



Mission News—from Dick & Gloria Sans

They...

reported all that God had done through them and how He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

Acts 14:27

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The Work Continues

Preparations were made, study was accomplished, the destinations were reached, the work was undertaken, and now we have returned to report our findings for new starts for the Bible Institute field.

As I outlined in our April newsletter, I was to travel to Brasov, Romania and Rivna, Ukraine to determine if these locations were ready to start Bible Institutes for training their church leaders. I took with me Pastor Drew Ramsay from Birmingham, AL. While Drew taught classes in the evenings, and I worked with potential students, I also met with church pastors to ensure they completely understood the commitment it would take on everyone's part to accomplish the training for their people.

As it turns out, in Brasov, we will conduct the standard preliminary courses leading up to final student selections and Core course studies. During the preliminary courses, we will continue to evaluate the commitment on the part of students, pastors and churches to sustain the training. More later concerning these students who show excellent promise to continue these studies.



The Town of Brasov



Brasov Square

Rivna, Ukraine was a different scenario. The church already has a Bible school, and had suggested that we come alongside to train their young teaching staff in education techniques. They also suggested that we add some of our courses to their curriculum. We established that some of our teachers will teach in the months ahead. The other suggestion is still being developed.

We were met and greeted well by the Brasov and Rivna churches and we look forward to training their people. New developments do not move as fast in Eastern European countries as we might think they should. We must remember that their societies are still emerging from many years of dictatorial, socialistic governments, mistrust, and economic systems that challenge individuals and organizations alike. Moving slowly at present and developing trust is called for at this time.

“...in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

Romans 8:37

Life In These End Times

Life is a contest. The stakes are high. The honors are eternal. The problem is that most Christians never seem to see it that way. Paul compared the Christian life with a track meet. “Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown of laurel that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore, I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man shadow boxing. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.” 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Faith for the end times requires discipline. Discipline develops the qualities of a champion. One of the key qualities in a contest is perseverance. It is not always the fast starter who wins the race. The runner must keep up his pace to the end.

Christians have waited and are waiting for the return of Jesus Christ. As the menacing shadows of the end times threaten, the eagerness of our waiting for Christ will intensify. We must learn to be “steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord our labor is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

“We know that in everything God works for good with those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose.”

Romans 8:28

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