# Newsletter, Spring 2024



### 10 Years

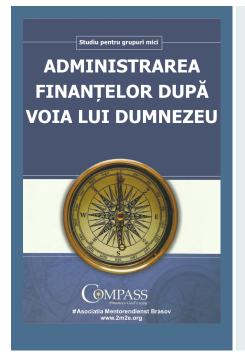


"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you... for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." *Phil.1:3*, 5-6

### Schorndorf, Germany

It was a privilege, joy and encouragement to participate at the 10 Years Celebration of the Romanian Church in Schorndorf, Germany. I remember that 10 years ago I have preached at an evangelistic meeting in another city, about 100 km west from Schorndorf. In that meeting, among those who accepted Christ was a couple from Schorndorf, that were brought by some christian friends. After the meeting was over, this group from Schorndorf came and ask if I could help them in their endeavor to plant a church. And, so it started, for over two years, once a month I was there. Today, the church has a pastor, and the church is thriving. I am honored for the privilege I had to invest and help plant this church.

## **Navigating Finances God's Way**



It's been 12 years since we started this segment of ministry. At first it was offered as a Bible study in our local church in Brasov, than it was expanded to other churches in the country, now it grew to the point where there are about 4 to 6 online classes offered each year. Currently there are two consecutive classes going on. Each class has 10 weeks of Bible Study on this specific topic, and is being offered to people all over the world, both in English and in Romanian. I am thankful for those who caught the vision and took on the responsibility to manage and teach these classes. Special thanks to Rinda Reiss, my wife (Laura) and Lucian Sentiveanu.

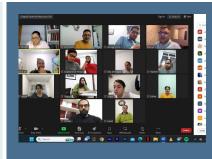
We have already translated the material into Farsi, and soon we will have this Bible Study offered to Iranians. We have plans to translate it into Ethiopian, as well.

# **Preparing for the Discipleship Conference in Turkey**

We are invited to hold a Discipleship Conference in the city of Afyonkarahisar. The intended purpose of the Conference is to lay the basic doctrinal foundation for new believers in Turkey and Iran. We intend to have 60 people attending, half of these will be from Iran. We are looking to rent a facility where we can host all of them for five days, expecting to teach eight hours a day. I will be accompanied by Paul Oprea (one of the pastors in our church), and Ilie Mihailiuc (member of the MMEE board).

In the mean time, for the past four weeks, every Tuesday evening I held classes on How to Study the Bible with 14 leaders (all of them speaking farsi).

The total budget for the Discipleship Conference is \$ 15,000 USD. This includes housing, feeding and help with transportation for the Iranian friends. At this time we have \$ 5,000 USD for this project. Please pray that the whole amount will be raised before the conference and if you feel compelled to give towards this project you are most welcome!



**Zoom Classes** 

How to Study the Bible

Preparing for the
Up-coming Discipleship
Conference

#### **Testimonies** after How to Study the Bible classes with the 14 leaders:

- 1. From pastor Amid, the one who invited me to teach this class: "As you know the people who participate to the Zoom meetings have their own time with their disciples each week and they send me weekly reports. In the lessons that they are preparing, I can see already some good improvements. The studies got deeper compared to last months. I can see great changes in sermons and the short exhortations given. I am amazed by the development of brother Farzad who prepares short weekly messages for church. In conclusion, these classes were of great value and useful."
- 2. "Dear brother Marius, there many thoughts you shared, and a lot of your experiences useful for a young preacher like me,... I can't forget two statements you made: our sermons should be understandable for a six year old, and we preacher we are to put meat on the dry bones of our messages. I learned also some new words, like "doxology", and this has stuck with me because you said that "Theology exists for Doxology".... But long story short, if Jesus is the Word then all of us have Him in our houses. Thank you so much dear brother, I appreciate all of your service and your time that you spend with us. With blessings, You're brother, Amin"

# News from the Church in Lahr, Germany:

It has been seven years since this church was planted and I have been going once a month there. The time has come to hand over the pastoral responsibilities. We have a young man, graduated from the Bible Institute and for this coming year he will serve along side me in the church. We pray and hope that next year he will be able to take on the full responsibility.

## **Up-coming events**

April - Evangelistic events in Mongolia

May - Discipleship Conference in Turkey

July - Youth Camp in the Rep. of Moldova

August - Conference in Latvia

September - Evangelistic events in Rep. of Georgia and Germany

October - Teaching Conference in Mongolia

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