

# Serving the needy - Romania

2 Thessalonians 1: Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you

Dear praying friends,

Jesus never used any words implying that God's moves are on any fast track. Every time He fulfilled a prophecy it was at the appointed time! Everything including His death and resurrection was at the exact time God prepared in advance and announced through His servants the prophets.

"4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law," (Galathians 4:4).

So we believe that even though so many events are quite unexpected for many, is God moving in order to fulfill His plan for this world.

We pray you all are in good health and know our prayers are with you.

After saying this, we would like to send you some breaking news from our "Missionary Trench" in Bucharest/Chitila - Romania.

We started the year with a bit of difficulty as we were infected with cov/d and we had some struggles, Walter going to the hospital in emergency as his lungs were affected and having legs thrombosis, while Lixandra is still impacted by the long cov/d syndrom. We are still recovering not having back all our energy yet.

In the midst of all this we see now that the world is dismayed by the war events between Russia and Ukraine. The last one, has a border with Romania which is an international limit of 650 kilometers in length that delimits the territories of these countries. It constitutes one of the eastern limits of the European Union, the door to Western Europe. As a result of this war, more than 2 millions of Ukrainians have already fled the country, most through Poland, Moldova and Romania.



**Churches are transforming all the spaces to accommodate the refugees, and store materials. The children bible classes are now bedrooms. The case in our church also**

Ukrainian refugees are increasingly entering all the Romanian borders, much more from the north (Transylvania) in total around 350,000 by today. The president Klaus Werner Iohannis asks the country for calm and says that our country will NOT be attacked by Putin, as far as we know. Poland and Romania have NATO and USA soldiers entrenched. At the Russian Embassy thousands of Ukrainians and supporters are protesting against the Russian invasion of the neighboring country.

**CHURCHES:** The churches are praying as never here, receiving many Ukrainians. The church with which we collaborate received a family: father, mother and four children, the oldest 16 and the last, a baby...

**BABY Boyan.** This little boy was born 4 days before the war started, and that is why they let the father out of the country together with the family. The baby and his family will be "adopted" by the church and they are living in the basement for the moment.

We are helping them to communicate as they speak but Ukrainian and bulgarian (the father). So Lixandra is using her knowledge of bulgarian in this respect translating for them in the church service also.

All the churches all around the country are involved in a big effort to help the refugees as they arrive so affected and with almost only the clothes they are wearing. Walter will help in the kitchen of one of those big churches in Bucharest that has more refugees, and will go out into the streets to find lonely Ukrainians and tell them about Jesus.

**PSYCHOSIS:** Many people began to have emotional, psychological and also spiritual problems as a result of this war. They are afraid that the Russians will attack Romania. A city border with Romania was attacked early this morning. The USA with NATO has promised to protect us in any case of attack. Even so we know very well that God promised us He will protect us (Psalm 138:7).

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me"

Despite everything, we as missionaries have the call to preach the gospel of Salvation through our Lord Jesus.

The entire country is mobilizing for this act of love by receiving our ukrainian neighbors in our country, we too, because only together we can be strong.

Be still and know that He is God and that He makes all things beautiful in His time!

Praying for each other,

Greetings from us, Lixandra and Walter

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