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serving God in

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November 2024 Update

Dear Faithful Supporters

Greetings and Happy Thanksgiving from Romania! We have much to be thankful for. We are especially thankful for all of you! Thank you for reading our updates every month and praying for us and our ministries. Thank you also for your sacrifices to support God's work here in Romania. We hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

While Thanksgiving is exclusively an American holiday, most evangelical churches in Romania around this time of year like to celebrate a harvest day dedicated to giving thanks unto the Lord. For our “Thanksgiving,” the church has grown accustomed to decorating the front of the pulpit with fruits and vegetables, canned goods, and other perishables that our members have set aside for the poor. This year our cornucopia was big enough to be divvied up and given to three needy homes.



The church's Thanksgiving cornucopia



The children's Thanksgiving program

We also praise the Lord for our children's ministry and the families bringing their young children to church! Having a nursery for young children doesn't yet fit the culture in our little village, so we do church with them. It sometimes brings distractions but mostly joy and blessings watching these young children grow in grace and learn to praise the Lord with us. It also helps us adults practice patience, tolerance, and temperance.



Please pray with us for the parents of our bus children. While many children are coming to church through our bus ministry, their parents do not come, not even on special days when the kids hold their programs.

Please pray specifically for a mom named Bella, who comes to our ladies' Bible studies every month. We have witnessed to her many times, and we've had some great talks about her spiritual condition, but she still has not yet made a decision for the Lord. Pray that she will continue to come, that God will soften her heart, and that she sees her greater need for the Savior.

It will be Christmas in just a few short weeks, and there will be many activities in our church and community where we can share the gospel with others. Please pray for these opportunities and that the people we encounter have open ears and hearts to receive God's message. Please also pray for our bus children in their Christmas program and that their families would come, hear, and accept Christ's plan of Salvation.

As always, we have you to thank for your faithful commitment to God's work in missions. Thank you for keeping us and our requests in your prayers. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Your Missionaries to Romania,

Ruben, Jordan, & Eva Cristinoiu

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