

THE RON HELLYER FOUNDATION

Romania mission report October 19th to 26th 2011

November 2011

A team of only three members, Dave Moore, Gilbert Boys and Joan Hellyer arrived in Romania to work with Mircea Pestean of Maranatha Missions.

After enjoying a good meal in a restaurant in Cluj, the team joined by Georgina who would be translating for them during the mission, was soon set to work sharing in the first mission meetings only a few hours after arriving in Romania.

A group of Irish young people who had been involved in the children's summer camps joined our team on the second day. The vibrancy and freshness in Jesus of this group added much to this mission.

On the second day of the mission Mircea received the news that his father had died. Mircea's Father who was a Christian had been ill for some years. The funeral was held two days later, our team and the Irish were all able to attend. In the small village where Mircea had grown up over 100 people gathered for the Funeral service. Several Maranatha Pastors led and preached in the service and Dave Moore was asked to share a short word. The event was a powerful witness in the village to the hope of Jesus Christ. Mircea kept saying how much he appreciated having his friends with him at such a time and the team were glad to be a support to him. The larger the team, the greater the organisation required from venues, translators and transport. God knew the time of Mircea's father's departure. Before leaving the UK, there was a strong sense that God had a purpose in the team being so small and this eased the work load on Mircea releasing him to have time with his family.

Dave and Gilbert were kept busy preaching and teaching in a number of churches in the evenings and on the Sunday with much response.



Gilbert preaching



The Irish team

Joan ministered in number of women's meetings including established groups at Simpetru, Stupini and Simleu where she shared from the Word of God and was asked to pray for a number of women, Georgina translated and Irish Alison blessed all with her anointed ministry in song.

The church in Almasu, blessed with 7 baptisms in the spring, increasing the membership to 25, hosted a women's meeting for the very first time. Joan shared the Gospel and many women were challenged. One lady wept as she invited Jesus into her heart, the same lady asked for prayer for her young daughter who had cancer on her ear.

The other women's meeting was in the mountain church of Dretea. This church whose Pastor can only take the service once a month is now mostly women. This was a delightful group who made Joan and the team so welcome. It was a real encouragement for them to have a visiting team.



Dretea women's meeting

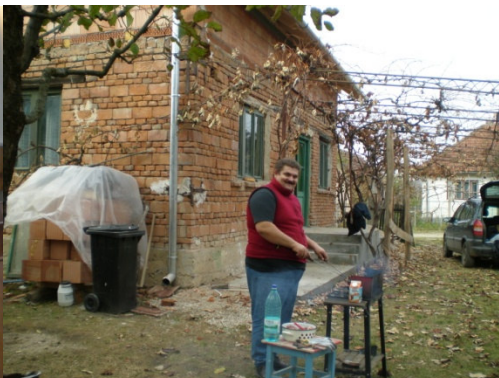


Simpru women's meeting

One afternoon some of the team were blessed to visit poor families where the Irish brought shoes for the children. In addition they visited a widow who was virtually house bound following cancer surgery. Living in just 2 small rooms with no running water this lady had asked for prayer. Joan shared with her the hope of Jesus Christ and prayed for her healing and after this her face just shone; the love of Jesus had touched her heart.



Some of the Maranatha Pastors



Mircea

Dave's thoughts *It was a joy to be in Romania again; the ministry and relationships flowed with new vigour. Always there is the unexpected... this time the encounter with 5 delightful young people from Ulster and the privilege of speaking at Mircea's Father's funeral.*

*A huge thank you to all at home who have prayed and supported us.
Next mission dates: Saturday February 25th to Monday March 5th 2012
Joan Hellyer and mission team*

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