

# Mia and Costel in Romania

2018

The first two weeks of October we had an institute in Romania; pastors and leaders came from Romania, Moldova, Albania, France, Poland, Serbia, Ukraine, Russia, Cuba, Estonia, Mauritius, Australia. We study truths for life from Luke part 2, prepare and equip leaders to fulfill their calling from God.



All participants were divided in 2 groups: the first one study Luke part 2 and the second group study English for new life.



Every morning we listened to teams of institutes and representatives of different countries. LEO said, "I rejoice so much to be here where I learn many things and lessons for life. I will go home with many strategies of work and methods which I can apply in my country. I am happy for everything I heard from the representative countries here. I found many ideas and through the testimonies and the studies I am encouraged towards the purpose to enlarge the kingdom of God. My desire is to continue to participate at this institute and to learn to do the same in my country".



At every session we do a practical assignment by choosing the biblical text according to the book we study. We also have a survey which the students take and go to villages and cities around the center to take the Word to people they meet. The practical assignment is important in the process of learning and preparation of leaders to see the value to engage people in relationship to God in the knowledge of His Word.





Each student received 5 new testaments to use during the study with each person they share and to distribute to those who receive the Word but do not have a new testament.



Students who do not speak Romanian are divided in groups with translators according to their language. This is a group from Ukraine together with Shirinai from Russia and they are enthusiastic about this practical assignment. This group shared with over 200 people.





The group who speaks English went to city of LUGOJ and was excited by the response of the people. "The people are very open and the results are encouraging us. I am determined to return home and do the same."



PIERRE from PARIS said, "I was for the first time to participate to such an outing. I met people old and young, talked with them about God, asked them questions about the parable of the pharisee and the publican. The answers I received impressed me because they know more in Romania than people in my country. We have the joy together to pray for people we talked with. When I prayed for a young lady she start crying and was grateful for the Word and my prayer. I saw the work of God in the lives of the people and also in my life during these days".



These pastors and trainers they are happy, passionate to be prepared and to teach others. ALEXEI said, "At every session the Lord changes my life. He helps me to understand the Word in a deeper way. The study from morning and evening of the Word is a process of transformation through which we are built up. It was during the study and the fellowship at the institute I understood my calling from God to missions. Looking at the lives of those who teach me I saw a clear connection between teaching and living. In the gospel of Luke for me as a missionary JESUS was an extraordinary example to follow."

The leaders who participate at this session expressed their joy to study Gospel of Luke part 2 and encouraged them to continue the work with bible studies in churches, camps, schools, youth work, clubs, etc. These students lead and coordinate 603 groups with 10, 458 people in 64 localities.



The group studied English for New Life, the manual for children based on the 10 commandments and also How study the bible for children. The participants are English teachers in Moldova, Romania, Ukraine, Albania, Russia, Bulgaria, France. They learn different methods how to teach children. These students teach bible study and English in 113 groups with 400 people, organized 6 camps with 910 participants and prepare 46 new teachers for EFNL.







This group are teachers for EFNL in Ukraine. They work well as a team and make plans to recruit new leaders in their country and also to invite them to the next session in February 2019 for a new group to prepare for new teachers. "This session was a blessing. We had a good experience how to teach English and the Word; we learned from each other different activities we can put into practice in our lessons We have been encouraged by the testimonies we hear every morning and the fellowship in prayer. It was a pleasant experience as we do the practical assignment teaching children from villages one English lesson. The children were interested and their parents came to see what we teach and were very pleased."



We thank the Lord for these leaders who are involved in teaching bible study study in institutes of Eurasia, for the wonderful strategy they choose, plans as they work with youth, English language, camps, public and Christian schools, children, etc.

"I am very glad to be here to learn, to discover the Word of God and lessons for life. The Word changes hearts, attitudes toward serving God. We find many ideas here and we want to take everything we study to our countries."

It is a joy at the end of session to evaluate the students observation worksheets from Luke and to grade every book completed during the study.

Most students got 100 points which shows their dedication, joy to study, taking very seriously the Word as they prepare to be equipped to make disciples teaching in their groups and to raise new leaders.



It was a joy for us every day from morning till evening to be in the Word, to have meetings with leaders, to evaluate, to plan for the work in 2019. The session at Surduc is part of the preparation of old and new leaders from different countries who come with joy, in spite of travel 1-3 days. They are ready to engage the new generation in the Word so they may reach others.

We were encouraged every morning by their testimonies and the work they do as they motivate each other, plans to collaborate and be involved in the lives of people regardless of nationality, age, social status, etc.

Thank you for your prayers,

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