

Stories of Faith

from Emanuel University of Oradea, Romania

Dear friends,

Some of the most encouraging blessings God gives us at Emanuel University are the experiences we go through that are beyond human explanation. Such times are a soft confirmation of God's continuous presence in our midst. Because in some way you have been a part of the ministry here at Emanuel University, we would like to share some of these with you. We call them *Stories of Faith from Emanuel University*. Our hope is that by these you will be encouraged in your own walk with God, and re-fresh your conviction that we serve a God who still performs miracles in our midst. Thank you for being a part of God's work here at Emanuel University of Oradea.

President,



Paul Negrut

A glimpse of courage

Claudiu finished his studies at Emanuel University in May of 2005. Upon graduation he accepted the call of God to go as a missionary in Seimeni, a tiny remote village situated on the Danube River, in a region that could well represent the poorest parts of Romania.

By faith he accepted to start his ministry in this place where drinkable water is brought by a cistern only twice a day. He moved into an unfinished, one-room apartment made of dirt bricks. Just a few months later he went through a serious health trial, being involved in a serious car accident. What a way to start the ministry?

Although the recovery was slow and the extreme poor conditions could have easily discouraged any young man eager to start a "career," these factors have not deterred our young graduate from continuing to be a solid witness for Christ in this faraway village, hundreds of miles away from friends and family. Mixed with these trials came the joy to participate at a baptism service where he saw the first fruits for God's kingdom in this village. We serve a God who rewards those who wait upon Him in the midst of adversity.

Returning to serve in his home-country

Two years prior to finishing his studies at Emanuel University, Edward started to pray for guidance where he should serve after graduation. After a long time of a settled uncertainty Edward understood that God led him to return to his home country, Moldova, to serve as a missionary among the young unconverted people of Chisinau. He has been serving there for two years now,

seeing many young people come to faith through his evangelism and discipleship programs. What follows are just some of the most recent fruits of his labor in Christ.

This winter, after a mission trip that was undertaken by Ed and some of the newly converted believers, two of the young ladies decided to start a small group bible study in their homes. This group adds to the several others which Edward started during these two years. *"It is such a great joy when a new bible study group is forming, because these are almost entirely attended by new converts. For me it is like assisting to the birth of a baby. Please pray that I can lead these new believers to the point where they are able to read the bible for themselves and understand it."*

Edward had organized a fund-raiser so they can purchase bibles for newly added believers. *"Bibles are our most urgent need"* said Edward *"a need I constantly run into every time I visit these new bible study groups."* But the greatest joy is to hear that in one of the groups attended by ten converts, half of them are now seriously considering God's call to full-time ministry. They are now praying that God would open doors so they could get the necessary training. For these young men the opportunity to study at Emanuel University would be a dream come true.

Thank You

This is what we do here at Emanuel University: we provide a forum where young lives are being formed to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. These two recent graduates are just an example of what hundreds of students are currently being equipped to do for a life-time. Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement.

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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