

NEWSLETTER Spring 2017



Spring News:

Because the weather has been quite favorable this spring, we were able to tackle several outdoors projects. The sports playground is painted, marked and fenced in, so that every day our community children are enjoying a place to run and play.



This week, however, with the arrival of a team from Pittsburgh, the weather took a turn to almost winter conditions! This did not deter the team from doing their skillful work by any means! (Bellow-John and Sandy Kuert, Rich, John, Joe, Renee and ...)



What is the value of a soul?

Matt.13:45-46 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

As we all know, this parable depicts the value of the kingdom of God, for which we must render the highest sacrifice in order to attain it! Still, I also like to look at the price our Savior paid to rescue the human soul! He did it as a forerunner, showing us the value of every human being - the one in one hundred, the prodigal, the one lying under a pile of dust that needs to be swept over in order to find it! We must sell everything to buy them! We must pay the highest price to rescue them!

Pearls everywhere!

Two ladies, one 25 and one 79, have recently made their decision to follow Christ. As we made time to become better acquainted they opened their hearts as they told us about their life of forced marriages, abuses and distress. We are so glad that they were found and set free from the bondage of secret pain! They are worth every effort and every sacrifice to be liberated and offered the eternal hope!

The other day, as Mike and Stefan went to the airport to bring a team from Pittsburgh, I got a phone call that an old man who has now been a Christian for a few years was gravely ill. He asked for a visit, prayer and communion. Ana O. and I decided to go, although, as women, we would be frowned upon if we gave communion, especially in a Muslim village. So, we decided to suggest to "share" communion. 😊 And so we did! Although our brother had labored breathing and a heart rate of over 200, knowing how much he was desiring to be baptized in the Holy Spirit, I asked if he wanted us to pray for him to receive the baptism! Oh, the sweet presence that filled that room as he began to speak in a heavenly language, tears running down every face! Since then, he is doing well! We both felt that the heavy rain and the muddy road we travelled were well worth it to bless this family with a visit - as God did His part!

Easter events



March 8th was Mother's Day in Romania and Paul and Sharon Poole have blessed us with the visit of a great team for the outreaches that we conducted in the area, such as the Mother's Day event in Medgidia and other villages, a marriage seminar, children programs, organizing and decorating the Community Center.


In the last few months we were able to reach out to the families in the Baneasa community by providing shoes and school supplies to those who were in great need. So grateful to Marge Schaffer and the GT small groups who sent us shoes, clothing and food for these projects!

This spring, the Baneasa Community Center is being prepared for the afterschool program and for the Saturday morning kids club.

The classrooms will need to be furnished and equipped so that the children will have chairs, tables and all the supplies to do their school work. We have a great number of children who do not attend school so we will need to focus on bringing them to their respective grade level, with the purpose to reintegrate them in school.

As funds will become available from Coins for Kids, we will be installing a playground in the front yard - the first and only in the entire region!

Preparations are also being made for the first greenhouse to be installed so that the children can learn to grow and enjoy fresh veggies all summer long! We will be installing three apiaries and teach some adults how to tend honey bees so they could support their families. Thank you Chuck King for the funds provided for these projects!

 **We need your prayers!** 

Opposition continues from the religious leaders of the community as they put pressure on the town officials with false accusations against us! Although we understand that this should happen as we live according to God's Word, we do not want the Gospel to be hindered from reaching the lost.



Little girl dressed so she can attend school.

Ministry with the Poole's and the Hill's



Please pray for the leaders of the community that they will cooperate with our efforts to help revitalize the Baneasa community through education, job training, Bible teaching and parental support.

Pray for us, the team and for those who will be joining our team, that we will be unified in vision and anointed for the great task to which we are called.

As always, please accept our gratitude for your prayers, support and generosity as we continue to make Jesus known to the lost and live out God's love and grace to those who have not encountered Him.

May Christ, our risen Lord live in you by the power of His Spirit!

Yours,

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