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Fall Report 2017

Wishing You and Yours a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year

Dearest Precious Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

SINCE DOLLY’S HOME GOING

There was such an outpouring of God’s love from so many friends and relatives toward me and my family. Dolly was most definitely loved by many. Thank you for your calls, cards, emails, and FB posts of encouragement.

As a direct result of many giving financial gifts in Dolly’s memory to R.O.M.A., the amount given was over \$14000, we have been able to subsidize our first missionary family. A big **“Thank You” to all who gave! Praise the Lord!**

With my family’s help we packed up all of Dolly’s belongings, emptied the house and then had a huge and successful garage sale. I then put our (Dolly’s) home on the market and it sold in a short amount of time. **Praise the Lord!**

My son and daughter-in-law have given me a room in their home in Melbourne, FL, while I wait for the Lord’s leading. I haven’t been with them much, as I have been out reporting to our supporting churches (for some it had been 6 years since I was last with them) and presenting R.O.M.A.

Dr. Clark (R.O.M.A.’s executive director) and I have our calendars synced one with another. That way we can know where we may be at any given time. He texted me after he saw a lot of dates being scheduled on my calendar, saying, “Well, I see your back in the saddle again”. I thought to myself well I may be back on the horse, but I think it’s bareback.

TRIP TO ROMANIA AND HUNGARY

From October 19 through November 13 I was in our many ministries in both countries. Missionary Lawrence Evans met up with me at the airport in Budapest. He could only stay a couple of weeks as his brother, R.O.M.A., Missionary Nick Evanovich, filled in for him for 1 Sunday in the Gypsy Outreach in Cooper City, Florida. Bro. Evans was primarily there to dedicate the new feeding center in Calacia, Romania in memory of his late wife, Sally.

God used him in a great way to preach in our Roma churches. Many were saved under his preaching! **To God be the Glory!**



I was so pleased to see that our national pastors have followed the biblical model of churches being indigenous and autonomous



(they are not at self supporting yet, but we’re working on it). In my absence, Pali has procured his own facility for the church in Hungary. They

have already moved out of the storefront. The Roma church there is well attended and God is blessing in many ways! **Praise the Lord!**

Pastor Ghitsa has been busy starting a new work near the Hungarian border. The village is Girisu de Cris. At one service many were saved. They are planning a baptism there soon. **Praise be to God!**



Pastor Ghitsa has been given the responsibility to oversee an old church plant that is without a pastor. The village is Gepiu. The church building was in



such disarray that we pooled our money and repaired the entire interior. We will work on the exterior this coming spring. **Oh my, how thankful this little group of believers were!**

ROMA

CHRISTMAS

Every year we put donation barrels in the foyer of Bible Baptist Church in Bradenton. All together 700 lbs. of hats, gloves, toys and other items were shipped to be distributed among the children in the Roma churches.

Also with the help of Manna Worldwide and other donors we were able to send \$4,750 to buy food baskets for 144 families. With these funds we also gave our national pastors a nice Christmas gift.

BIBLE INSTITUTE

There have been several modules of our institute since my last report.

Dr. Clark has taught most of them along with Bro. Mirci Pricop. But I had the privilege of teaching there this past November. We had a good group of students who were both faithful to attendance and diligent to study.



ROMA OUTREACH MISSIONS ASSOCIATION



We are so thrilled to report to you that another missionary family has joined up with R.O.M.A., **Daniel and Maria Deleon and their precious daughter Grace** are going to be reaching their own Hispanic people with the Gospel. **GLORY GOES TO GOD!**

R.O.M.A., Missionaries **Josef and Maria Teglas** are doing a great work among the Roma of his area.



Josef is now pastoring 3 Roma churches. God has His hand upon this dear brother.

Mirci and Mia Pricop are very active in all our ministries both in Hungary and Romania. Mirci speaks both languages. They help with teen and ladies bible studies. Mirci preaches in the churches and teaches the institute modules when we are not there. He has become a great asset to Pastor Ghitsa and the Roma churches. He and his family are now living in our home in Hungary. The Pricops have 2 children, Naomi and Eli. **Please keep these precious families in your prayers.**

REACHING ROMA IN THE USA

While online one day I read an article about a large group of Roma families from Romania being placed by the federal government in the small town of California, PA. I contacted R.O.M.A., Missionary Nick Evanovich, as it is only a couple hour drive from Cleveland. Nick and his wife Dorothy went there on several occasions and led some to the Lord. They have already been re-placed by the government to another area. While at the mall Dorothy met another group that have been placed in

the Columbus, OH area. They even showed up at Gypsy Outreach in Cleveland. Pray that God opens an “effectual door” for the Evanoviches into these Roma families from Romania. God is moving people around the globe for the specific purpose of hearing the gospel. May we be faithful to greet them and evangelize those that God brings our way.

And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him...” (Act 17:26-27 KJV)

Praises

I’m so thankful for those who gave so the Roma could have a nice Christmas.

I’m so thankful for those who gave to Dolly’s memorial fund, so we could fulfill our vision of missionary families being subsidized until they gain adequate support.

I’m so thankful to Pastor Dean and the church leadership at Riverside Baptist church for taking Michael on as a full time assistant pastor.

Prayer Requests

Our little Jojo is seeing a specialist on January 3rd to try to determine what may be causing the hindrance of his development.

Olivia is going to see another specialist about the swelling of her ankle. This is the 4th doctor that she has seen this year for this ailment. She is not any better.

