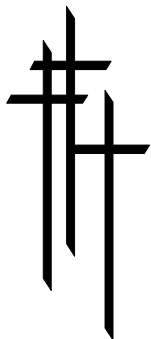


# 3RD DAY / 3-A ZI



So what's all this about taking 3rd Day to Romania? Both Sebi and Jeanette have mentioned it in their contributions to this special Romania edition of the Messenger. For a few months now I have been talking to a few people about sharing 3rd Day with our partner church. I had felt a strong call to at least investigate the possibilities. So on the latest trip we had a meeting with the church leadership and discussed the possibilities with various members of the church and with their choir leader. The suggestion is that we work together to produce 3rd Day in Romania at Easter 2012.

Perhaps the issue of most concern is the language barrier. The young people do learn English at school and some adults can communicate in English, but it is really important that the meaning of the songs is conveyed clearly to all who hear it. When I have shared songs in Romania I have had a translation for each verse displayed as I sing through the song. It does work well, thanks to Damaris who has done all of my translating to date. She is really gifted in this and not only gives a translation but conveys the sentiment and emotion of the song as well. So the idea for 3rd day would be to run a dvd with the music backing track and 'subtitles' for the songs at the same time. The Romanian Choir and soloists would sing most of the songs in English, but any spoken narration or scripture would be read in Romanian. Thine be the Glory is already sung in Romanian, so that is how we will do it!

It is for Sebi and his people to decide whether we go ahead with this. We will support them because of our shared ministry as partner churches. It would be their project and presented predominantly by them, but it would be fantastic if we could take some choir and soloists from the UK to join in. There may also be the chance to get involved in some mission or charity work while we are there. There will be holiday, travel and cost implications, but we will try to have money raised to help.

We hope to have visitors from Petrosani with us this Easter to strengthen our church link and experience 3rd Day first hand while they are here. We will need to help them with some of the cost and provide hospitality for them while they are here. If you would like to help by direct sponsorship or by raising funds in some way, please let Roger know.

And... if you are at all interested in 3rd Day International(!), please speak with me - it will be a fantastic experience.

*Paul Savill*



*For this special Romania edition of the Messenger, Pastor Sebi has sent news from Golgota Baptist Church. Petrosani is in the Hunedoara region of Romania. Why not take a look on Google Earth or Maps?*

## **The visit of the Market Drayton team.**

It was a real blessing for us to continue and renew our partnership by the visit of Roger and team. We appreciate the ministry that the team are doing here in Petrosani; pastor Roger preaching and teaching, Paul songs and testimony, Jeannette support for the team and encouraging and serving here. We spend and blessed time at the end of 2010 and beginning at 2011.

Please receive thanks from our Church committee and especially from the people that feel in a practical way the love of Christ by finance for their home heating systems. All of these 8 people are old, poor and in the winter the temperature inside is near the temperature outside, they haven't any source and possibilities for heating. Your help is a real blessing for each of them and give them the possibilities to get through the winter easier; they give a lot of praise to God for you and thanks to you from their hearts.

We start here the discussion about 3rd Day project, and we are in a time that we pray for that and want to receive God's guidance and will.

## **CHURCH NEWS AND INFORMATION**

On February 13th we had our annual members meeting; it was a year when we elect a new committee for next 4 years. We have now in the staff of our Church:

Sebastian Padurean – pastor, Pop Tudor – elder, Marius Darie- treasurer, Iordache Iulian – secretary and 3 other committee members.

On March 13th we will have a special worship service to consecrate brother Pop Tudor as an elder for our local Church.

On March 6th we will have a Family evening. The service on the Church will have focus on family and after that we will have a meal together with families; 1 family from the Church invites one family outside from the Church.

On March 5th we will have our general meeting of Comunitate (Hunedoara county), with pastors and delegates from Churches.

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March 7th - The sisters will have a special meeting in the Church- for mother and woman day.

On March 12th the sisters will organize an seminary PROLIFE, against abortion in collaboration with some organization.

We decide at our annual Church meeting to focus so that we can buy the land near Church; we open the way for the members to donate money specially for this project. It is a big amount for our possibilities but we pray God to help us in this project.

We will continue to be in touch with new information.

Sebastian Padurean

*We thank Sebi for sending news to us and for taking the time to write to us in English—no mean feat! Please pray for Sebi, his wife Carmen and for the church leadership that they will continue to seek and find God’s will for their church and mission and know His provision for them.*

## Market Drayton Romania Link Report.

Romania Link recently held a fundraising dinner where we were joined by Daniel and Ema Hristea from Sacele in Romania. Daniel is the president of FAST – a charity that works with Rroma families; building better homes, giving music lessons and running an educational programme for children to support them in their first year at school by teaching them, providing them with a meal and giving them a shower and new clothes if they need them. Derek Wanless and his family worked on the better homes project with Daniel’s team in the summer. It was an extremely rewarding experience.

I spent time getting to know Simona, the new teacher/social worker now in charge of the small educational centre Asociatia Atelier Sacelean. I worked with the children there who were studying even though it was the summer break. It is satisfying to see the children grow in confidence.

Over the New Year, our minister Roger Baker, our worship leader Paul Savill and I enjoyed the hospitality of the Golgota church family in Petrosani. Whilst strengthening our church partnership and having a great deal of fun with our friends there, we were able to see people who had benefited from our support over the last year; people given food from the church soup kitchen, a young girl recovered from a difficult operation and children and young adults from the apartments for orphans.

We presented the church there with a commemorative plate which was made to celebrate 25 years in our current building and sold to raise money for Romania. We were also able to give them a knitted nativity set – one of many that were knitted by a group of ladies to give away to show our love and care for individuals and groups known by our church family.

Paul was able to tell them of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day musical being performed again in the UK this Easter and the church there is praying to determine whether this should be performed in

Romania too by a joint choir.

Future fundraising events to look forward to are a sponsored walk along Hadrian’s Wall, a sponsored cycle ride, a pudding party and chance to take a look at the jewellery that Ali Lambert has made to raise money for us!

Jeannette Wanless

MDRL chairman

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## Give Them Today Their Daily Bread!

By far the most moving part of our latest trip to Petrosani was our visit to the church soup kitchen which gives free meals for 15 people who would otherwise not have a proper meal every day. The church provides the food and Romania Link pays the wages of the two cooks who are members of the church. The people collect and take home two meals every other day and the soup and bread makes a real difference to everyday life. While we were there Roger was asked to share a word of encouragement from scripture. After the reading and short message translated by Sebi, Roger said that he would pray. However before Roger could start the prayer, some of the people there began to pray with tears running down their faces giving thanks and praise to God for His provision. They thanked God for us, and for the people in England who give money so that they can be fed.

It was a most humbling experience. When we say the Lord’s prayer and say the words, “give us this day our daily bread”, in our minds we change the meaning to, “Lord, please give me today the things that I need...”. When our brothers and sisters in the soup kitchen queue say the words “give us this day our daily bread”, they *actually mean* “Lord, please give me today some bread to eat!”. It is a blessing and privilege for us to be able to be part of God’s provision for these people. But can we do a little more?

The authorities limit the number of soup kitchen ‘customers’ to 15 because of the size of the kitchen. In Sebi’s letter he speaks about buying a piece of land next to the church building. This is so that they can build an extension so that they can have a larger kitchen and provide food for more people. Of course this will mean providing more food, possibly paying more staff and buying more bread. How much is an average loaf of bread for us? £1 a loaf would not be an unreasonable estimate. Could you pay for one loaf of bread for one of these needy people? Could you provide one loaf each month for the next year so that our partner church can feed the hungry? Could you be the answer to someone’s prayer, “Give us today our daily bread”?

£1... £12... however much you can... please consider contributing to this work. Sow a seed of blessing. You can give donations to Derek Wanless. You can Gift Aid your donation... How about setting up a standing order for a small amount? Whatever we can do for the least of them, we do for Jesus.

**Dumnezeu să vă binecuvânteze - God bless you!**