prayers are so needed (2 Corinthians 1:11).



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