



“Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.”

James 1:27

May 2022

Dear Friends,

A few special events have happened this past month. David, one of our teenagers, was baptized on Good Friday. Our church had a special evangelistic service and then several young people were baptized. We are excited that David has chosen to follow the Lord. Easter service was also great with a special time to pray for those who needed healing afterwards.

Our 20-year celebration was wonderful. 86 people came. We would have had 100 but several had to cancel at the last minute. Praise God it was a beautiful day so we could be inside and outside. Most of the children who had been at Beraca and who are still in Romania came plus lots of the past workers and others who have been involved in Beraca. It was great to see everyone. Some of our children, now grown up, came with their wives and their own children. As we went through all of the pictures to make a power point, we were overwhelmed at all God has done over the years and the lives He has touched. The pictures when we had 22 children and teenagers made us realize again just how faithful God has been to us over the years.

To celebrate May 1, our church had a picnic at a place that had fishing, volleyball and other activities. At least 250 people attended. Our children fished most of the time. They didn't catch anything significant, but they had fun doing it. There was lots of food, too. The weather was perfect, sunny and warm. It was fun to get out of the village and enjoy the day with everyone from church.

The following weekend, we went to another village where our American friend lives. We had a cook-out there as well. He has a big yard with lots of things for our children and teenagers to do. The weather was perfect again. It was an enjoyable day.

Other friends of ours from America came this week to visit. We took food to the widows with them. We have also been taking wood to the widows to get them ready for winter. While most of our original widows have passed away, we still have several who have become widows over the last couple of years. The ladies are always so appreciative for the food and even more so for the fellowship. Being a widow can be very lonely when no family is around.

Again, we want to thank all of you for your prayers and financial giving. They reach so many people. We pray all of the mothers had a wonderful Mother's Day.

With our love,
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