

**“For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting;
and His truth endureth to all generations.” Psalm 100:5**

Hello Everybody,

Broso, January 2009

I know I have not written for quiet a long time. You may have missed getting a Christmas letter, but I decided to wait until January to avoid giving you sad feelings, even though many of you let us know that you were thinking of us. We thank you so much.



Well, we have several things of news to share that we are thankful for in this missionary life He has called us to. First, we would like to tell you about our short-term assignment in Vitoria, Spain: Invited by a Salvadorian missionary, Willfredo Figueroa, we spent three months there. We rejoice in the Lord for how He used us to encourage many hearts (Spanish, as well Latin Americans living there) by serving in the preaching ministry, counseling, planning and so forth. Also, it was a refreshing time for Martita and me as a couple. We thank the Lord for those who hosted us, fed us and gave us some fun times.

We came back to Romania to spend Christmas and the holidays with our son, Gerson, who came to be with us. Praise the Lord for His provision to make this happen through many of you.



I know that you may be asking yourself, *“But, really, how are they doing??”* and are afraid to ask me . . . I understand. Well, first of all, many thanks for thinking of us. The Christmas season is a wonderful time to remember and love, so you were right when you prayed for the Lord to send us comfort, encouragement, strength and consolation. Let me tell you some details that

I know you would want and also deserve to know. The best way to tell you is something Martita told us during our Christmas dinner. We had been talking about how the year had been and then she reminded us that on Christmas 2007 we thought about Luke 7:13 when Jesus 'saw' and 'had compassion' for a mother that was taking her only son to the grave and the Lord raised the boy back to life. Well, Martita said that during 2008, the Lord had been 'seeing' and 'having compassion' for us because He had been comforting, healing and encouraging us. We have seen ourselves growing and healing during this year and a half since Keren's departure to the Lord. No question that we are not totally healed yet; but, surely, we are on the way and, yes, there is more to go through in this process. If you remember, we asked you to pray for us about this for three years. Well, we're right in the middle of that time. Thanks for being with us in prayer all this way and we hope you will be with us the rest of the way. So, press on . . . because the Lord has been merciful and has heard your prayers.

Now that we are back in Romania, we are going on with the ministry here. The second week in January, we had the third core course of the World Reach Bible Institute. Pray for the students. This time, our World Reach General Director, Tim Prewitt, was the teacher on the subject "Teaching Principles and Methods". There are some decisions to be made on the future of this school, so please keep praying for wisdom as we deal with issues regarding coordination, standards, students, curriculum, etc.



Ministry, as we believe, is a 24/7 lifestyle. There is counseling, preaching, encouraging and Bible school issues to deal with. But, more important than anything is to show the people the Light of the Lord and let them know that He will fulfill and satisfy the thirsty and hungry souls of those who seek after Him.

We send a hug to all of you and our best wishes for the year 2009 to be more dependent on God for His Glory and for our good.

May God Bless You,

Francisco and Martita Berrios
Missionaries to Romania