

NOW Ministries Messenger

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Romania Trip

This was my first trip to Romania to visit the Pastors that are supported by NOW Ministries, so I was unsure what to expect. I flew to Budapest, Hungary



Singing in the Gypsy church in Satu Mare

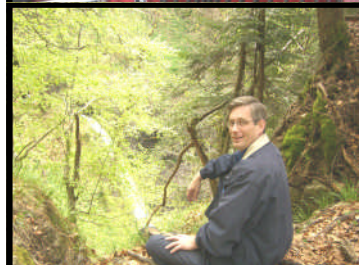
where I met up with Brother Lynn Munson and Gary Bienfang. Brother Munson is the American Missionary that introduced me to the Pastors in Romania and he was my guide for the next 10 days. We were picked up in Budapest by Pastor Constantine and then drove to Oradea, Romania where we checked into our hotel. Maria, Pastor Constantan's wife fixed all our meals and to say the least, it was delicious.

The next day we got right down to work by speaking to about 25 Pastors in the morning and early afternoon. That evening we drove to a small village to visit a Pastor and preach in his church. When we arrived, we were shown the house the church had recently purchased and we were told how they plan to convert it into a school and church. There is still a lot

of work to do, but they are having church there now. I preached that night and 11 young people made first time decisions to accept Christ as Savior. It is always a thrill to see people receive Christ as Savior, whether it is in the United States or in a foreign land. Your partnership with NOW Ministries allows us to follow our heart—World Evangelism—and to see souls saved around the world.

One day we drove to the next state, Satu Marie, and spent the day with Pastor Vezentan. We visited several of his churches and then preached in a Gypsy church that afternoon. Over 50 people showed up and what a wonderful time we had. They sang for about 45 minutes and then we preached. Several were saved in that service. That night we preached in one of Pastor Vezentan's churches. The place was packed with well over 200 people. One thing I found out about Brother Vezentan is that he teaches his people how to sing. What a blessing it was to hear the people lift their voices to the Lord.

On Sunday, Brother Munson, Brother Bienfang, and I went in different directions, each preaching in two or three churches. In each service where I preached God moved and people were saved. The time in Romania was profitable and I plan to return. The Pastors and their families were very kind and very appreciative of the support that is being sent to them. Without your support much of the work that they do could not be done.



TOP: Pastor Constantine, wife Maria and daughter Daniela. SECOND: Pastors of Romania. THIRD: Pastor Vezintain singing at Gypsy Church. FOURTH: Enjoying the view in Romania. FIFTH: Visiting a Gypsy school in Oradea. BOTTOM: Preaching in Satu Mare.

Cuba Bible Institute Graduation

What an honor it was to be a part of the third Graduation Service for the Bible Institute in Cuba June 2, 2006. This also fell on my birthday this year and the Cuban Pastors helped me celebrate; what a joy!



Evangelist Toru Marshall with the Valedictorian.

Around 1999, Clark Allen, a good friend of this ministry, helped NOW Ministries start the Bible Institute in Cienfuegos, at the Nazareth Baptist Church. Pastor Everardo Hernandez and other Pastors in the area have banded together to make this Institute a success. They have added to the program and now have a full four-year program. Pastors from the area come and help teach several nights a week and even during the day. This year they added an English class taught by an English teacher from the church. Each student must also be part of a team that writes and then orally presents their philosophy of mission work. Many of the graduates are now missionaries serving in cities and villages throughout Cuba.

This year there were 14 graduates for a total of 45 over the last three years. However, it is not just the young people who are training in the Institute. The Valedictorian this year was 73-year-old, Jane Fernandez Meddigutia. She wants to serve the Lord in one of the missions, working with the woman and children. Praise the Lord for her dedication and faithful service.

Our hope is to start a seminary so that we can ordain some of these men into the ministry. In Cuba you can only ordain men who have graduated from a seminary; we want to do this legally.

Please continue to pray for the Bible Institute and all the work we are doing in Cuba. The government tries to hinder the gospel message by making it increasingly more difficult for National Pastors and Missionaries and for our ministry in Cuba. By the grace of God, we are moving forward and accomplishing much for his Glory. Thank you for your support that has kept this ministry alive and growing in the country of Cuba. "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries" (1 Corinthians 16:9).

TNT FUND

"Training New Timothy's"

Every year NOW Ministries travels to different parts of the world to help train national pastors and missionaries. The purpose of these conferences is to challenge young evangelists and pastors in the areas of; soul winning, evangelistic preaching, Bible study, church administration, and many other areas of ministry. Many times Brother Marshall speaks on the home, encouraging the Christian workers to be an example before their congregations.

The "TNT Fund" (Training New Timothy's Fund) supplies the money necessary to sponsor these conferences. \$25 a month will provide training for young evangelists and pastors to be greater warriors for Jesus Christ. We covet your prayers and support of NOW Ministries.



TOP: Graduates of the Cuba Bible Institute. SECOND: Bible Institute Choir. THIRD & FOURTH: Students receiving Diplomas. FIFTH: Attendance of family and friends at the Graduation. SIXTH: Valedictorian giving speech.