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That His Name be Great among the Nations...

# Remembering Our True Family This Holday Season

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# Our Purpose & Passion

"'For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My Name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My Name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My Name will be great among the nations,' says the Lord of hosts." - Malachi 1:11

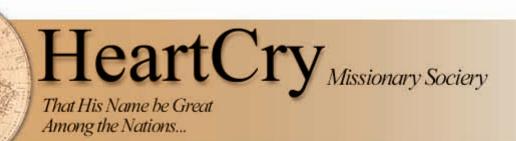
The chief end of all mission work is the Glory of God. Our greatest concern is that His Name be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun (Malachi 1:11). We find our great purpose and constant motivation, not in man or his needs, but in God, His commitment to His own glory and our God-given desire to see Him glorified in every nation, tribe, people and language.

Although HeartCry recognizes the great importance of sending missionaries from the West to the un-evangelized peoples throughout the world, we believe that we are led of the Lord to support native or national missionaries so that they may evangelize their own peoples. Therefore, we seek to work with godly men and women of integrity and vision in the unreached world to help them evangelize and plant Churches among their own peoples.

#### Our Principles

\* While we recognize that the needs of mankind are many and his sufferings are diverse, we believe that they all spring from a common origin - the fall of man and the corruption of his own heart. Therefore, we believe that the greatest benefit to mankind can be accomplished through the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the establishment of

- churches that preach the Word of God and minister according to its commands, precepts, and wisdom.
- \* Every need of this ministry will be obtained through prayer. We may share our missionary vision with others and even make known to them the specific tasks which the Lord has laid on our heart to do, but we may not raise support through prodding or manipulating our brothers and sisters in Christ. If this ministry is of the Lord, then He will be our Patron. If He is with us, He will direct His people to give and we will prosper. If He is not with us, we will not and should not succeed.
- \* We intend to never enlarge our field of labor by contracting debts. This is contrary to both the letter and the spirit of the New Testament. In secret prayer, God helping us, we will carry the needs of this ministry to the Lord and act according to the direction that He gives.
- \* We will not compete with other biblical mission agencies, but use the resources that God has given to us to work in partnership with them. If the Lord directs, we will sacrifice our own goals and resources that other mission works may be helped and the Kingdom of God increased.
- \* In meeting any need, those of us who are supported financially by this ministry will be the first to sacrifice all things necessary for the advancement of His Kingdom.
- \* We will not measure the success of this ministry by the amount of money given, Bibles distributed or national missionaries supported, but by the Lord's blessing on the work.
- \* Our Goal is not to enlarge ourselves, or to become a key figure in the Great Commission, but to be faithful and obedient stewards by the grace that is given to us. That men may see our weakness and glorify God for His strength; that they may see our inability and glorify God for His faithfulness.





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Hallowed be Your Name!
Your Kingdom Come!
Your Will be Done!



### Remembering our True Family During this Holiday Season

It is said that blood is thicker than water, but as Christians, we have been bound together by both – the blood of our precious Lord and the water of His Spirit. We have no closer kin on earth than those who have been bought by the blood of the Lamb, washed by the living water of the Spirit, and sealed by the same. God's people are our brothers and sisters. We have been bound together with them in an intimate and eternal union.

I love the earthly family that the Lord has given me. I look forward to spending the holiday season with my wife and two sons, with my mother and sister and all the inlaws. But it will be a bond much deeper than the flesh that will bring us together and give us place in each other's thoughts and hearts – *it will be our common salvation in Jesus Christ.* The deepest and most enduring bond I have on earth is with my wife and yet our deepest union is not found in our husband / wife relationship, but in the blessed truth that we are brother and sister in Christ.

It is said that Christmas is a time for family, but for this to be true we must widen our definition of the word. What is family? Who are our brothers and sisters? Jesus gives us a radical answer:

But Jesus answered... "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Behold My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother."

Matthew 12:48-50 (NASB)

When we gather together with family this Christmas, will our hearts reach beyond the physical and into the realm of the Spirit? Will there be any thought of our brothers and sisters in Christ from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation? Will we give any consideration to their welfare? Will we pray for their needs? Will we be moved to bless them in any practical way?

When we began HeartCry several years ago, my great burden was for the lost, but I was oblivious to the needs of God's people. As the years have passed, I have had the privilege and pain of meeting a multitude of our brothers and sisters throughout the world and witnessing first hand their difficulties. With each new acquaintance, the burden in my heart has change. I still desire to see the world come to know Christ, but I am even more burdened for the needs of God's family, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Allow

me to give you just a few such examples from our past ministry:

- \* A Peruvian missionary goes to a remote field on the border of Ecuador. He asks only that we help provide enough support to feed his children.
- \* A missionary in Manipur, India rides an average of 40 miles a day to evangelize the surrounding villages. His only petition is a cushion for his metal bicycle seat.
- \* An elderly pastor in the Andes mountains prays for eyeglasses in order to continue reading and preaching the Scriptures.
- \* Another pastor/missionary in the high Andes mountains prays for a pack mule to carry him to other unevangelized villages located too far away for his old legs to carry him.
- \* A Gypsy congregation from Ukraine needs a wood stove before the harsh winter sets in.
- \* A Nigerian congregation needs a roof to shade from the blistering sun and to provide shelter during the rainy season.
- \* A missionary among the Aguaruna Indians needs his boat motor repaired and a single-shot shotgun to provide meat for his family.
- \* The countless fields without laborers and the unceasing stream of "men from Macedonia" who cry out, "Come and help us!"

Above and beyond the needs of our fellow laborers, there are the needs of our persecuted family. We have tens of thousands of brothers and sisters in prisons and labor camps throughout the world. This Christmas will find them rotting away in a cell, separated from parents, siblings, spouses, and children. Others will not see another Christmas. They will be executed, starved to death, or they will drop in the fields, never to rise again. And what of the family they will leave behind? If you and I were about to die in prison, would not our greatest concern be for the welfare of our spouses and children. Would anyone take note of them? Would anyone care for their physical and spiritual needs? Would they be forgotten?

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the needs on the mission field are almost infinite, but they provide an



almost infinite opportunity for us to bless the Lord, bless His people, and fill our lives with eternal purpose.

Bless the Lord. Who are we to bless the Lord? Do not the Scriptures declare that the lesser is blessed by the greater? (Hebrews 7:7). What can we give to God that He has not already been given to us? When I was a little boy I would take great joy in buying my mother a Christmas present without giving a single thought to the underlying economics - I bought the present for my mother with money that came from my mother! In my giving, I was only giving back to her a portion of what she had given me. How can it be said that I gave anything? - I was a child and such technicalities did not bother me! As I grow in the Lord, I become more childlike and philosophical explanations are not as important as they use to be. I have been called to bless the Lord and bring Him good pleasure. Why should it bother me that I can give only what I have received? I rejoice in the privilege and what a privilege it is to bring Him my gift and see Him smile!

Bless the Lord's people. In The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis, the land of Narnia had been placed under a curse by the white witch. The curse consisted in this: it was always winter in Narnia but never Christmas. In the Kingdom of God there are some harsh winters, but it is always Christmas! There are so many doors open to us to bless God's people and rejoice in their joy. We have been granted the privilege to participate in God's work of salvation. Unto us it has been granted to be springs of blessing flowing from that great fountain that is Christ. I will never cease to be amazed at the great power of God. Prior to our conversion, you and I were like the waters of Marah (Exodus 15:23-25). We were cursed fountains, contaminated springs, stagnant waters filled with bitterness and death. But Christ threw Himself into our filthy waters and made us sweet. Now we have the privilege of being fountains of life and blessing. The lives of countless multitudes can be better because of us! We should not be like a locked garden or a sealed up spring (Song of Solomon 4:12), but we should be like streams flowing from Lebanon (4:15).

Fill our lives with eternal purpose. What a privilege to do something with our lives that has eternal significance. Wealth will rot, physical beauty will fade, the greatest works of architecture will crumble to dust, the best laid plans of mice and men come to nothing. "Vanity, vanity!" says the preacher. But unto the followers of Christ it has been ordained that we bear much fruit and that our fruit remain (John 15:16). Even the smallest glass of water given to a disciple because he is a disciple will reap the greatest return of eternal joy (Matthew 10:42). I cannot even image the joy that will be ours on the day of that Great Reunion. We will stand in awe when we see the tremendous ripple effect of even the smallest deed done in Christ's Name. We will be overwhelmed when we discover how the mighty Christ was able to feed so many people with our few loaves and fishes. I am overjoyed when I think of the joyful faces that we will see. Brothers and sisters that we never knew in this life and yet they will testify to us that they were blessed by us. Christ has let us participate in His work and He has given to us from His bounty so that we might give, and share in His Joy! We were destitute beggars with nothing to give. Christ is the infinite fountain of bountiful supply. He rejoices in blessing and He loves us so much that He gives to us in abundance so that we might give to others and know His joy. What grace has been given to us!

How many believers in the West come to the end of the holiday season with true satisfaction and fulfillment? What is the reason for the emptiness in our souls when all is said and done? Jesus tells us:

> "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it."

> > Mark 8:35

"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."

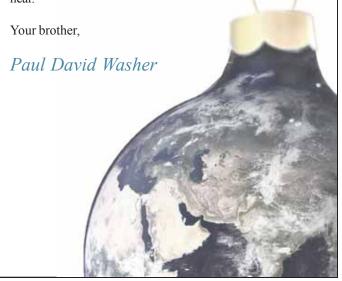
Acts 20:35

"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith."

Galatians 6:10

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I am not writing these words to you in order to steal your holiday joy or condemn you for your prosperity. Rather, I am writing to you so that true purpose might be restored to your lives and your joy might be inexpressible.

How are we to find true happiness and purpose in this holiday season? By doing the will of God. By seeking to meet the needs of our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Christ, and by working alongside those who have left everything to preach the Gospel to those who have yet to hear.



### From the HeartCry Family

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! This year is coming to a close. It has passed us by as though it were only a few weeks. It is my hope and prayer that you are able to look back on this year with thanksgiving, and praise God for both the joys and the trials that He has brought you through. For we know that all things work together for our good and for His glory.

Here at HeartCry, the Lord has been gracious to bless us beyond what we can comprehend or describe. He has lavished His love and care upon our families, the mission, and the missionaries with whom we are co-laborers. Many souls have come to know Christ, and many churches have been planted in the fifteen countries where we work. We stand in awe that God has allowed us to participate in this work. We are such weak and worthless servants, and yet He is so merciful toward us!

As most of you might know, our family has grown from three to four with the newest addition of our son Evan. It is our prayer that he too will one day come to know Christ and be called to serve Him. Ian, our oldest son (28 months), continues to grow in every way possible. He is a wild heart, full of wonder. He brings the greatest joy and laughter to our lives. We are so very blessed!

During this holiday season, we thank you for standing beside us with your prayers and financial support. It has always been, and by God's grace will continue to be, our magnificent obsession to make the Name of Christ great among the nations of the world.



Your Sister, Charo Washer



Dear HeartCry Family,

As another year goes by, I would like to take this time to look back over this past year and thank God for all the wonderful blessings He has brought to our lives. I thank Him for my wonderful husband, Darian and the work that He is doing in our marriage. I hope and pray that He will continue making us better companions for each other and more godly parents for our daughter. I also thank the Lord for our beautiful daughter Elizabeth who has been more of a blessing than I could ever describe in words. God has truly blessed us with an amazing daughter who loves to memorize her Bible verses and often has more faith that God can heal and answer prayers than I do.

The one word of encouragement that I hope and pray to communicate to you this year is that the power of God is undeniable. As I look around at all the blessings He has bestowed on my family, I can only say that He never ceases to amaze me. In May, we learned that we were going to be blessed with another addition to our family. The pregnancy was going perfectly until October when we discovered that the baby had no wall in the upper chamber of her heart. As a family, we began to pray that God would heal our daughter without any human intervention...if it were according to His will. Our daughter Elizabeth's nightly prayer was "Dear God, please fix the baby's heart so it doesn't hurt anymore." By faith, we went before the church and asked the elders to pray for our

unborn child, in accordance with James 5:14, which states: "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." A few days later, we were sent to the St. Louis Children's Hospital for further testing. When the doctor did the fetal echocardiogram, it came back perfectly normal. The heart defect was gone! In only a few days, God had made a wall where there was no wall at all.

It is an amazing privilege to be the recipient of one of God's miracles. I want to convey a very special "thank you" to all of you who prayed for our family and our unborn child. You will never know what your prayers have meant to our family. May God bless all of you this season as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Christ, Heather Rottmann

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

as I sit before the computer, wondering how to put my thoughts in order, my mind is flooded with memories of the many things that happened this year. It feels as though we have packed at least three years into one. You might say that this year began for us on November 22, 2002 the day we arrived in the United States.

Leaving England was a huge step for us, and the Lord gave us all the faith we needed to take it. We had our own ideas of what would be waiting for us on the "other side of the pond"... But we also knew that the Lord had His own plans and that He would be revealing Himself to us in His own time. The most important thing for us was that He would be with us, no matter what we would face.

For six months, we lived with Charo and Paul in their home. They were ever so generous in allowing us to stay with them for such a long time. They, as well as Darian and Heather, have been a continual blessing to us. They have also introduced us to many wonderful people, and made us feel most welcome and at home.

Through the year, the Lord has provided us with everything we needed. A family from the church gave us a van. They did not even really know us and yet they gave so graciously from their heart. Since then, this family has become very dear to us. The Lord has continuously blessed us through their testimony, love, faithfulness, and generosity. We are ever so grateful for their friendship.

God's lovingkindness has been shown to us in so many ways and through so many people. We left everything we owned when we left England (although we knew that nothing that we gave up compares to the sacrifice of Christ). Though we are unworthy, the Lord has been faithful to replace everything we left and give us much more than we could have ever believed - He even blessed us with a house!

During this year, I was also able to visit my parents in

Peru. I had a wonderful time with them and the rest of my family. I especially enjoyed the Peruvian cuisine. My parents are not wealthy at all, so it is truly wonderful to see the Lord's faithfulness in always providing for them. Please pray for my father's salvation. Pray that the Lord will soften his heart.

The Lord also blessed us with the opportunity to return to England, and visit friends and family. It was a tremendous blessing! We had a brilliant time! Although we were glad to see our family and many old friends, the main reason for our trip was to attend the baptism of Jon's father, who recently became a Christian. The Lord had been really working in his life for a long time and he could not resist Him. It is wonderful to see the changes in his life. Praise the Lord! Please pray for his continued spiritual growth and guidance.

Our Lord has constantly blessed us this year. We have learned that: "Every good gift comes from Him." We have also discovered that His gifts come in many different kinds of "wrappings." Some of His best gifts come wrapped in rags (difficult trials), but they result in a blessing, and serve to strengthen our faith and patience.

I can honestly say that we have not always been good and we have not always been faithful, but He is ADONAI, the Great I AM, the unchanging One, and He has been both good and faithful. He always will be.

As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach us, and I reflect on all the things that have happened this year, there are two things that stand out and even a third that cannot be ignored: God's faithful Love, our unworthiness, and the wild joy that comes from knowing that we belonged to Him and that everything is under His control.

God bless you all, Gabriela Green



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"I am still amazed at the wonders of God..."

Holiday Greetings to All,

Another year has quickly passed. God has been gracious and bountiful to us. My husband Britt and I celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in March. I thank God daily for bringing this amazing Christian man into my life. Our oldest son Christopher moved to Louisville, Kentucky to attend the University of Louisville. As with any mother, this was a time of sadness and longing for days gone by, but God has truly blessed. While attending the University, Chris surrendered to God's call into the ministry and he is now attending Boyce College, a branch of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Our youngest son, Timothy also realized his goals this year when he bought and took over the business where he has worked for several years. On top of everything else, BOTH our sons were engaged this year to two wonderful young women! God has truly blessed.

As I continue to work with HeartCry, I am still amazed at the wonders of God in the spreading of His Gospel around the world. God's Word will be spread. It is just amazing that He allows us to be a small part of it all.

As we enter into the holiday season, I wish for you this Christmas the gift of peace. We are surrounded by a world in turmoil and a people of chaos spinning round and round. We too get caught up in this whirl of the world. We are so busy "doing" that we do not take the time to just "be". Take time this holiday season to sit down, away from the hustle and bustle, and reflect on who you are - a child of God. May the Prince of Peace bless you and your family with peace and love this Christmas.

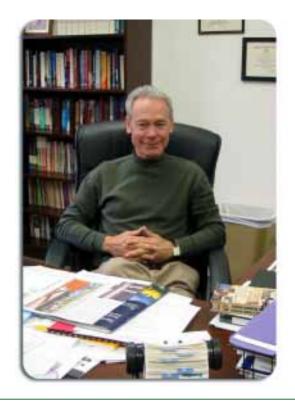
In Him Alone, Rita I. Douglas

Dear HeartCry Family,

Another year has passed in the legacy of a faithful God working through unfaithful and undeserving men like myself. It is amazing what God can do through those who recognize that they have little strength and can do nothing without Him. For another year, the God of the universe has blessed and provided for my wife and me. He has proven His Word to be true. He has truly "lavished His love upon us." It is our hope for you this season and throughout the year that you too will be amazed by the goodness of a gracious God who shows His glory by His kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. He has done it and will do it throughout the ages of the ages.

Rejoicing in His great love, Pastor Jack Russell

He has truly "lavished His love upon us."



#### "How often do we drop everything and run to the Savior?"

Dear Friends,

We are rushing around to buy the gifts we think we want, but have we considered the greatest Gift that God has given us? Have we obeyed the shepherd's counsel, who, when they were told of the Savior's birth, said, "Let us go *straight* to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us" (Luke 2:13 - italics mine). How often do we drop everything and run to the Savior?

With regard to the magi, the Scriptures declare, "After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him" (Matthew 2:11). Have we fallen before the Savior who has given us eternal life? After worshipping Him, the Scriptures declare that the Magi presented Him gifts, "Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11). Do we give to Christ our most precious gifts? Do we give Him our all?

The end of the year is always a time of reflection, but for the Christian, it should be a special time

of reflecting upon the Christ...

"...who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Phil. 2:6-8).

As the year comes to a end and a new year approaches our greatest question should be, "What can we do for our King? How

can we serve Him?"

To close, we thank God for His continual blessing and mercy on us as a family. We pray for His strength so that we might mature in Christ, and have new opportunities to serve Him. We do not desire our own glory, but His.

We also pray for you that you might celebrate the Savior's birth and offer thanks to Him for His salvation. He has saved us from wrath, He has given us His righteousness, and He has made us His children.

"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen." (Jude 24,25)

For His Glory,

Resha Kozler



"Merry Christmas from our family to yours..."

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Dr. Joseph Kennedy Indigenous HeartCry missionary and educator to Manipur, India

Joseph is a graduate of the Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. He is qualified to teach both in a secular college and in a theological seminary. In 2001, he was appointed to be one of our

> missionary teachers under the Grace Himalavan Mission. His present field assignments are many and di-Joseph is the princi-

pal of the Royal Ambassadors Academy in Manipur. The school represents eighteen different tribes and communities from northeast India. Many of the students are not Christians and we use the school

as a platform and tool for reaching the unreached people for Christ. Joseph is also the associate director for the Grace Himalayan Mission of South Asia. He teaches in both the Royal Ambassadors Academy and in the Grace Himalayan mission center. Finally, brother Joseph also labors as a church planter in the village of Dwarika. It is a Nepali / Hindu village located about 1 ½ miles from our mission center. There are now a handful of believers who gather there in Jesus' Name. It is James' sincere desire and prayer to see a new church planted in Dwarika by the end of 2004. He visits the work twice a week to preach.



Pastors and church workers from throughout Imphal are gathered together to participate in a leadership seminar led by Dr. Joseph Kennedy.

#### Lovingson

Indigenous HeartCry missionary to the primitive Maram tribes of Manipur, India

Lovingson has a degree in theology from Grace Bible M. College in Haveyana, the largest Bible College in Asia. Lovingson, Prior to his coming to the Grace Himalayan Mission, he his wife labored for nine years in northern India among the Hindi and two of speaking Hindus. He is married and has four children. His their four wife is a real blessing to the work. Presently, they are work-

children.



ing together in the direction of a missionary training center for the evangelization of the primitive peoples in southeast India. Their center is located in Senapati, the district headquarters of Manipur State. They have seventeen missionary candidates and many teachers being prepared to go out into the harvest. Every weekend they dismiss classes *Below:* and devote themselves to outreach and church visitation. A primitive In the training of missionaries, it is necessary to put teach- house built ing into practice.

Although the Lovingsons are training future mission- Maram aries, their first priority is church planting. They have tribal established a home fellowship near their training center. people.

Most of the members are from the Biharis (Hindus) and from the Nepalese who have settled in Senapati.

It is interesting to note that in the Senapati district is found the tribe which was declared by the government of India to be the most primitive in Manipur - the Maram. They are a people who live in great darkness and many of their prac-

tices and "holy places" are still off limits to outsiders. They worship nature and their ancestors through the su-

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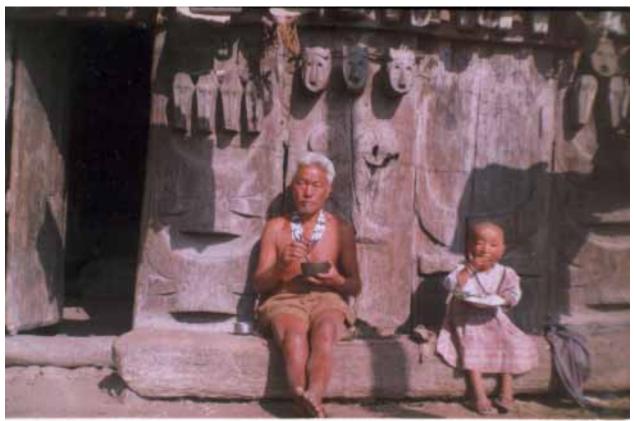
perstitions taught by the hordes of local shamans and mediums. They believe that rice beer (a very intoxicating drink) is the source of all life and energy. They still practice free sex and if any unwanted baby is born out of wedlock, the local shaman will kill it by breaking its neck with a wooden pole. When it dies, they will drive bamboo

spikes into the baby's body in order to imprison its soul because they fear that the baby will wait for them in the next life and take revenge upon them. They do not eat pork because there is a traditional belief that their forefathers were orphans who were raised by a large mother pig. Lovingson has many stories to tell about these people, but space will not allow for details.

Lovingson's present field assignments are training missionary candidates, evangelizing the primitive Maram tribe, reaching out to the Biharis (Hindus) and Nepalese in the Senapah district, and establishing a church among them.

The missionary candidates being trained by Brother Lovingson and his wife. They are posing outside the mission training center.





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little girl
from the
primitive
Maram
tribe
sitting in
front of a
traditional
dwelling.

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Ashie Koireng

Indigenous HeartCry missionary to the Muslims and Hindus of Manipur, India.

Ashie Koireug is married and has five children. They live in a rented house that belongs to a Muslim family. He replaced Rikhi Ajan Palmii in July 2003. Rikhi, who was pastor of the United Community Baptist Church in Imphal, is now

on a study leave.

Ashie displays an extraordinary spiritual gift in soul winning. He has great experience in reaching out to both Muslims and Hindus. He has the God-given charisma to make friendships easily with any stranger. Because of his nature and attitude, he is very approachable. He attracts large crowds whenever and wherever he finds the opportunity to preach the Gospel. He was instrumental in the salvation of only the second Muslim to ever be converted to Christianity in the state of Manipur.

Ashie has a bicycle that he uses to travel at least forty miles a day. The Lord has truly honored his hard labor by allowing him to be instrumental in establishing churches in Lamlongei, in east Imphal.

Ashie's daily assignments are to evangelize the Hindus and Muslims in Manipur state. It is a joy for us to know that the Lord has given him the clear direction to establish another church in Tinggi, in west Imphal. To begin the work, Ashie made only one request – he asked for a soft bicycle seat. We truly thank God for this kind of simple, but effective servant.



Church planter Ashie Koireug and some of those attending the newly formed mission.



These five young girls were expelled from their community for their faith in Jesus Christ. They are standing in front of their abandoned house in Lairenjam, in Imphal west district of Manipur.

The many
Hindu
converts in
the newly
formed
Lomlongei
Baptist
Church.



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Samuel Phairong

Indigenous HeartCry missionary to the Buddhists of Leichi, Myanmar.

Samuel is our missionary to Myanmar (Burma). He is presently working in the village of Leichi. It is located at the very border of Myanmar and India. Samuel has a visa to live in Myanmar.

The country of Myanmar is under military rule. Because of the students' unrest and their demonstrations for democracy, the government does not look favorably on any new school. The government works very hard to control the enrollment of students in all the educational institutions and universities.

In spite of all these restrictions, the Lord has been kind enough to let Samuel establish a mission school at the border of India and Myanmar. Most of his students and workers are from the Myanmar side and he takes every opportunity to present the Gospel to them. His school (Mt. Carmel Mission School) has become the center for our Indo – Myanmar mission.

Samuel has a Burmese evangelist working with him named Mary. She has opened her home as a meeting place for the church that Samuel is planting. In the last two years, the Lord has been gracious enough to add more and more members into the fellowship. There are five families and over twenty converts who regularly meet at Mary's little cottage. It is illegal to build a church building in the area, but the believers are allowed to expand Mary's little cottage so that they can use it as their church.

Mary has a Buddhist sister who teaches in a government school. She allows Mary to teach church music and Scripture in the class (unofficially, of course). Each Sunday, Mary invites as many students as possible to join the Sunday school that is held in her house.

Samuel's daily assignments are to pastor the newly formed Leichi Home Fellowship, visitation and witnessing, and school administration.



HeartCry missionary Samuel Phairong (far right) is sent to the Buddhists of Leichi, Myanmar. He is pictured with local believers from his congregation.



Samuel Phairong (holding the Bible, fifth from right) with local believers from his congregation who have gathered together for open air preaching.

children
gathered for
prayer at
Samuel's
school on the
MyanmarIndian border.

School



# MISSIONARY PRAYER INSERT Missionary Prayer Insert

#### Pray for our Missionaries around the World!

Above all things we desire your prayers on behalf of this ministry that the Lord has given us. Prayer is not "a work" of missions, but "the work" of missions. We would greatly appreciate your prayers on behalf of those of us who have been called to this ministry and on behalf of those who are ministering as indigenous missionaries throughout the world.

#### How to Pray for Missions

- That there might be peace throughout the world so that the Gospel might be preached in every nation (I Timothy 2:1-4), and that doors might be opened to the Gospel throughout the world (Colossians 4:3).
- That God might send forth laborers to every nation of the earth (Matthew 9:37-38).
- That God might grant grace to each missionary so that they walk in holiness, love, wisdom, and power, and they preach the Gospel correctly (Colossians 4:1-4).
- That the knowledge of God might cover every land like the waters that cover the sea (Isaiah 11:9)...
- That God might convert men by His sovereign power and for His own glory (Ezekiel 36:22-28). 5.
- 6. That all men of every nation might joyfully submit to the sovereign will of God (Matthew 6:10).
- That God's Name might be great, or "be hallowed" among the nations (Malachi 1:11; Matthew 6:9). That all men of every nation might esteem the worth of God above all things.



Benin Abraham Babalola He is planting churches: Eglise Baptiste Independante

Burma

Buddȟists.

Samuel Phairong

among the Burmese

He is planting churches



James Lamptey He is pastoring and planting additional churches in the region.



India Dr. Joseph Kennedy He is training missionaries at the Royal Ambassador Academy and planting churches.



Moldova Vadim Bugac He is planting a church in the city of Tudora. There is much persecution from the Orthodox priests.

**Antony Simon** *He is* 

planting churches

among the Russian and Romanian Jews.



Daniel Amoo He pastors the Porkuase Baptist Church and is planting churches in surrounding villages.







Dimitru Capacina He is pastoring a church in Brinza and church planting in surrounding villages.



Frank Karimu He is working in evangelism and church planting.



Ashie Koireug He is establishing churches in Lamlongei and Tingei, İmphal among the Hindus & Muslims.



**Anatol Dunas** He is HeartCry's national coordinator for Moldova. He pastors, teaches at the Theological College, and works with church plants.



Joseph Lamptey He pastors the Řingway Baptist Church and is working to plant additional churches.



Israel Slavic Spataru He is planting churches among the Russian and Romanian Jews.

Nicolae Dunas He is working as a church planter alongside his brother Dunas.

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#### Your HeartCry Missionaries



**Igor Seremet** He is planting a church in Anenii Noi (central part of Moldova). He has two other missions outside of Anenii Noi.

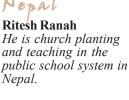




Javier Carhuapoma He is pastoring a new church in Paita and teaching in the seminary in Sullana.



**Parcemon Jimenez** He is church planting in the region of Tumbes, in northern Peru.





Gregorio Chavez He is church planting in Juan Bosco, in the city of Piura.



Francisco Laos He works with World Outreach, teaching rural pastors in Piura.



Nigeria Samuel Ahmed He is church planting among Muslims in the city of Minna.



Cristobal Churata He is planting churches among the rural mountain people around San Tomas in the area of Cusco.



Arturo Marin He is planting churches in the village of San Rafael in the jungles of San Martin.



Dauda Freeman He is planting churches among his tribal people.



Florencio Churata He is pastoring the work "Monte Ölivar' in Villa Primavera, Sullana.



Gilberto Valdez Nole He is a church planter. He has planted over 24 churches in northern Peru



Andrew Martey He is pastoring among the Muslims in the city of Minna.



Angel Colmenares He oversees 600 churches in Northern Peru. He also pastors "Divino Redentor" in Sullana.



Hecto Malpartida He pastors "The Church of Mercy" in Santa Margarita. He also has a mission in Luis Felipe



Paragnay Dino Ortiz He is working in juvenile and adult prisons in the capital city of Asunsión.



**Daniel Colmenares** He assists A.Colmenares in overseeing the churches. He directs the new seminary in Sullana.



Gloria Martinez Nunura She is working with women and children in Piura in northern

Peru.



Pern Rogelio Acea He is pastoring the Baptist Church of La Victoria. He also works with the drug rehab center "Nacer."



Joel Gamonal He is church planting in the impoverish area of Manchay in Lima.



Ana Maria Perez She works with Word of Life ministries in the evangelization of women and children.



Jonas Barbieri He is pastoring in Lima and planting churches in the poor rural areas north of Lima.



Carlos Garcia He is pastoring in Sullana and teaching in the Seminary.



Segundo Rodriguez He serves as the pastor at Church of the Savior in Barranco.

No Photo Available Gualberto Rodriguez
He works with Segundo
Rodriguez in the Church
of the Savior and is
planting a church in the
impoverished district of
Belen.



Melania Bondoret She works in Vulcana Pandele teaching children and young women.



Moises Maria Marin He is the coordinator of the Gypsy ministry in Bucharest and throughout Romania.



Luis Rubio
He is planting churches
in Aguas Verdes and
Zarumilla in Tumbes
with HeartCry missionary Parcemon Jimenez.



Cristian Bondoret He is working with the church planting team of missionaries in Dimbovita county.



Ion Marin
He is church planting
among the gypsies in
Bucharest.



Mario Salinas
He s working with the
Aguarunas of
Condorcanqui as a
church planter and
teacher:



Eugen Chis
He is planting a
church of 30
members in the
village of Ortelec,
close to the city of
Zalau.



Sammy Mitrofan He works in evangelism and discipleship throughout Romania and parts of Eastern Europe.



Adalberto Suarez He pastors "Lirio de los Valles" in Santa Clara, outside of Lima.



Cristian Ciuca
He is working with
youth and college
ministries in the city
of Bucharest.



Tonica Mihai
He is planting
churches in the
following gypsy
villages: Strehaia,
Grozesti, Menti and
Stolojeni.



**Diogenes Valverde**He is planting a church
and a Christian school
in Los Livos of Lima.



Daniel Cocos

He is planting
churches in
Pogoanele, Ciuta,
Florica, and Badila;
Pastors in Buzau.



John Mireuta

He is pastoring a church in Soimos and doing missionary work in Cladova.



Ernesto Zacarías He is pastor of the Peniel Baptist Church and the new work "Oasis" in Villa el Salvador.



Stefan Gae
He teaches and writes
material for Sunday
School Teachers. A
respected leader in
Romania.



Matei Muresan
He is pastoring in
Aiud and Teius;
Ministers in the
prison in Aiud
(maximum security).



Martin Zacarías He is working with "Word of Life" ministry in evangelism, discipleship, and Bible Clubs.



**Pavel Hadczy-Pop** *He is planting churches in Rimnicu- Sarat and Grebanu.* 



Marian Nae
He is planting
churches among the
Gypsies in Glina and
Bobesti.



Romania

Lidia Andronic

She works with children ministries in and around the capital city of Bucharest.



Sorin Iordan
He pastors a church
among the Gypsies in
Rosiorii de Vede and
is planting a church
in Alexandria



Alexandru Simona Palade He works with campus ministry in Brasov, Sibiu and Tirgoviste.



Sorin Prodan
He oversees HeartCry
missionaries in Eastern
Europe (Romania,
Moldova, Yugoslavia
and Ukraine).



John Serban He is church planting in Recas, Timis county.



Florin Stan
He works with the
missionary team in
Dimbovita county.



Marian Toma
He pastors a church in
Tunari (a very dangerous village controlled
by the Gypsy Mafia);
also planting churches
in Dimieni and Tamas.



Marius Toma
He is planting a church
among the Gypsies in
the Colentina district of
Bucharest. The area is
very immoral and
dangerous.



Mircea Toma
He pastors a church in
Radna and is planting
churches in nearby
Cladova.



Ion Tomeci
He works with campus
ministry in Timisoara.
He is one of our most
esteemed HeartCry
missionaries.



Marian Vale He works in church planting among Gypsies in Frunzanesti.



Ruxandra Vandici She is doing evangelism and discipleship among the university students in and around Bucharest.



**Valentin Voicila** *He is editor at "Radio Voice of the Gospel."* 



Nicolae Vulpe He works with the missionary team in Dimbovita county.



Ser bia Zoran Milovanovici He is planting a church in Deliblato, populated by Serbs, Romanians, and Gypsies.



Simo Ralevic
He is a national
leader who has
written and translated over 200 books.



Vladimir Radzihovski He is church planting in the city of Nizhnivartovsk (pop. 300,000).



Nkraine
Sandu Deac
He assists Gireada in
the work in Cerneuti
and works with
missions in the
surrounding areas.



Ion Gireada
He is our coordinator
for Ukraine. He
pastors in Rejiuneo
Cerneuti and is
planting churches in
Tereblegea and
Bahronesti.



**Ilie Hlusceac**He ministers as a church planter in the towns of Rosa Stinca and Cernauti.



Rustam Scripcenko
He works among the
Gypsies in the city of
Conotop. He has two
mission points in the
area.



Wally Vasylovych He translates study materials into the Russian and Ukrainian language.



Wilson Kamanga He works in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting.



Emmanuel Shakala He is a church planter in Chililabombwe (the copper belt of Zambia).



Kennedy Sunkutu He works in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting.



Lichawa Thole He works in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting.

Reports From The Dield



#### Ritesh Ranah

Indigenous HeartCry missionary to the Hindus and Buddhists of Pokara, Nepal.

Ritesh is our missionary to Nepal. He works in the village of Pokara, which is located seven miles from Kathmandu. Although Ritesh is Nepali, he has dual citizenship in both Nepal and India. Being

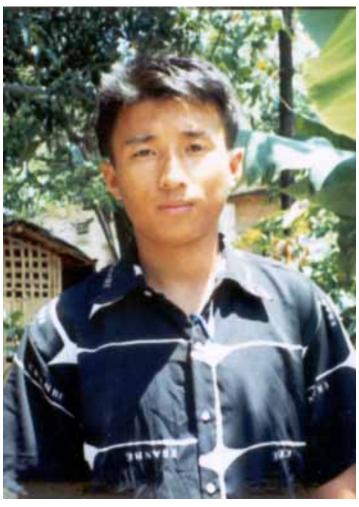
Nepali, he has no problem in communicating with those whom he seeks to reach for Christ. Ritesh joined the Grace Himalayan Mission in 2001 as a teacher at the Royal Ambassador Academy in Manipur. Soon after, the Lord called him to a full time church-planting ministry in Nepal. God has blessed Ritesh with a wonderful talent for singing and playing the guitar.

At the moment, Ritesh is teaching in a private school in Nepal where all the teachers and students are either Hindus or Buddhists. It is a very difficult work. He realizes that he has a real "Himalayan task" before him, but he takes great confidence in the Lord's faithfulness and power. Although he has been working in Nepal for only a few years, he has already had a tremendous impact in the area where he is ministering. His fluency in English, singing voice, and skill with the guitar have been used by God to reach out to the young and old alike. In fact, he is more occupied in sharing the Gospel than in teaching his classes. The school authorities are fully aware of his activities, but they are not opposing him because they can see the drastic changes in the lives of the students ever since he started teaching them the love of God.

Ritesh called me over the phone a few weeks ago to announce that he had started a home fellowship in his rented house. He invites his friends and students for regular Sunday worship and there has been a good response. It is our hope and prayer that the entire school will be converted and become a Christian school.

Please pray for Ritesh. He faces many dangers and

there are many restrictions on his daily movements because of the Maoist rebel movements in Nepal.



Nepalese missionary Ritesh Ranah planting churches among the Hindus and Buddhists of Pokara, Nepal.



Ritesh (white shirt in background) is pictured with many of his students whom he teaches in a private school in Nepal. All the teachers and students are either Hindus or Buddhists.



#### Sandu Deac

Brother Sandu and his family workwith fellow HeartCry missionary Ion Gireada in the work around the city of Cerneuti. He is also planting a church in Puieni.

By the grace of God, this month we will register our mission as a church! We now have around 30 families (almost 90 people) who regularly attended. The work is going very well and many people are open to the Gospel. Our only problem is a good one—we have no room left in the room where we are meeting!

An elderly couple that we have been visiting finally repented and confessed Christ as Savior and Lord! It was a great battle to win them to Christ because the Jehovah's Witnesses were constantly visiting them to pervert the sound doctrine that we were teaching. We praise God for His sovereignty! Nothing and no one can annul His plans! The couple has now come to the tent where we meet and repented publicly. They are both radically changed and do not miss any of our meetings!

Last month, I shared with you about Violeta, whose husband Andrei left her. She found herself alone, and unable to care for her old house and land. Because of this, many brothers and sisters in our church decided to fix up her house. Her neighbors have always criticized her because she became a "Repenter." But they could not believe it when our entire church showed up to fix up her house and land. Some of the neighbors were so amazed that they came to help us. Some even stayed afterwards to listen to our songs of praise! At the end of the day, Violeta's father, who lives in another village, came and listened to the Gospel. He cried like a baby! It is another proof that good deeds can be a great tool in sharing the Gospel! Please pray for Andrei's salvation.

Please pray for me. At the beginning of this year a friend gave me the money to buy a car. When I went to the police to register the car, they confiscated it! It seems that the papers were fake and I had bought a stolen car! The devil knows that I need a car in order to travel to the different villages under my care. Please pray that everything will be resolved.

Some of the believers congregating in the new church. The temperature in the tent is cold, but the hearts are made warm by the love of Christ and fellowship of the Spirit.



Dandu and Marta Deac and their daughter work as HeartCry missionaries to Ukraine.





Ilie Hlusceac

Brother Illie and his family serve as HeartCry missionaries to Ukraine. They serve in the city of Rosa Stinca - in the neighborhood of Cernauti.

Something interesting happened this month. I left my car unlocked while I was visiting a family. When I returned, I realized that my Bible and a few brochures were missing. It was easy to see that someone had gone through my things. I was very sad that the thieves had stolen the Bible that was given to me in Siberia in 2001. I went home and prayed with my family for my Bible. The next day, I received a phone call from the Pentecostal pastor who lives on the same street with me. It seems that a couple of young drug addicts were looking for money in my car, and took whatever looked like it might have value. A short while later, they were convicted about what they had done and gave the Bible to the Pentecostal pastor. They told him that they had "found" it and wanted it to be returned to its owner. The pastor read through the notes that I had written in my Bible and recognized that it was mine. I believe that this is a miracle and a wonderful answer to prayer. I know the young boys who stole my Bible and I see this as a door that the Lord has opened in order for me to witness to them, their families, and friends. Please pray that they will receive the Word!

I praise the Lord that we have now ordained two deacons in our church! It is a great confirmation to me that the Lord is blessing the work and that it is growing. Their ministries will help me to focus more on my work as a pastor and missionary. Please pray that we may be able to reach the people for Christ. They are always so busy in



their daily activities that they have no time for eternal things. We want to use every means possible to reach them with the Gospel. Also pray for one of our families in the church that immigrated to United States. Their desire to have more material things prevailed over their desire to serve the Lord.



Left: Illie listening
carefully at this
years HeartCry
Missionary Conference in Ukraine. Illie
has been faithful to
serve the Lord in
Ukraine as well as
Siberia.

Above: Illie, with his wife Marina, and his three sons: Petru, Andrei, and Roman.



#### **Anatol Dunas**

Anatol is HeartCry's national coordinator for Moldova. He also pastors a church in Cahul and teaches at the Theological College of Cahul. His current church plants are in Badicu Moldovenesc,

Cotihana, and Larga.

This month we baptized seven new believers in Christ. About 150 people attended the baptism and 50 of them were not believers. Some parents did not come to see the baptism, but they later confessed that they were happy about the decision made by their children. There were three people that could not be baptized because they faced problems with their families.

#### Igor Seremet

Igor and his family are planting a church in Anenii Noi (central part of Moldova). They have three other works close to Anenii Noi.

Greetings from Moldova! The Anenii Noi Filadelfia Church (ANFC) sends its love to each of you and your churches. We are very glad that God has chosen us to help build his kingdom up to this point. Our church was founded in 1997. We now have 50 members in addition to 15 teenagers and 15 children.

From the very beginning, we planted this church with the vision to plant others. By God's grace, we have church plants in the villages of Rascani and Speia, and a preaching point in a village named Telita.

When we first started the church in Anenii Noi, we met for a few months in a school for music students. After a short while, the authorities intervened and prohibited us from meeting there. We moved into another school and after a few months the same thing happened again. They told us that schools could not be used as churches. At that time, we began to meet in homes. We moved from place to place for two years until one of our members gave us a room in his pizza restaurant. This has served us well up till now, but we need to move into a larger place.

The place where we are is a business and our time is very limited. On Sundays we have no room and no place for Sunday school. Finally, we must meet on the third floor and the elderly people must climb three flights of steep concrete stairs to get to the service. I am afraid that they will not be able to come to our services anymore, or worse yet, they may fall and be injured. We currently have one place near the center of town that we think will work. If it is God's will, we will move there.





Igor and his lovely wife Mariana are planting church in the city of Anenii Noi. This picture was taken at this year's HeartCry Pastors Conference in Ukraine.



#### Vadim Bulgac

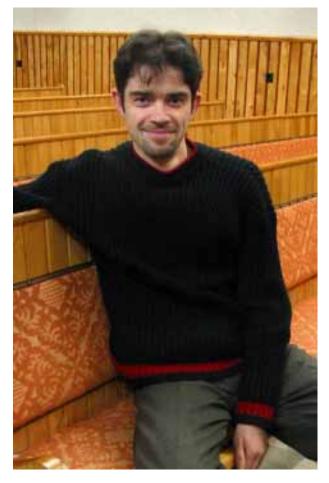
Valdim is planting a church in Bacioi, Moldova. It now has nearly 20 baptized members. He is also teaching a history class at the local school with the purpose of reaching teachers and children for Christ.

This month, a friend of mine, who is a poet, invited me to attend a meeting of poets and literary critics. Most of them are postmodernists. One of them recited a few poems yet to be published that contained anti-Christian ideas. I stood to make some comments about his words and God opened the door for me to preach to them for about 25 minutes. The Spirit of God made me bold and I told them that science and human wisdom could not bring them any closer to God. I then told them that they must repent of their sins and be honest before God. I thank the Lord for the wonderful opportunity that He gave me and I pray that the Word will find a place in their hearts.

Vadim Bulgac is a HeartCry missionary in

Moldova. This picture was taken at the HeartCry

conference in Romania.



Zoran Milovanovic having breakfast with HeartCry director Paul Washer at this year's HeartCry Pastors Conference in Romania.

### Serbia Zoran Milovanovic

Zoran and his wife Liliana are HeartCry missionaries to Serbia. They work together in church planting.

I would like to share with you something that blessed our lives this month. I went together with my wife to Arandjelovat for three days of fellowship with brother Simo Ralevic. He used this opportunity to send me to the lost sheep of his church. As we visited people, we met a Chinese family and discovered that the mother is a believer in Christ who had been looking for a congregation of believers for the last four years. We read the New Testament together and discovered that we have the same doctrinal convictions. She was so happy because she had finally met other brothers and sisters in Christ. She came to church and sang a few hymns in Chinese. It was the first time in four years that she was able to participate in the Lord's Supper. She agreed to come to Kovin where we minister full time. Please pray for her husband who is not a believer.



# Taking the Gospel to the Universities of Romania

Ever since HeartCry has worked in Romania, we have supported a few missionaries on the university campuses. At the present, we are supporting three extraordinary campus ministers and their families - Alexandru Palade, Ion Tomeci, and Ruxi Vandici. In the following pages, you will find a few of the testimonies of God's work among them.

#### Ruxi Vandici

Ruxi is supported in part by the HeartCry Missionary Society. She works with the Bucharest Evangelical Christian Student Organization in the discipleship of the young women attending the universities in and around the capital city of Bucharest.

The students have recently finished an evangelism and discipleship course. We have been teaching this course for a year and a half, and we were very glad to hear how God has used it to help the students understand that the Great Commission is every Christian's responsibility and privilege. The following are some of the thoughts they shared with us at the end of the course:

- \* Adina Olariu: "Each lesson has taught me something very important. I learned that evangelism is a life-style."
- \* Roxana Rebigan: "I understood how vital discipleship is; how powerful multiplication is; what it means to really invest your life in other people."
- \* Emi Ologeanu: "The course was very helpful for me. I realized that evangelism and discipleship is every Christian's responsibility. I now have a clearer vision about the Great Commission."
- \* Corina Ivan: "It was very helpful for me to share with the others the fears that I have related to evangelism. I was motivated to trust God and go."
- \* Adina Ologeanu: "Many times my colleagues have asked me questions about God and my faith, but I could not answer them. The part we studied on apologetics was very useful to me. I understood that evangelism is a process and we need to pray and depend upon God - only He can change people."

Through last month's time of prayer and fasting, God has taught us more about dependence upon Him in every-



thing that we do. We have learned that building God's kingdom is His work and not ours. We are only the instruments He uses. We pray that He would show His power and glory among us by saving people and changing them into the likeness of His Son. To conclude, I would like to share with you the testimony of a few people who have been converted through our ministry:

#### Carmen Duta

The road which led to my salvation started in secondary school, when my religion teacher started taking us to the Orthodox Church. Even though I was very young, I had a feeling that God was not the way the Orthodox Church described Him. I stopped attending their services and prayed at home by myself. During high school, my grandmother was converted and she began to attend a Baptist church. My desk mate at school was a Baptist also, and so I attended her church several times. There I discovered that they were preaching about the true God. When I graduated high school, my grandma gave me a bracelet and booklet that explained the Gospel and ended with the sinner's prayer. I repeated that prayer which spoke of the way to receive salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and gain eternal life with God.

Then I went on to the university, I lost contact with other Christians, and went back to my old life-styles. I was living in the world, but I had no peace. At the end of my second University year, my former high-school desk mate invited me to OSCEB's (the Christian student group) meetings and the summer English camp. At the camp, I met many Christians and began learning from the Bible. I es-



Some of the university girls that Ruxi is discipling. They were gathered together at the Holy Trinity Baptist Church in Bucharest in order to attend HeartCry's first Bible conference among university students. This years teachers were Charles Leiter, Steve Welch, and Paul Washer.

but most of all God used the personal testimony of Alexandra and Bogdan, the couple who had become Christians just two months before. We all prayed that God would mightily use their testimonies, and He did! The following are some of the things Bogdan shared at the meeting:

pecially liked the Bible studies, because they helped me understand the passages we were discussing. I felt that I was getting closer to God. After the camp, I continued meeting with other Christians and I was even invited to join a small group Bible study. The girls in the group helped me to understand more about God and His nature, but I still had the feeling that God was not accepting me, although that was my greatest desire.

One day, the girls invited me to an evangelistic meeting where brother Paul Washer was preaching. I went there and listened carefully. I felt that everything he said was about me. He talked about people who think they are saved but are not, about our need to live in total dependence upon God, and many other things that seemed to be addressed to me personally. I was deeply troubled by that sermon. On the way back home I told God that I wanted to be His with everything that I am. I realized that salvation was only through Him, and that I could not do anything to manipulate Him to do anything for me. At the same time, I felt that it was also His will to save me. Suddenly I felt His love, His acceptance, and His joy. I know that I was saved. I felt a great desire to get closer to Him in order to find out what He wanted to do with my life, in order to be able to live out His will, and to have a real relationship with Him. I am not always obedient to Him, but God gave me a strong desire to follow Him, to seek Him more, to know Him more, and never to renounce the life lived through Him.

#### Alexandra and Bogdan

Ruxi writes, "The highlight of the evangelistic activities of the month was an apologetics meeting where the topic was "Postmodernism from a Christian perspective." The talk was very challenging for the non-Christian students, I grew up as an atheist. I was

really convinced that there was no God. If someone had told me a few months ago that in two months I would stand in front of so many people and tell them about the miracle that God had done in my life, I would have called them crazy. I really hope that one day every one of you will stand here and do the same. Two years ago I met some Christians who had so much joy and peace and love in their hearts. I really wanted to have what they had. I used to think that they were so lucky to have faith, because I could not believe in God. Actually, my problem was not that I could not believe in God, but that I wanted a God who would fit me, who would be the way I wanted Him to be. I can tell you now that God is more wonderful than we could ever imagine. As I started reading the Bible, I understood more about God, but it was only at the intellectual level. Then one day, God touched my heart and I saw myself as horribly sinful and undeserving of His great love for me. I understood that Jesus died for my sins, and that only through Him I could be saved. I surrendered to Him, and from that moment He filled me with joy and with a great desire to praise Him and live for His glory!

#### Felicia

Ruxi writes, "For me it is very encouraging to see that even though students have exams now, most of the people in my groups come to the meetings and are very willing to study the Word of God. One of these students who have a great hunger for the Bible is Felicia. She is a great blessing in my life. I remember back, one and a half years ago, when at our first Bible study together she asked me whether all people were saved or not. I dropped my plans for that study and shared with her the Gospel. God had already worked in her heart and she was ready to repent and

believe in Jesus Christ. During the last one and a half years I have been meeting with Felicia for weekly discipleship. I can see the great transformation that God has done in her life. She has a great desire to see other people saved. Maybe the greatest miracle that God has done in her heart is that He took away all the hatred she accumulated over the years against her father. She now prays for his salvation and the salvation of her entire family. She plans to go to Bible school in the fall because she wants to be able to help other Christians grow in their faith. Glory to God for His work of salvation! The following is the testimony of Felicia's conversion, in her own words:

I believe that these words will bring joy to many Christians, as I join them with my testimony about the mercy of God and His desire for us to turn to Him. This testimony is about how God has worked in my heart and brought me to Himself, and how the Holy Spirit helps me continue living in His presence.

As I write, I will try to point out how my search started and what exactly caused it. From early childhood I felt victimized in a family where both parents used alcohol, and where verbal and physical abuse were present all the time. Gradually, I developed a horrible temper myself, and I felt hatred against those who had the chance to be born into healthy families. Growing up with this inner suffering caused by the verbal and physical abuse I had to

Ruxi is a very special instrument that God has raised up to evangelize and disciple young girls at the university. Her ministry is bearing much fruit.



witness, and living in a society where God's name is mentioned all the time (although without any respect and reverence), I started wondering why God allows suffering. Considering my place in my family a misfortune, and not knowing the plan of God, I was always blaming God and holding Him responsible for my suffering. As I look back, I believe that it was all a part of God's plan. He made me search for Him, He made me ponder about what He is really like, and He made me realize that my own thoughts and actions were enough to condemn me to eternal death. Through circumstances that are not very important, I started visiting an evangelical church. I could not understand what made me attend, especially since I consider all such churches to be cults. Now that I am a Christian, I realize that it was God Himself who brought me to be among His people so that I could get to know and enjoy Him. While attending the church, God revealed His Word to me, and the people's prayers showed me that one can have a relationship with God. The first sermon that I ever heard at the church showed me the sin in my life, but it did not challenge me to make a decision. I continued attending the church without deciding to follow Christ.

One Sunday morning, Ruxi Vandici sat next to me. At the end of the service, we started talking and she asked me whether I was a student. She invited me to her Christian student organization that ministers to university students. I began to attend their meetings, and the two of us began to study the Bible together. I believe that God sent one of His people to help me know and experience Him. Through Ruxi, God worked in my life. She presented to me the whole Gospel, and helped me to realize my sinfulness and the wrath of God that was upon me. She told me that God sent His only Son to restore our relationship with Him through the death of Jesus on the cross. He was killed by His own creatures - by you and me, by my sins and yours. He endured our hatred and the wrath of God so that, by trusting in His sacrifice, we can be saved. That moment I realized how much God loved me. He died so that I could have eternal life, the forgiveness of sins, and a restored relationship with Him. WHAT A GREAT LOVE!

I believed that Jesus is the Son of God and through His blood my sins are forgiven. Since the moment of my conversion, God has been working in my life to change me, and lead me to renounce all the things in my life that are a hindrance to my spiritual growth. My desire is to glorify Him. I now thank Him for using the situation in my family to turn me to Him. Two years ago, I would have never believed that suffering could bring life, that God wanted to have a relationship with me, or that He loved me. At the end of this testimony, I would like to thank God for saving me and to ask you to pray for the salvation of my family. To God be the glory, power, and praise forever and ever! Amen.



#### Alexandru Palade

Alexandru and his wife Simona are
HeartCry missionaries ministering on campus in the city of
Sibiu. We have been supporting them from the very beginnings of our work in Romania. They are two of the finest missionaries we have the privilege to support. The fol-

lowing are a few of the testimonies from those who have been blessed by their work:



Vili

A Bearer of Good News

In May, Vili (one of my disciples) lost his mother to cancer. God opened the door for him to visit her several times before her death. In the last months of her life, she began to listen to "The Voice of the Gospel" on the radio. The day before she died, Vili traveled from Brasov to Timisoara to spend time with his mother and share the Gospel with her. He was unaware that it would be their last meeting together. After speaking at length with his mother, Vili was convinced that she had truly come to know the Lord. Praise the Lord! This is the second time that God has used Vili to share the Gospel with dying people. The first time was in the city of Bacau where Vili shared the Gospel with an elderly catholic woman who died later that night.

#### Marius

A Real Christian

Marius is a university student from Brasov who has professed Christ as his Savior and is bearing much fruit. He lives in a room with several other students who are involved in much drunkenness and immorality. Because he does not participate in their sins, they mock him and make fun of him almost constantly. One day, when they were mocking him, another young man from the same gang entered into the room. When he witnessed their mockery, he became very angry and declared: "You are always mocking Marius, but you know that you cannot find any fault in his life! You can see by the way he lives that he is a real Christian!!!"

#### Maria

Struggling with Sin

Crina and Maria are two students who have recently professed faith in Jesus Christ. Crina seems to be doing fine, but Maria is struggling with one main sin - it is very difficult for her to quit smoking. In spite of this sin there is evidence of true conversion. She declares, "I know something has happened to me because now I would rather spend my free time alone in my room reading the Bible than to go to the disco. My roommates are constantly mocking me since they have begun to notice this change in my life."

#### Ion Tomeci

Ion and his wife Ani are HeartCry missionaries ministering on campus in the city of Timisoara. We have been supporting them from the very beginnings of our work in Romania. Like Alex and Simona, they are two of the finest missionaries we have the privilege to support. The following are a few of the testimonies from their lives and ministries:

We see the good hand of the Lord upon our family. Our son Flavius is a child with a great deal of energy and he is constantly testing our patience. We try to have a balanced environment of love, freedom, and discipline. One day, he and I went together to a place where they fix watches. We stayed there for five minutes while the watchmaker fixed the band on my watch. On the way home, Flavius realized that he had forgotten his water bottle (he cares a great deal about that bottle because it belongs on his bike). Before going any further, we stopped to think where he might have left it. We remembered that we could have left it in the shop where my watch was repaired. I asked him to pray, and I sent him back to the repair shop. After ten minutes he came back with the bottle, saying: "Daddy, no one took my bottle. I found it exactly where I left it." Since it was a public place where many people come and go, Flavius was impressed to see that the Lord had answered his prayer. Now, when we pray and I see that he does not feel like it, I remind him about what happened with his favorite bottle and I can see a change in his attitude.

A few months ago, I went with three of my colleagues to a conference in Budapest. It was the second time that I have traveled to Hungary by train. It is always interesting to cross the border because we Romanians were restricted

### Reports From The Field



Ion and Ani Tomeci have been a great blessing and source of encouragement to those of at HeartCry. Their passion for Christ and desire for souls is truly amazing.

under communism from leaving our country. I was curious to see how the customs and immigration people would treat us. While we were waiting, a lady approached us and asked if we would help her take some cigarettes across the border. We politely refused but she insisted. When we continued to refuse, she asked us if we were believers. When we confessed that we were, she walked away in amazement, shaking her head.

Things went well for us at immigration and so we boarded the train. At our second stop in Hungary, we saw a large group of university students getting on. Two of them asked permission to join us and we gladly welcomed them. I thought that they were Hungarians, but then I realized that they were a group of Jews from Sweden. One of them, named Boris, was born in Saint Petersburg, Russia, but immigrated with his family to Sweden when he was eight. He carefully listened as we shared our Christian love towards the Jews and our hope in Jesus Christ. I asked them if they had ever read the New Testament, but they had not. I do not speak English very well, but I was glad for the opportunity to talk to them. When we left the train in Budapest, we had formed a friendship. They even let

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me pray for them. They were very talented and well educated students, but far from the Gospel. May the Lord have mercy on Boris and his friend, Daniel.

One of the students that I am discipling at the university is also named Daniel. He is the only child in his family and is very careful not to upset his parents in any way. Everything was "going well" in Daniel's life until he was introduced to Jesus Christ and his life began to change. His parents began to notice that he was staying away from home more often, and returning later in the evening. When they asked him what he was doing, he would only tell them that he was spending time with some colleagues from the university. When they asked him about his colleagues and the activities he was involved in, he would always avoid answering. They even began to think that Daniel was involved in drugs or something horrible. The



problem was that Daniel had no courage to tell them the truth about his newly found faith in Christ. Many of us prayed that Daniel would have the courage to tell his parents about his faith and his new Christian friends, but he asked us not to tell his parents anything. He thought that since they were Orthodox, they would become terribly upset with him.

One day, Daniel was supposed to come to a rehearsal for our Christmas play. He was to be one of the magi. Before he left the house, his mother found his costume and script. She did not understand what it was about so she went to the priest who lived near by. The priest looked at the paper and said: "This is good. He is probably involved with the Baptists, but that is not something bad." The priest's words helped her to calm down. When we met for prayer that evening, Daniel was happy that his parents finally knew about his faith and held nothing against him. We were glad to see how God had mercy on Daniel and worked in his life. The other day he told me "It does not matter that I return home late, because my parents know where I am!" Daniel has begun to read the Scriptures and is growing very fast. He has begun to witness with us on campus. God is working beyond our understanding and He is able to find solutions to all our problems. We are amazed at His works!

Ani Tomeci (center in white T-shirt) is witnessing in the park with a team of other college students.

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Some of

the many students

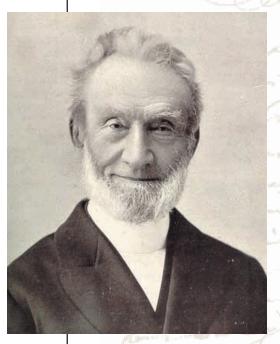
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HeartCry has gladly agreed to promote the distribution of one of the greatest and most important testimonies to the faithfulness of God in the history of the Church. Outside of the Scriptures, the autobiography of George Muller has been the most influential book in my life and I recommend it without reservation. Up until now, this book has been available only in its



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Washer, HeartCry
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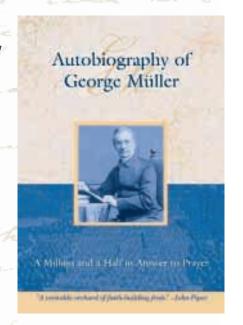
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herefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (II Corinthians 5:17-21).

# HeartCry Missionary Society Schedule 2003 - 2004 December 2003

21st First Baptist Church of Mayfield Spanish

Mission Mayfield, KY

Paul will be preaching during the morning worship service at 12:00PM. For more information, you may

contact Ms. Frances Irizarry
First Baptist Church of Mayfield

118 West South Street Mayfield, KY 42066 270-247-2992

28th First Baptist Church of Mayfield Spanish

Mission Mayfield, KY. (information provided above)

January 2004

25th - Saulsbury Baptist Church

30th Saulsbury, TN

The meetings will begin each evening at 7:00 PM. For more information, you may contact Bro. Jim Madden at 731-764-2213.

February 2004

27th - Great Commission Prayer Conference

28th Birmingham, AL

For more information, you may contact the Alabama 16th

Baptist Convention at (800) 264-1225

March 2004

1st - Western Kentucky University- College Conference.

3rd Location- Bowling Green, KY
More information to follow

9th- Midwest Founder's Conference

12th This year's conference will be held at the First

Baptist Church of St. Peters, MO

3533 Mid Rivers Mall Saint Peters, MO 63376

636-397-3405

14th - First Baptist Church of Muscle Shoals

18th Muscle Shoals, AL

Paul will be preaching Sunday morning and each evening. For more information, you may contact Mrs. Judy Thompson at 256 - 381-

7495

April 2004

29 th - Father/Son Family Retreat

May 1st Gainesville, GA

Paul will share the speaking responsibilities with Kevin Brownfield. Paul will likely speak five times during the meetings. For more information or to register for the conference you may go to the website of the retreat host,

www.doncurrinministries.org

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6th - Delray Baptist Church

8th Alexandria, VA

Paul will be preaching Sunday morning

through Tuesday evening.

For additional information or directions you

may contact Delray Baptist Church at 703-

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The One True God – A study of the attributes of God by Paul David Washer

Written Briefly - Brief outlines and articles for the edification of the Church of the living God, by Bob Jennings

#### Audio (mp3):

The First Annual HeartCry Conference 2003 – Teaching from the May HeartCry conference in four sessions.

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# What part of "GO" do you not understand? Matthew 28:18-20



A Hindu woman drawing water at a local well - What part of God to you not understand

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