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# News Bulletin

Reaching out to a hurting world...

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It is time to write yet another newsletter. It has been quite an intensive period since I visited Romania for 10 days. When I arrived I was met by summer weather, but sorry to say, the temperature dropped drastically after a few days.

The days in Oradea were filled with gratitude, with great services and some good conversations. In this letter I will try to share some of the things that happened during these days.

During this trip I have been reminded about the power of the gospel. How faith and conviction in so many people have created so many good things. The Bible School in Oradea is one example of how God, through many people's faith and conviction, has created very good conditions for the spread of the gospel. Many of the students are now in active mission service or work with the gospel in many different ways. God is good!

Since Christmas will be here before too long, we would appreciate your support for the ministry. Our thoughts are with the less fortunate that we come in contact with, especially in Moldova. We would like to highlight the project of the month, which is Christmas packages for Moldova. The needs are still great and your support is very vital. Thank you for your generosity. We know God will bless you for all that you do. God does not owe anything! Thank you!

Recently I got back from Romania and would like to share a few things from my days in Oradea. As usual, there were some intense days with both church services and time spent together with the pastors we support financially and work together with. Soon after I arrived, I visited Children of Promise (COP). Since Eastern European Bible College celebrated their 25th Anniversary, there were several groups of Swedes present. It happened that we were able to meet at Children of Promise and spend some time together.

*Bobal Larsson*  
International President



The new campus at the Bible School with an auditorium that seats just over one hundred people.

Florin Ghiurau and Lars Hornberg cut the ribbon.

Many international guests attend the celebration.

### Children of Promise

When visiting COP you are reminded about the necessity of education. The work that is being done by the organization, for the Roma children, is so important and meaningful. On our visit the children were helped with their homework. At the same time, it is a great challenge to maintain a good level of education, since the Roma families not always are nearby. In order to support their families, many need to go where they can find work. In cases like this, the children's schooling suffers, when they have to go with their families. But the teaching that happens, for the children who come, becomes important there and then. Added to this is the Christian foundation the children get at COP. Even this time they sang and recited entire psalms from the Bible by heart. When did we teach our children this? It is priceless and invigorating to know that these children are given the best of foundations. The Word of God is brought to life and is established in their lives from an early age. During my visit I learned about an urgent need. The organization has an acute need of a better vehicle for transportation of the children to and from the different activities. Shortly before our visit, they had been stopped by the police and got a driving ban on the vehicle. A problem we are trying to help them to solve.

### Bible School's 25th Anniversary

People to People Int'l has since 2007, when the school first started their media education, been engaged in Eastern European Bible School's activities. In different ways we have been able to contribute to the development of the school's media education, first and

foremost, in the areas of radio and sound technique. For a number of years, I have also been teaching on these topics. PTPI has also during the years been able to contribute with two complete radio studios, one for production and one for live broadcasts. Therefore, it was a special joy for us to equip the school with a high-quality sound system for the auditorium in their new extension of the building. For three days me and a close friend, Romanian himself, but now living in Tranas, worked to install the new equipment. We are so grateful and happy with how everything turned out. Now the school has top equipment that will serve them for many years. The Anniversary became a great manifestation of God's faithfulness for many years. The school's development over the years is fantastic. Many good forces have contributed to what the school is today. A number of visitors from many different countries had come to celebrate these years. There were many speeches and a cavalcade of memories that were shared. Now many challenges are waiting for the leadership of the school to meet the demands of education for the future. We look forward with great anticipation to a great development of the school. At the inauguration I shared a word from Isaiah 54:2-3 where we read: "Enlarge your house; build an addition. Spread out your home, and spare no expense! For you will soon be bursting at the seams. Your descendants will occupy other nations and resettle the ruined cities." The time is here to enlarge, stretch forth the curtains and lengthen the cords. Take up new areas and enter new land to the outermost boundary of the earth.

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### The work among the pastors

As many of you know, we support a number of pastors financially in their ministry. Together with Pastor Florin Popa I had the opportunity to visit a home for boys. As a new pastor, in what is for him, a new Church, he had come in contact with this home. There were five boys, three brothers ages 7-10 and two boys 18 years old who are living in the house. It was a positive visit, but from our part we will wait to see what approach the Church will take in this matter. Sunday night I had the privilege to preach in one of Pastor Laurentiu's churches. It was a new acquaintance for me. It is a small Church in the center of Oradea. I preached on forgiveness. All together it was a blessed and rewarding trip.



*Olea, who recently started to work in the Church's kitchen.*

*The group of people who recently received Christ and that now is the foundation of the Church in Dusmani.*



*A digital mixer with many possibilities has been purchased for the school.*



*The rack, with all the modules, that makes it possible to connect microphones and different modules.*



*The subwoofer.*

*The sound system is of high quality and will be a great help for many years. For good audibility four speakers have been installed.*

## The Nebesnii family

For you who recently have followed our ministry, you know the conditions around the three siblings Nastea, Sneshana and Vova who Valentina left behind at her death. We stay in contact with Ivan, who now officially is the legal guardian, after the adoption process is finished.

The two girls have started their high school education. Sneshana is studying a technical education and her older sister, Nastea, studying to be a hair dresser. Due to the money that was raised for their mother who died of cancer, we have now made a decision on how part of the remaining money shall be used. We have paid for most of the equipment Nastea needs for her education. We will provide dental care for the children, since all of them have holes in their teeth. This is being done right now. We are also renovating their bathroom. There is no warm water in the house, so we will install a water heater and will see to that they will have a functioning bathroom. In connection with this, we will put in a new front door, since the old entry will be made into a bathroom.



*Sneshana, Vova and Nastea and Ivan.*

Our desire is that the children's lives will be as safe as possible and that they have a home that they want to come back to. We have a good relation with Ivan, who loves these children as his own and does an amazing work. The family has also started to come to Church, which is extremely gratifying.

## Moldova

It is interesting to follow the work that we are involved in in Moldova. There are challenges, but we also see opportunities in the different challenges. This year has meant quite a lot of changes in the work. We have seen how the Church has grown in numbers and in August we saw seven people being baptized in water. Since 2010, until today, a little over 30 new people have been added to the Church. We know that the bread project and the food parcels have contributed to the growth. Many great contacts have been made with people we otherwise would not have been able to meet. The summer camp held in August where many of the children received Christ, give us hope and belief for the future.

### The greenhouses

Since I last visited Moldova in August, the culture project is more or less completed for the season. We have harvested 1,500 pounds of tomatoes and cucumber. Since we were a little late this year, the harvest will be larger next year. About 400 pounds of the harvest has been used in the work with the orphaned children who come to the Church to get fed. They have also preserved some of the harvest for their winter needs and some of the harvest has been given to poor families in the community. Some of the surplus has been sold an income of a little over \$200. The objective with this project is that it will give an income, but right now the focus is on giving poor families a supplement of vegetables and to be self-sufficient in what is needed in order to feed the orphaned children.

### The Church

Recently the Church has made the decision to start a new Church in Dusmani, a place near Glodeni. A small group of people have received Jesus and are now the foundation of the new Church. We are very pleased with this development and we are looking forward to meet this group of people.

### The bakery and food packages

The work with the food packages and the giving out of bread continue and we can see that both of these projects, in a very evident way, have opened doors to many people's homes. We meet many of them in the church services. They get to listen to the Word of God and it opens their hearts and makes them receptive to the gospel. We have seen this with our own eyes and know that God's Word works on their hearts. Vladimir, who has received his prostheses, is one of the people who have received Jesus due to the work that is being done by the Church. They have also hired a woman who works in the kitchen. She will be an important link in the work and will take some of the work load off the pastor and his wife. We ask you to pray for Igor and Svetlana, if you would, because their work load can at times be overwhelming. At the same time, rejoice with us over the success of the gospel in the hearts of the people.

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