



Stories of Faith

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Dear friends,

In the 2005 winter issue of our newsletter we shared with you the joy our students had to celebrate the dedication of a newly planted church building in the town of Scornicesti, the town of the former communist dictator of Romania. The place that reminds us of the man who created such a great hostility to the Gospel, the place that was cursed to have no church, now has a place where new believers meet weekly for worship and bible study. Our students began working in this place five years ago and this summer they rejoiced once again over the fruit of their labor when a team went to help spread the Gospel in this darkened place. They experienced the thrill of seeing spiritual fruit come forth. Allow us to share with you some of their joys, and ours alike...

President, Paul Negrut

Becoming a fruit of the Gospel...

This summer a man entered the new church building of Scornicesti confessing that it was the first time he came in. He had attempted to come since the opening last year, leaving his house every Sunday morning; he got to the entrance of the church but never had the power to go in and thus he would return back home. This spiritual battle raged in this man for nine months, Sunday after Sunday, until a few weeks ago the Spirit of God prevailed. He finally came in, sharing his joy for overcoming his struggle and expressed his desire to learn about God and about the true Christian faith; he is now studying the Scripture and growing in the knowledge of God.

A small glimpse of what most of us never see is this battle in people's souls to respond to the gospel. Pray that the seed planted this summer by our students in their missions throughout Romania would bring forth fruit.

The power of a changed life

While our students were spreading the Gospel in the southern parts of Romania, they were challenged by a believer to go and testify about Christ in his village since his family was the only Christian witness there. Our students responded to the challenge, only to find that they were getting a great lesson about the power of a changed life; the man who gave them the challenge was already a living gospel to his villagers... and to us.

Traian, as he was called, used to be the drunkard of the village, laughed at by children and scorned by the villagers. God in His mercy God had touched this man's life convicting him of sin and thus he came to a saving faith in Christ. Both him and his wife were baptized and thus have become the only Christian witness in their village. The closest place where they found a Christian fellowship was the newly planted church in Scornicesti, so they decided to start attending. Despite the lack of transportation and the long distance, this man and his wife would walk every Sunday morning 10 miles each way in order to be a part of a fellowship of believers. What a price to pay... but with such a price came a great witness.

Police patrols in that village encourage the locals to look at this former drunkard and follow in his faith because he is truly a changed man, a man changed by the true faith. What a testimony...to have local officers point others to follow us because of our changed life...what a power.

Thank You

Friends these are two recent snapshots of how God is at work here in Romania using our students to spread the Gospel. Here at Emmanuel University we put a great emphasis on instilling in our students the real view of the harvest here in Eastern Europe seen from God's perspective. The field is still very large... the workers are still few. Join us!

Thank you for your support and prayers. If you have any questions about ways you can increase your involvement with Emanuel University, please contact our office in United States

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