

Berrios-Flores Family

Dear Friends,

Brasov, Romania, July 2009

God Opens Hearts!

“And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.” Acts 16:14

My friend, Losif, is one of the pastors at the largest church in town. He called to ask me if I would like to collaborate with him and the First Baptist Church pastor to define a common ground of collaboration between churches. I said, “Yes” and I’m now acting as a facilitator for them by conducting strategic planning workshops. There are 8 men among pastors and elders from Pentecostals, Baptists and Brethren churches and I’m the “*technician*” for them.

What is relevant as a missionary is that God’s grace put me in the middle as a friend. I know them personally and have been working with most of them in the past. Now, the Lord has “opened” their hearts to look for what He wants from them in this city. Let’s praise the Lord for the grace He gave us before them and the wonderful opportunity to serve and help them to break the dividing walls among churches that have been in place for a long time.

WHAT A JOY IT IS TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE!



The first picture is a Couples’ Group from one of the churches celebrating a birthday. Most of them are good friends of ours and we encourage them from time to time. **In the second picture is Alin.** He is an elder in a church we collaborate with through weekly Bible Study, Study Methods and Homiletics. Please pray for him as he serves the church. **In the last picture is Martita with our neighbor, Raluca.** (She is Romanian and her husband is from Turkey.) Martita is making a scrapbook with her as a pre-evangelistic activity. They have fun doing this every week. Martita receives several women each week to share and encourage them. We praise God for so many opportunities to encourage people that God has put in our path everyday!



Gerson, our son, is with us for the whole summer. It is such a blessing to enjoy being together as family! Please pray as we face Keren’s 23rd birthday on July 17th, as well as the second anniversary of her Homegoing on August 3rd. Pray for spiritual and emotional strength from the Lord as we face these days.



May God bless you abundantly,

Francisco, Martita and Gerson Berrios