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Dear Pastors, Supporting Churches and Friends,
Thank you for your faithful support and prayers in these difficult times. While writing this I am reminded of the song;

***“Hold the fort, for I am coming,” Jesus signals still;
Wave the answer back to heaven, “By Thy grace we will.”***

After two years of Covid restrictions, and now the Russian/Ukrainian war, we do feel as if we are literally holding the fort and waiting on the Lord for His grace.

The Ukrainian crisis has seen thousands of refugees coming into Romania. We are almost 800kms away from the Ukraine border, which is north of us, as we are on the border with Serbia in the south. We have sent aid up there, but we haven't had any refugees down our way to this point in time. Things might change as time goes by, and we are ready to offer what help is needed when it presents itself. In the meantime though there is great concern amongst the people as to how this conflict will involve Romania. Please be in prayer for the situation here in Romania. Please pray for the Romanian people who are suffering with lack of jobs, low wages, rising prices and a bleak winter. Winter has been fairly cold, with plenty of snow. Prices are rising rapidly, especially for utilities, fuel, and food. People are struggling, and this is causing them to rely on their own strengths and seek employment often far away and this affects their families. On top of this is the war between Russia and the Ukraine on their doorstep. Many Romanians would give the shirt of their back to help the refugees, while their own souls are still lost.

We will continue to preach the Gospel to anyone who will listen.

We have seen a decline in interest in spiritual matters amongst the young people during Covid as they have retreated to themselves and their own interests, although the children's ministry hasn't seen much of a decline. We continue our children's ministry every Friday and Sunday. In this current climate we are praying for a revival amongst the youth as this crisis may be a wake-up call for them.

Please pray for opportunities to preach the Word to those who have not heard, and to serve as the situation arises. We are praying for what opportunities we will have with the camp ministry in the warmer weather. (The camp building at the present is not suitable for use as the temperatures are often below zero).

Please pray for a group of girls, aged 13-14 who are regular to the church meetings. Their names are Aida, Luciana, Dana, Ana, Ana and Debora. Dana and Debora's family attend the Pentecostal church and they have a tendency to pull these other girls away at times. Aida and Luciana have yet to put their faith in the Lord. Please pray for Aida and Lucian to come to the Lord and for the girls to be stable in the church.

Annette left on 22nd February to visit her parents. She was originally booked for the 12th but tested positive so she had to isolate and re-schedule her flight. Her father just turned 89 and is having chemo every 3 weeks so his health is a continual concern. Her mother is weary from taking care of him and needs some help. She will return, Lord willing on the 11th April. Her flights were booked at Christmas time as her father's health took a turn for the worse at this time.

At the moment we still don't have a camp caretaker. Please pray that this will be resolved. I travel the 100km return trip 3 times a week which is a drain on my time and resources.

Please pray for Iasna who has ill health at the best of times and now has Covid and for Bojana who has terminal cancer. Pray also for Bojana's grandson Denis who has started coming to church, for his salvation.

Thank you for your prayers and for holding us before the throne of grace,

*In His service,
Bro Billy and Annette, with
Bro Nicu and Kaitlyn*

Phillipians 4:19 “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”