

SUMMER 2019



"Time flies!" The summer is over and activities are returning to normal.

I am excited to tell you that we had the opportunity to minister this summer in the Relevant Church of Cluj Napoca with Pastor Ionica Martonfi and his wife Cristina. This couple, along with Diana Mateiu, serve as the counselors of the Church where we are currently training. As of May of this year, we have been going once a month for a week at a time to not only conduct training, but also to sit in on counseling sessions at the

church. Diana is a psychologist who is committed to bringing the Christian worldview to bear in ministering to the human soul. She is the real engine of this ministry. We ask for your prayers that the vision of this church to be a great influence for Christ in this community would be realized.

We also visited the "La Roca" church, which is a church aimed at young Hungarian families. Its pastor David and his wife met us to learn more



about the subject of ministry counseling for their church. This fall we will continue the conversations to see if the door opens to this ministry.



These ladies are part of a second group of counselors for families in Ghimbav, a small city near Brasov. Iuleana is a pastor's wife and part of the counselor training we're doing. They started this group with other interested friends, and we meet with them once a month.

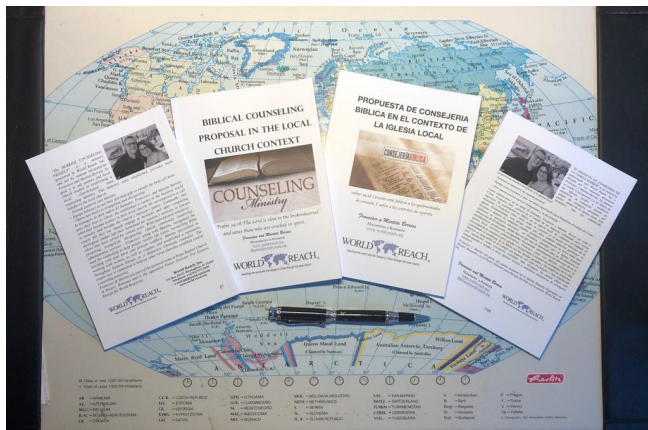


A highlight of the summer was the youth camp that we conducted. The camps were led by Brother Apollo who works in the church camp facilities. Pictured here are some of the children and youth that attended. The beauty and majesty of God's creation was on display as the children came together to seek and share in the heart of Jesus!

September starts with a trip to Bulgaria. We will be teaching at the annual family camp of the Hungarian church in Purcaren, along with other Hungarian friends who have joined this year. The second week of September, I will be traveling to Mutier, Switzerland to visit the Biblical Church of that city and its pastor Philip Ribe, continuing the work of Biblical counseling. In the third week of September, we will have our second annual retreat with the whole church, where we will spend three days together in preparation to start the new year.

We ask for your prayers for health and provision for the family and the ministry as Paul asked for the Colossians:

² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. - Colossians 4:2-3



In closing, we have many reasons to be thankful, one of which is that we finally published our book, THE PROPOSAL OF BIBLICAL COUNSELING IN THE LOCAL CHURCH CONTEXT! The book is proving to be a critical resource as we engage in the ministry of training counselors.

Hugs,

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