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Pastoral Ministry in Romania

Report: October – December 2015

Updates

PASTORAL MINISTRY

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2015

CELEBRATING
10
years
2005 - 2015

It has been already **10 Years** now since I am here in Sighetu Marmatiei pastoring 4 small baptist churches from Sighet, Iapa, Sarasau and Oncesti. I praise God for all I've experienced being a pastor all those years!

LATEST CHURCH EVENTS

- **Christmas's Children Program** (24-25 December). Many rehearsal was needed and kids memorized many bible verses. In Oncesti Baptist Church, children sang beautiful Christmas carols being dressed with traditional clothes (in photo).
- **Special Family Conference** (4-6 December). Our families had the opportunity to make their family stronger. We learned God's Teachings about family with pastor Gigi Cosman.
- **Fellowship of Baptist Churches** from Historical Maramures (22 November)
- **Thanksgiving Day** (18 October)
- **Child Blessing Service:** Sara Mih (11 October)
- **Pastoral Conference** with Sammy Tippit (10 October)



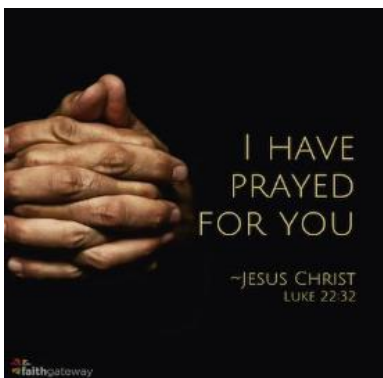
Kids from Oncesti Baptist Church

More Church Events : www.sorinsarbu.com/events

NEW IDEAS IN MY PASTORAL ACTIVITY...

Pastoral Visits and Evangelism: Lately I started making evangelism especially to my member's relatives. I was amazed that many were interested to know more about Christian doctrines. Now that I have their contacts this will allow me to go further and continue to share the Gospel.

Continue to make disciples: This December I have finished 12 Discipleship Lessons with our newest member of Sarasau Baptist Church – Daniel. I admire his desire to know more about Jesus, so this January 2016 we will start another Discipleship Course (Matthew 28:19-20).



Prayer and SMS: I discovered a new method to encourage church members. After praying for them (each day I pray for one member from each church), I send them a text message on their phones and inform them that I have prayed for them. Many replied and wrote back: "*Pastor Sorin, thank you. It is great to know that you are praying for me!*".

Baptism

BAPTISM IN SARASAU

On the 4th October 2015, Daniel Covaci has been baptized in Sarasau Baptist Church. His conversion was so drastic and dramatical!

He was an alcoholic and no one believed that he will ever change his life, but Jesus changed his life completely! (2 Cor. 5:17)

Daniel's brother also came to this baptism service. And now, Daniel is praying for his brother that he will also make the decision to give his life to Jesus!



BAPTISM SERVICES



Me, with Daniel before baptism

“What does hinder me to be baptized?” Acts 8:36

BAPTISM IN ONCESTI

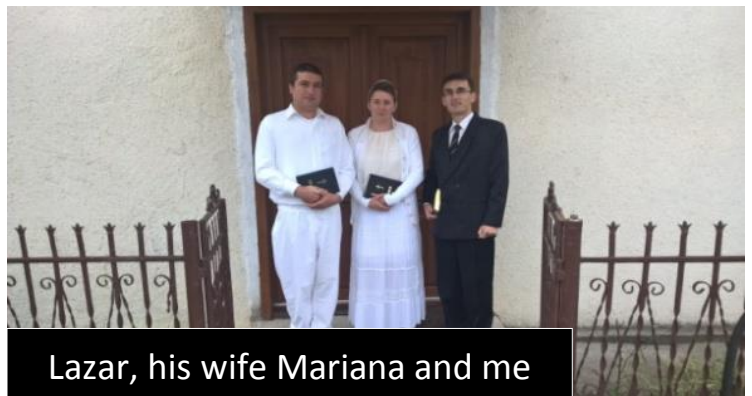


Me, with Ioana in Oncesti

Ioana Negrea decided to follow Jesus in the context of her husband's death. Her husband was the Mayor of Oncesti and he died of cancer. Her drama brought her closer to God, and on the 13th September 2015 she was baptized.

BAPTISM IN SAT SUGATAG

Was also a happy day the 8th of November 2015, because Lazar and Mariana (husband and wife) was baptized in Sat Sugatag Baptist Church.



Lazar, his wife Mariana and me

Lazar, and his wife Mariana were converted during a funeral service, and understood that life is short and they need Christ right away! (Hebrews 3:15)

Projects

SERVING OTHERS SOCIAL & EVANGELISM

Pizza to Roma Kids: My wife Simona worked gladly during the day making pizza, and in the evening we visited those gypsy kids. My son Ezra and brother Denis (UEO student) accompanied me and helped me giving to every child a piece of pizza.

NEXT SOCIAL PROJECTS:

- **“Piano Lessons”** for kids that would like to learn to play the piano.
- **“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).



Roma kids praying before eating pizza



300 Evangelistic Letters: I wrote down my personal testimony including the most important parts of the Gospel and posted 300 letters by mail to people from Sighet. One man called me and asked me to pray, another lady received Jesus into her heart... and others mocked me. Praise God!

Needs

YOU CAN HELP ME!

FINANCIAL NEEDS

A Car is Needed: Being a pastor to many 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).

Saved **\$2300**. Target: **\$5500**

SPIRITUAL NEEDS

- **Personal Holiness.** I am terrified hearing about pastors that were recently disqualified. I want to be holy and serve God in a pure heart (1 Tim. 5:22b). Pray for holiness and godliness in my life!
- **Mentoring Program.** Students from Oradea Emanuel Theological Seminary will come and serve regularly in my churches. I would like to mentor them in order to be effective leaders and fully equipped for God's ministry.
- **For my wife Simona.** God already blessed us with two wonderful children (Ezra and Lois), and this May 2016 another child will come into our family. Pray for Simona's pregnancy will go on without any kind of problems.



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