

ROMANIA 2013

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 29:2). What a thrill to hold a medical clinic in a beautiful church that was only framed last year when I was there. Pastor Luchi is being used of God to win the Gypsies and Romanians but it doesn't come without a cost. Only 38 people came to be treated; some



faithful in the church who have already taken a stand against the orthodox priest while others came even though they were threatened that he would not marry or bury them if they went to the little Baptist church. All 38 people either heard the plan of salvation or received prayer if they had already been saved. After clinic, Gerald, Dr. Carr and I made a house call to a faithful church member with a large, red growth on her face. Even though cancer is causing pain and destroying her body, she praised God. She thanked Him for sending the missionaries, the Ziemers, to her town to share the gospel, where her daughter was saved and they had a place to worship.



Mike, Doc, Kim and I had the privilege to worship with the sweet folks in Valea Argovei, a new church plant. A lady opened her home and we worshiped under a thatched roof with chickens & ducks roaming freely but I've never heard such heartfelt cries unto God, tears of joy and "true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him" (John 4:23). Even though many were malnourished, they were also hungry for the Word of God but thankful for all that He had blessed them. While Mike was preaching, I'm sure she was listening but Kim was also calculating how many packs of crackers she had versus how many children were there. More



children appeared as food was passed out but more food appeared as we dug a little deeper into our backpacks until we had given the last gold fish and fiber bar. Gerald promised us that we can come back next year and have a medical clinic there. I know that Kim and I will also have our backpacks full of food.



"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). During the last week of our trip, we worked with the Turners and Reeds who have a children's home and ministry to the Turks. We held two clinics in villages two hours from the city, from hospitals and conveniences. The Hoja, the muslim priest, was not pleased that we



were there nor that 40 children came to our service. He bribed them with candy if they would come to the muslim temple instead of hearing God's Truth but they stayed. One little boy came with his face swollen, his right eye unable to open. We gave him a large dose of Amoxicillin but he needed IV antibiotics to prevent a severe blood infection and death. His mom had called the

ambulance the night before but they wouldn't come and the logistics seemed impossible. We decided we would pray so most of our team gathered around him and began praying. I couldn't leave the medicine so I stood at the door to watch and pray. I watched the Mother and son that helped me in the pharmacy fall to their knees and cry out to God. I watched Amet, the pastor whose grandson drowned, fall to his knees and pray and I watched the Turkish people stare in amazement. As soon as we finished praying, Dave went out to tell the boy's mom that he needed an ambulance to take him to the hospital two hours away. Someone overheard and told him an ambulance was half a block away. When they saw the boy, they agreed and quickly were on their way to the hospital. He answered our prayer before we even knew we had a need. What a mighty God we serve!



Please pray for our e3 partners team as we leave for Iquitos, Peru Oct. 4-11. I'm thankful for this invitation to join them and am praying about another invitation from them to the Middle East. Please pray that I will have clear direction because I know that as long as God is leading and I'm obeying, that I am safer in the Middle East than I am out of God's will in Alabama. I'm so thankful the Lord answers our prayers "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Ephesians 3:20). Thank you so much for your love and prayers.

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