



Francisco & Martita Berrios

Christmas 2023 and Happy 2024!



New Members Class

Thirty-eight new members were presented on November 19th at the church. We do this class every 6 months, and this time there was a very significant number of new brothers and sisters who went through the class in which we introduce them to the church. For six Sundays, they were with the pastors of the church. Then it was my turn to close the class cycle with a moment dedicated to the topic of discipleship within the church and biblical counseling. It is a very special time to share the soul care options that Esperanza Church offers its members. We know that we still need to improve, but we are determined to grow in pastoral care for the souls of the congregation.



The International Student class continues to grow! Alexandu got married in his country of Rwanda, and he has brought his wife to Brasov. He, along with Rebeca, are doctoral students in cyber security at the University of Brasov. We have an international group of nine members in the church.



As part of the group of department leaders of the church, we are evaluating the church through a diagnosis among all of us to improve what we are doing. The group is made up of brothers and sisters very committed to the work of God and the ministry of the church. We thank God for them; please pray for them. Below, from left to right starting from the back they are: Valeriu, Paul, Emilia, Violeta, Luminitxa, Camelia, Daniela, Andi, Catalin, Liviu, Rebeca, Gean, Adi, Philip, Ilie, and your servant, Francisco. Marius & Rodica missed the meeting.





MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

It has been a very difficult year in relation to Francisco's health: a heart operation in February in Houston, Texas, and an emergency hospitalization in May in Romania for another episode with his heart. Today he is fine, and since he is being treated with his medicines, he is leading a normal life. Please pray for Martita as these episodes have caused her a lot of pain and uncertainty.

HELP US IN PRAYER FOR:

- Giving thanks for 4 new disciples of the counseling ministry in the church during the year 2023. This gives us a lot of encouragement.
- Giving thanks for a full scholarship for Francisco to study a Master's Degree in biblical counseling online at Grace College & Seminary in Winona, Indiana.
- We give thanks for the faithfulness of several brothers, sisters, and churches who continue to support this ministry financially by giving to World Reach, and who support us in prayer so that we can continue doing ministry in Romania. THANK YOU SO MUCH.
- We give thanks for the ministry of Esperanza Baptist Church of Brasov in which we serve as pastors alongside senior pastor Claudio Preda.
- Pray for the discipleship ministry, there are many people to serve.
- Pray for the financial support we are responsible to raise for the mission of World Reach to serve in Romania. There is always a need for provision to cover the expenses of life and ministry.

We greet you with these wishes of the apostle Paul to the Colossians - desires that we hope will be fulfilled in us too.

"and above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God."

Colossians 3:14-16

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Missionaries in Brasov, Romania



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