



The Gonciulea Family

Missionaries to Romania

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Dear Pastor Tolbert,

Greetings from the mission field of Romania! We pray that you are doing well and that God is richly blessing each of you. As we look out our windows here in Romania, everything is white with lots of snow. It reminds us of Isaiah 1:18 which says, **“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”** It’s wonderful to know that just as the snow covers everything in sight, so does the blood of Jesus cover all our sins!



As I listen to the song by Ray Bolts entitled, “Thank You Lord,” I can say with all my heart that I am so thankful that God chose my wife and me to work in the mission field of Romania! People here need the Lord more than ever. Romania is going through many economic and spiritual problems. There are many here who call themselves “Christians,” but they still worship icons, statues of Mary and other saints. The orthodox priests even bring relics of dead saints to the people for them to kiss and to pray to. This practice especially grows during big holidays like Christmas and Easter. Please continue to pray for the lost people of Romania.

In December, we had a great Christmas program in all three ministries (Lupsa, Rogova, and Severin). We were also able to go caroling throughout the villages around the churches as well as here in the city of Severin. In the village of Rogova, the church auditorium was packed with over 200 people for the Christmas program. The children and the choir did a great job! We had a whole family that decided to trust in Jesus as their Savior! The children in the church were able to receive Christmas gifts from the organization Samaritans Purse, and they were so happy and praising God for their gifts. In the city of Severin we went caroling in the hospitals. We were able to give gifts to the children and share with them and their families about Jesus and the real meaning of Christmas.



Please pray that we can soon finish the church building in Severin so we can have more people come and hear the good news of the Gospel. Many of the people who are invited to come to church say they will come as soon as the new building is built and we’re no longer meeting in our house. We praise the Lord for the ministry of the orphanage here in Severin. There are two boys among the children named, Alberto and Daniel who lost their father in January when he was hit by a drunk driver and died. When the boys attended their father’s funeral, Alberto looked up at me and said, “I don’t have anymore a father, but now I have God.” Please pray for these two boys and for another little girl named, Bella. She’s only two years old but is starting to walk on her own now.

We praise the Lord for the \$25,000 received in December toward the new church building! As the weather gets better, we will try to finish the work on the roof. Please pray that God will provide the funds to finish the roof (\$91,500) and for good weather to arrive soon.

Thank you for your prayers and your support.
With all our love in Christ
Rica and Cathy Gonciulea
Your missionaries to Romania

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