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FROM THE HILLS OF ROMANIA,

It has been a long time since our last newsletter. In February, we travelled the road to Prague and completed the SC training there. In March, we travelled the roads with the Union University GO team to Lacu Dulce, Bertesti, Spiru Haret and Macin. In April, we have travelled the road to Bran, in the mountains of Romania, for our annual spiritual retreat with IMB colleagues here in Romania. These were our "special events", as we also continued Bible studies, English classes, team meeting, and other scheduled events. It has been a busy time, but a blessed time. Yesterday we celebrated Easter in Romania, one week after your Easter, and completed the day by watching "I Believe", the 2005 passion play presented by Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, Tennessee, with other missionary families. It was a wonderful end to a day that began with our own private sunrise service down by the Danube River.

We continue to praise God for you, your faithfulness to pray for us, and your support in so many ways! We urge you to consider taking your support one step further, beyond praying and giving, to coming and partnering with us as we share the gospel of Jesus, our Risen Lord, to the gypsies! Be sure and read our prayer requests below the pictures!



In March, Cornel and Erica Tuns brought us an outstanding team from Union University in Jackson, Tn. Here they are standing in front of our church at Lacu Dulce.



Abel Cristian Constantin was born in Spiru Haret. Here he is with his family, Costel and Laurenta Beni, and Damaris Constantin. Costel is our missionary pastor at Spiru Haret.

Ana Botea went home to be with the Lord. Her son, Ion, is our missionary pastor in Bertesti. Bob had the joy of sharing a gospel message at her funeral, where many heard for the first time how they, too, can someday go home to Jesus!



Thanks to our Centrifuge Partnership, we were able to purchase this land in Bertesti for our Small Business Initiatives project. A small business, as a greenhouse for vegetables, will be built here to provide income for our Roma pastors. Also, we pray someday they will have a place to worship here. There is a partially constructed house on the property that they hope

to finish in the future, when funds become available, for their church home.



Gayle is called Mama Gayle to many children (and adults) in Romania. Here she is greeted by children in Bertesti, as she arrives to do her weekly English class and Bible study. The classes are for adults and teens, but she is always welcomed first by the children, as she shares Jesus' love with them, and sometimes a pocket full of candy.



Bob enjoys a relaxing moment at our spiritual retreat in the beautiful Carpathian Mountains. We met here for three days with colleagues here in Romania, and were ministered to by Norm Howell in the Word and Chris Ramsey in Praise and Worship. It was a blessed time for all of us!



Please remember the following prayer requests:

1. Plans now being made for summer teams, camp, FARM, volunteer students, and the other activities on our calendar.
2. A business plan for the men at Bertesti to have opportunity to earn income for their family, as well as learn accountability and responsibility and good business practices.
3. A Sunday School room to be constructed, when funds become available, for the children at Spiru Haret.
4. Our team colleagues, Wes and Tamara, Coulter and Wesley Banks, and Daniel Byrd, and our Cluster Leader, Boyd Hatchl, his wife, Jennie, and Mallory, Miles, Madison and Mason.
5. Our total surrender to God's call.....down any road.

And finally, we would like to share with you that Sunday, April 26th, we will celebrate 40 years of marriage. We praise God for His goodness and for His presence in our lives and our home, for our children and grandchildren, and for His call on our lives! We also praise Him for the opportunity to spend this anniversary celebration in Paris, France. We leave on Wednesday, April 22, and return on Monday, April 27th. We ask that you remember us in our travels, and join us in praise for this wonderful occasion in our lives!

Bob and Gayle Hill

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Braila, Romania

