

# MENTORING MINISTRY EASTERN EUROPE

*Evangelizing the Lost; Edifying the Laborers; Equipping the Leadership*

## And the Lord added....

I think that many times we become discouraged because we tend to look at the immediate results of our endeavors in preaching the Gospel, and forget that the mathematical formula for the results contains two parts, our part and God's part. Our part is preaching and sharing the Gospel, just like we read about the apostles in Acts 2. But, above it all is God and His work through the Holy Spirit. We are not being judged by the results, but by our faithfulness in doing our part. Sometimes we have the grace of seeing results right away, but sometimes we don't, because it may spring out later or in other places. In Acts 2:47 it says: "And the **LORD added** to the **church** daily those who were being saved". Please allow me to point a few things: a) the Lord is the one who does the adding; b) He adds people to **His church**, not necessarily to the local church I belong to; c) He adds those who are being saved daily. Let this be an reminder of our responsibilities and an encouragement that as long as we are doing our part, God will surely do His part!

## June 2023, Moldova Evangelistic Volleyball Championship



Over 300 young people (most of them unbelievers), divided into two groups, each group for five days participating for five days.

Each day they had the chance not only to play volleyball, but also hear the Gospel message preached twice a day.

We don't know for how long this window of opportunity is opened in Moldova, but since it is still opened, we want to plan the third edition next year!

You could join in with our efforts by praying and/or sponsoring one team.

The cost for one team to participate is \$ 500 USD.



## Grace Fest, second edition Targu Mures, Romania



In partnership with Grace Baptist Church of Targu Mures, the second edition of Grace Fest was held in June 2023. A painting contest in the central park of the city, having the theme "God in Creation" drew a pretty good crowd. While the painting contest was going on, the Gospel message was preached. The following day, a football competition started with Gospel preaching, too. There third day, during a concert the winners received their prizes and listened the Gospel preaching again.

## Summer Conference, Jaunjelgava, Latvia

The little congregation, in the little town of Jaunjelgava has been hosting a Summer Conference for over 20 years.

Located about 50 miles south-east from the capital city, Riga, in the middle of forests of pine trees, it has been facing all sorts of challenges. One of them was that men were missing...missing in society and missing in the church.

Teaching there it has it's particularities, but even so, it has a special place in my hearth.

The topic of this year was: "Freedom in Christ" , a topic that gave me the chance not only to teach , but also preach the Gospel. It is in Latvia where I learned that if someone attends a Bible Conference it does not necessary mean that they are saved.



# MONGOLIA, APRIL AND SEPTEMBER 2023

Due to the Soviet influence, during the communism we learned a lot in school about Mongolia , so now that turn out to be useful. It is amazing to see God at work in foreseeing things.

In April I was there for the first time, trying to see the opportunities , finding local pastors and leaders that would join us in an evangelistic endeavor. God has opened doors and at the end of September we had two evangelistic events at the Cultural Palace in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar (over 600 participants each evening), visited a prison in the desert where we were able to bring hygienical supplies, but also were able to preach the Gospel (70 inmates attended the service) and a Conference for pastors and leaders representing about 50 small churches.

After the events were over, we met with the local team to evaluate what has happened. The final conclusion is that Mongolia is at the point where Romania was in the 90'es and this window of opportunity will last for the next 2-4 years. As a result , it is our desire to focus on Mongolia in the next couple of years.



A pastor's conference



Jail inmates listening the singing and Gospel



Cultural Palace Ulaabaatar



The team

**Family news** - Elvin, our son graduated University and he is back in Romania. He has a job, in the mean time pursuing his Master degree. Kasia is still trying to find her way in the art world, in the mean time working here in there. One special thing about our visit in the USA for the graduation. Four years ago when we went on the campus, before we left we looked for a place where we could have a prayer together before departing. We found a bench in the park. After four years we went on the same place to thank God. With us were two other colleagues of Elvin and they took a picture of us. Now, look at what is carved on that bench: " Lift thankful hearts to God~



## Prayer requests

1. Planning for 2024 is in full swing. So please pray for wisdom in the decision making ;
2. A conference is planned for April 2024 in Turkey. We have been trying to plan some evangelistic events too, but at the moment we were not able to find the "right way" to do it legally and efficiently. We had some ideas, but during my last visit in Istanbul I learned that we can not do it.
3. Evangelistic events in Mongolia (other cities, not only the capital), the end of April, and probably in the autumn a conference.

## To give:

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