

Spreading the Gospel in Romania

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He and his wife Martha live in Oradea, Romania with their three teenage sons.

This mission was a cooperative effort between Renewal Ministries, a youth organization called Keresztirany and the diocesan youth director. The team members were seven young adults from "Youth Island," a 10-month apostolic school of evangelization. I had met them a few months earlier when I spent several days teaching and training them.

The trip included participating in a regional youth evangelization conference in Cluj and meeting with youth in Varlak, Oradea, Petreu and Valea lui Mihai. It also included a short visit to an orphanage in Belfir.

One of the most touching moments was in the orphanage, where God broke our hearts. We brought some food, spent a few hours there playing, praying a bit with them, speaking a bit about Jesus. Probably it was one of the best things we ever did in our life.

A highlight was the team building trip with the "animators," a group of young helpers from all corners of the diocese. We wanted them to spend time with the seven from "Youth Island" to see what it means to follow Jesus, have a regular prayer life, and serve the Lord. We spent a day together. They had time to ask questions, to talk personally, to play together. In the end they became friends. My intention was to go deep, not just entertain them. My prayers were answered. Hopefully, these 24 teens will be leaven for other youth in the diocese.



The mission team visited an orphanage in Belfir. It is home for about 20 children of varying ages, from quite young children to about 12th graders. The group sang with the children, twisted balloons into various shapes and played group games.

It was a joyful day for them.



The team members enjoyed the view from the top of a hill in a mountain region not far from Oradea.

In addition to achieving the mission objectives, my young team members grew in their faith. Here are some of their testimonies:

Czumbil Timi:

"During the mission in Erdély I had many fears and temptations. I felt that neither my testimonies, nor my ministries were even remotely as good as the others'. But looking back I've learnt that it doesn't matter how I see, or feel. God is the one who put the things that I talk about in my life. This is exactly why these things can touch other people's lives, and in such situations we have to make a decision in faith, and step out to tell people what we've experienced with God. I've also experienced the Holy Spirit using me, regardless of what I felt, through a little idea."

Holt Sebastian:

"God did quite a big miracle while we were in Oradea. Thursday we were leaving for Monospetri, but the forecast was for rain there. So we prayed. Honestly we didn't say any big words, it wasn't even a long prayer. It was kind of like, "God it can rain as much as it wants here, but we don't want to see any rain where we are going"...and there was no rain. It was amazing to see and experience, how seriously God takes things when we go somewhere for Him, and how real is the statement that he will confirm our preaching with signs and miracles."

Simon Évike:

"For me these few days were very useful, because they gave me the opportunity to use what I've learnt in the Apostolic School of Evangelization in a spontaneous manner. I've grown especially in the prayers before the ministries. It meant a lot that we had a common prayer life. On the other hand I've also experienced that if God in my personal prayer showed me how He wanted to use me and what He wanted to say through me, He also responded to these. He shows me who to love and how to love him or her on that day, or who to talk to and what to talk to them about, and how to act in the group."

Szöke Bogi:

"During the week I learnt that I shouldn't expect acknowledgment from the people, but from God. The world's lie is that we have to achieve some kind of result or success, to be able to call ourselves valuable. God has created us valuable to start with and we don't have to prove anything, because in His eyes we are valuable as we are, and as such we have to spend time with Him, to be able to believe that we have many treasures in ourselves."