

FRANCISCO & MARTITA BERRIOS



SPRING IN BRASOV!

It's already March, and in Romania it's almost a national holiday! People are happy that spring has arrived and that the worst of winter is behind us. People have the habit of giving each other gifts and wishing each other Happy Spring!

Life blooms again! I took this photograph on March 4th in front of our church building, and you can see how the dry branches are beginning to bloom. It is a wonderful spectacle when everything brown and sad becomes green and alive again.

The Hope Baptist Church in Brasov is also in spring. We have begun our preparation course for those who are going to be baptized at the end of this month. This time there will be about 16 people that we will baptize. It will be a celebration of joy for the church and the friends and family of the newly baptized. The church organizes these events two to three times a year, and it is always a cause for joy.



NEW BELIEVERS

Lidia, Dana, and Sabina are new members of the church in the process of discipleship. I have an interview with all the new members to form small discipleship groups. These three girls are from the last group that has come to the church. We thank God for them.

DEACONS MEETING

The church approved the budget management for the year 2023 and authorized the 2024 budget. We want to thank God for the financial provision for budget execution and the projects of 2023. In the photo is part of the group of pastors and deacons of Hope Baptist Church.



PLANNING FOR THE CHURCH

In this photo, there are four leaders of church departments. We are in the process of situational diagnosis and planning for the church with Pastor Claudio Preda. It is comforting to serve the church in this area as well. During the months of February and March, we are meeting weekly with leaders and working on the future of the church.



UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS

Gheorghe Pordea is the former pastor of our church. Today he promotes the distribution of solar-powered radios to bring the gospel and the Bible to remote places in unreached ethnic groups. With these radios, he is helping us to bless fellow missionaries working in Peru and who are supported by our sending church in El Salvador. God works in mysterious ways to bless His children, and this is a good example of God blessing his children in South America from Eastern Europe!!



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Thanksgiving for the provision during 2023 for us and for the finances of our church.
- For the group of new members who are going to be baptized at the end of March.
- For the new converts who will start a class for new members this April.
- The legal process in the courts against the insurance company that refuses to pay for Francisco's hospitalization in the United States in February 2023.
- For provision of \$850 more in monthly World Reach support. We have 80% of the amount that we are responsible to raise.
- For Francisco's Master's studies in counseling at Grace University in Indiana, USA. He is already halfway through.



If you would like to partner with a one-time gift or recurring monthly gifts to provide the support we must raise for the mission of World Reach to serve in Romania, here is more information:

- To donate online, go to **world-reach.org/donate** to give once or set up a monthly gift via credit card.
- We also offer the option to give monthly via an **Electronic Funds Transfer** from your bank account. This is our preferred method because you will incur no third-party processing fee, and the transfer can be set up by going to world-reach.org/donate and clicking on **"EFT Giving"** at the top of the page.
- To give by check made payable to World Reach, mail to the address below with a note indicating your preference for supporting **"Berrios Ministry"**.