

Berrios - Flores Family

Missionaries to Romania

Dear Brothers and Friends,

January 2008

Beginning this New Year has special meaning for us - it will be the first one without Keren with us. As you know, we returned to Romania last November. We spent the holidays together with our son, Gerson, trying to give ourselves a few weeks of company with just the three of us. We meditated on all the lessons that Keren's departure has given to us and made us aware of the countless blessings we have received from God our Father over the year 2007.

We have no words to thank all of you for praying to God for us all these months, especially during the days when families get together and we felt Keren's absence even more. I want to tell you that God has been good and we are doing fine. We celebrated Jesus' birthday as a family, remembering that everybody here on earth celebrates it in absence of the birthday boy. However, Keren was in His presence celebrating with Him!

I want to tell you what has been happening since the last time we wrote:

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN EL SALVADOR

Last November, Martita went to El Salvador to teach at the annual women's camp of Miramonte Baptist Church. It was exhausting, but also a blessing. Two Romanian ladies, Corina and Gaby, traveled from Romania to be with Martita, which was a great emotional gift for her. This was Martita's first time to resume her ministry and God greatly used her to comfort many women who needed a word of encouragement. After being in El Salvador, Martita and the two Romanian ladies flew together to Miami where they visited one of the churches that supports us. From there, the two of them returned to Romania.



WORLD REACH BIBLE INSTITUTE CLASSES

At the beginning of December, we had the third preliminary class of the World Reach Bible Institute with students of different churches with whom we work in the city. The General Director of World Reach, Tim Prewitt, was the teacher. The next classes are scheduled for February and March with 24 students following the whole curriculum for 2½ years. We ask your prayers for this opportunity to serve the church with the Bible Institute. I will keep you updated on how things are going through 2008.



RESUMING THE MINISTRY

We have received official invitations from two churches in the city to assist them in starting a couple's ministry. I hope I can help these pastors and their leaders. This kind of ministry does not exist in these churches; therefore, they have a long way to go to encourage and help them to see their needs in this area. I ask your prayers that God give us grace before our friends/pastors who have asked for help.

Also, there is a program called "The Pro-Life Foundation" that is conducted in schools to develop programs of promotion and prevention. As I have told you in previous letters, there is a sub-program aimed to parents that has started and I hope to resume these. I ask you to pray for this door of opportunity.

With the opportunity for counseling that we have in "The Pro-Life Foundation", we are resuming this help by going twice a week to the center to meet people in pregnancy crisis or others who come by reference. I ask you to pray for God to use us to give hope and comfort to those with whom we meet.

Martita will be starting women's meetings, beginning with Gaby and Corina who went to El Salvador with her. She will also be accepting invitations from churches to teach women in meetings organized by them.

Hugs from

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francisco and Martita Berrios". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Francisco and Martita Berrios
Brasov, Romania