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Spreading the GOSPEL in Romania

In Romania, we are working to raise up a new generation of leaders. Our efforts appear to be bearing fruit, as the numbers are growing at our youth events, and I can see a new team forming around me. This report shares highlights from our service over the past year.

CSIT YOUTH GATHERING

With 1100 youth, the multi-day CSIT Youth Gathering is our biggest event of the year. It was a joy and an honor to once again be co-organizers of this event!

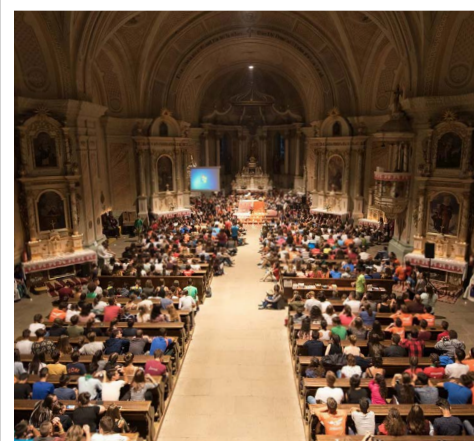
One CSIT highlight happens before the official event—when we spend a weekend helping prepare approximately 200 organizers! I worked with small group leaders, teaching them about the New Evangelization, how to discuss faith in front of others, and how to give a testimony. We also discussed how to lead a small group and had a long practice in which they role played and resolved difficult situations. We ended our time of preparation with an evening of prayer ministry.

During the official CSIT event, I was asked to offer a story of encouragement from my own life. I shared about a milestone in my Christian journey and told them to not hide if they think God is calling and challenging them. I said, “Don’t delay! Respond, trust, and step out!”

I also was blessed to have about forty people from my diocese at the event, twenty of whom had participated in our leadership program and were at CSIT as part of their training. We met daily to discuss the event and share about our experiences. We also met for prayer and Adoration. I hope one day we can organize something like CSIT in our home diocese.

The CSIT was very blessed. I feel that God is at work. I think Romania’s renewal will come through the youth. I can feel the wave coming!

In fact, changes are beginning to take place. It can be seen in this year’s response to Adoration. Young people were singing, kneeling with tears, and confessing—but then it ended with a surprise. When the priest went to put the Holy Sacrament back into the tabernacle, the youth spontaneously stood up and followed him. Hundreds of them stood in front of the tabernacle, and the praise seemed to have no end. The youth had experienced God, and they wanted the time to continue. They wanted more of our Lord. This is a wonderful example of what fruits Renewal Ministries can help bring to a country, in just a few years’ time!



Hundreds of young people gathered for an anointed time of Adoration.



Over 500,000 people attend the Pentecost Mass in Transylvania—many come on foot!

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

When choosing participants for the Diocese of Aradea’s leadership school—which consists of four weekend-long training sessions—we visited parishes for weeks, looking for potential participants. Although there unfortunately is not much youth work occurring in our parishes, we invited the “best ones” we found, and—praise the Lord—they are still actively involved with our work. It is clear we have to continue offering the youth this opportunity for growth.

We taught them basic things, like what is a personal relationship with God, how to make personal prayer time, what is discipleship, how to read your Bible, how to organize a simple event, how to lead a prayer group, why community is important, and how to know yourself better.

This training is bearing fruit; the youth are changing. They have begun using the things they have learned. For example, four of our participants, who are from a parish that organizes a summer guitar camp, offered—on their own initiative—to organize a small competition between the groups. They did it! It worked, it was funny, and the priest and organizer were amazed. The priest kept telling us, “I didn’t have to do anything; they took care of everything!”

The four youth organizers were very energized as well. They told me it was the best experience they had over the summer. I had told them, “You will get more—in a different way, but so much more—if you start to serve.” And they found it is true! I was so proud of them!

The training school is getting positive feedback, and I already have been contacted from a priest who wants to send more teens. After each of these events, I reflect on how grateful I am to be a part of them.

PENTECOST PILGRIMAGE

I took a group of young people who had participated in our adventure camps for many years, and who had afterward attended prayer meetings, on a Pentecost pilgrimage. I wanted to help these young people grow closer to each other and inspire them to grow closer to the Lord. We began by celebrating Mass in Csiksomlyo—which is famous for its Pentecost Mass. That place is the spiritual center of Transylvania. Each year, over half a million people attend the Pentecost Mass there, and many come nearly thirty miles on foot. Whole parishes, with their priests, come like this, singing and praying all the way—and all the way home!



As part of the pilgrimage, we spent some time having fun with kids at an orphanage.

In addition to the Mass, we visited an orphanage at Oroszhegy. One of my helpers had been meeting with the children for about six months. The two educators who work with the children regularly are very exhausted, and so it is helpful when we organize religious programs for the children. The majority of the children are not actually orphans—but their parents cannot support them because they are so poor, so the children only go home for weekends. In some of the families, the child eats only bread, if there is any. This is hard for us to imagine.

It was wonderful to have a way to support the orphanage’s work. We shared the tasks among us, like leading games, painting, target practice, and balloon twisting. We also brought them sweets and fruit, because we didn’t want to leave them with empty hands. Giving these children sweets, a happy day, and love was the most wonderful part of our journey.

Another fruit that has come from our pilgrimage is that many of the participants applied to be volunteers and helpers in our other camps. After the camps in which I had their help, I told them, “I am not tired! This is due to you!”

One of the youth wrote the following letter to thank Renewal Ministries for its support of the pilgrimage:

“What was my best experience? Every one of us experienced God’s presence, and this was the most important thing. God was with us throughout the journey. Another thing is also important: Tibi smoothed our steps during those few days; sacrificed his free time in order to bring others joy; and happily sang with us, helping us to feel ourselves on the palm of God’s hand. We couldn’t do this without the help of our supporters. May God reward your goodness. We are grateful both to Renewal Ministries and Tibi.”

Thank you, Renewal Ministries and your supporters, for helping reach young people across Romania with the truth of God’s Word and love!