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Dear Prayer Partners,

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On October 21, winter began for me while I was in Truda/Romania. In the local church, the service takes place in the late afternoon; therefore, I was invited to another church in a countryside village. While traveling there, it started to snow and we had a journey through a



winter wonderland. Outside the village, we passed by a cemetery covered with snow, which looked especially nice on the old stone crosses and other tombstones.

My message that morning was about the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians: We all have to die, without any exception. Nobody will live forever on this earth. Are we prepared for this? Are we prepared to meet Jesus when He comes back? This will happen without any warning. The journey until that moment is described as not easy, more as a struggle. And, that's true. Life for the believers in that village, who are a witnesses for Jesus, is not easy. *But Praise God! He has given us victory through Christ (1Corinthians 15:57).* Paul is using a word which means final victory. On our way through life, we may think we are losers, but that is not important. As in a war, the last battle is the important one which decides gain or loss. Who has already won it? Jesus! This is an encouragement for the believers in Romania and I think for us as well.



During the week before and the week after this described weekend, I taught at a Bible College in a suburb of Sibiu. The subjects were: **Environment of the Old Testament** (taught together with the book of Judges, which makes the lessons quite vivid) and **The Book of Job**. All of the students were freshmen. When I started the class, I told

them that their view towards the Word of God would be changed for sure by learning more about it. Some of the students were from Christian families and

had been active in church already. They told me they would not change their viewpoints, that they already knew what is true and important and that they would stick to it. But something happened! At the end, everybody was enthusiastic because of their new insight into the Word of God and the new ideas they had learned that they had never thought about.

I also ministered to the German Church in Sibiu where I conducted a Bible week on the Book of Job once again. Every time I teach this, it is like entering a different world because the time of Job is so far away from us in the 21st century. The believers were impressed by the strong faith of Job, remembering that he could not read the letters of Paul or look in a Gospel for encouragement.

I wish you the same confidence in our God that Job had, no matter what may happen. Jesus is coming back and He will be the victorious one!

Yours,



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PS Pray for me - when you read this, I will be on my way to Ukraine.

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