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**Dear Praying Friends,**

*“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.” (Revelation 4:11)*

Truly, our Lord is the only One worthy to receive all the glory and honor; for He made us for His pleasure, and all that we do, we want to do for Him and for his enjoyment.

We started off the year 2009 with a challenge for our people to fulfill the responsibility of the Great Commission here at home. God gave us the plan not only to win people but to make disciples. So many times we win them, and maybe even baptize them, and then forget about teaching them to observe all things that the Lord Jesus commanded us. I was so thrilled and thankful to find 87 members who were asking the Lord to give them one soul they could win to the Lord, bring for baptism, and then disciple. Please pray with us that God will help us this year to invest ourselves in others.

During the same meeting, I asked the church to be more committed to prayer. As a result, we now have prayer meetings every day of the week. Some are held at 6 o'clock in the morning, while others are held at 6 o'clock in the evening. Also, every Thursday evening we have someone read the Bible for an hour and a half, which will allow us to read the Bible from cover to cover this year.

Our young people decided to go into the communities where we have mission churches and clean the streets and the trees that are on the sides of the main street and, at the same time, use this activity to share our Saviour Jesus Christ with those who pass by. All of our young people were dressed with the same kind of T-shirts that read, “The true cleanliness starts in the heart.” We were excited to see two people come to Christ and hundreds of tracts being placed in the hands of the people. Also, the mayor and the vice-mayor were very happy that we cleaned their town and congratulated us on a job well done. We thank the Lord for our young people.

Our church is in a partnership with Hospice “House of Hope” where cancer patients are helped physically but also spiritually. Every month I am invited to speak to these dear people, and it is sad to see new faces from meeting to meeting and miss old faces of those who passed away. Last time I presented the Gospel, and I had the honor of praying with six ladies who sweetly accepted the Lord Jesus as personal Saviour.

At the beginning of the year, many churches in Romania hold revival meetings where they bring with them their unsaved friends and relatives. In February and March, I was invited to preach in four different churches from three different counties. I am praising the Lord Who is worthy to receive all the glory and honor for the 15 people who got saved in these meetings and for all the decisions that were made by Christians.

One of the greatest joys I had in February was to be able to lead to the Lord the sales manager of the printing company we use for our church’s magazine. While we were talking about the paper in the company’s conference room, I changed the subject from the earthly things to the eternal ones, and Andreea Nagy sweetly bowed her head in prayer and accepted the Lord Jesus as personal Saviour. Our Lord Jesus Christ is worthy of all the glory and honor for continuing to save souls.

Our family is doing well except for the fact that our three kids grow too fast and next year our daughter is going to enter her teen years which is very scary for Shelly and me. So please don’t stop praying for us. Thank you for everything you do for us. We love you all.

Your servants in Christ,

George, Shelly, Michayla, Jack, and Bobby Pordea

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