

# Romanian Romance Bears Fruit!

FOREIGN STUDENTS (FF FRUIT) TO CARRY ON WITNESSING WITHIN THE COUNTRY!

From Simon & Maria; Europe:

Dear Dad & Maria,  
GBY! WHY SO MUCH! WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR YOU & the revelations God gives you, truly inspiration for our souls & light unto our feet. I JUST GOT BACK FROM ROMANIA a few days ago, & it is really like the valley of the shadow of death there. Yet, it has strengthened & renewed our faith like never before, as we feel that God has opened great doors for us. We had more fruit than in Russia, & in fact feel that this country's System is worse & more corrupt than Russia, & the people more dissatisfied & desperate.

MARIA & I & 2 KIDS ENTERED ROMANIA FROM RUSSIA on July 7th in our van & arrived in Bucharest the following evening, as we slept the first night just inside the Romanian border. We did not need to follow any itinerary

UNLESS AS BEFORE AND THEREFORE like we had to in Russia, but simply needed to change \$10 a day per person. They did not search us a bit crossing the border, as coming from Russia they knew how thoroughly we had been searched upon leaving.

SO AT ROMANIA'S BORDER THEY SIMPLY CHANGED MONEY FOR US & gave us our visas for a few dollars more & waved us thru. I also bought gas coupons which you must buy with foreign currency, & the price was again high like in the West. I wish I had filled up my tank and reserve containers in Russia where gas was 1/4 the price.

PASSING THRU SOME TOWNS TOWARDS THE CAPITAL, we were amazed to see long lines of up to 200 people waiting to buy meat, queues that we had never seen in Russia, or at least not nearly that long. But queues proved to



Talking to children in a town where we stopped to have a picnic during our journey.

be the rule, making shopping very exhaustive.

UPON ENTERING BUCHAREST, we stopped at a big hotel to ask information & for a map of the city. While Maria & the kids were using the bathroom, I wandered into the hotel's modern bar & got to talking to a few

Small students. I knew a few words of their language because I had spent several months in the eastern Somali-speaking part of Ethiopia, & so they took quite an interest in me, inviting us for a drink & eventually dinner & then to their student dormitories where they got us the use of a room belonging to a student away on vacation.

THEY ALL SPOKE GOOD ENGLISH besides some Italian & of course Romanian, as they had to study the language for the first year of university. The next morning one of their Somali friends came in & recognised Maria from witnessing in Italy. He was surprised but happy to see us, & we just took it calm as he told his friends that we are those guys in Italy who are always on the streets with the

papers & who believe in God. Several of them then started to say how they had also gotten the lit there! We just marvelled at how much the Holy Spirit has been working all these years that we have been saving! Many of them had brought back lit with them from the West &

even passed it around to Romanian students. WE WERE AMAZED, THRILLED & excited our first morning in Bucharest. We had the address of one student from Kenya who had been writing Maria, so we asked our Somali friend to direct us to his dormitory on the other side of town.

WHEN WE GOT TO THE OTHER DORMITORIES, while in the process of looking for this Kenya student we met another student from Ghana who invited us to come to his room, since the Kenyan was not in. He seemed very sincere, & in fact then offered his room for us to sleep in, & we ended up staying for a week. He stayed with some Ghanaian students whom we got to meet, & it was this helpful that started helping to open doors for us.

ONE BY ONE THEY WERE GET-

TING SAVED & FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT & were hungering for Bible classes & No Letters. They too had all gotten Letters in Italy & liked them but really needed this personal contact & sample to make them come alive & prove their usefulness. They had all received some religious training in Ghana as children, so they knew some Bible already. But they were fed up with the hypocritical religious system, especially under the influence & pressures presented by this corrupt communist educational system.

BUT IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR THEM TO SEE THAT WE WERE DIFFERENT & MEANT BUSINESS. As after Maria Fled two in particular, they really felt the love & were getting the hook of His Word in their hearts. At the end of the week they together said seriously that they have been considering our Family & have decided to join; they wanted to know what to do.

WE EXPLAINED ABOUT BEING

CHRISTIANS & in what manner they could witness & how they could help us reach Romania since they are in Romania, speak Romanian & are in contact with Romanians & know this country. So we were there to share what we know with them & give them the books from Mo, but we said that they are going to have to be led by the Holy Spirit as to know what to do.

THEY REALLY CAUGHT THE VISION & told us many invaluable things about the country & the way it really is. Both of them have been there for 3 years & have survived, which means a lot. A weak & immature person would certainly not be able to stay there very long before cracking. But these guys could be trusted!

OH YES, WHEN WE FIRST WENT INTO THEIR ROOMS WE WERE AMAZED to see that

they each had this verse over their beds which really seemed to indicate what the Lord was doing & the plan He has. Well, it's not exactly a verse, but it's scriptural: "Flee ye forces of darkness, Behold the lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David has conquered!"

IT'S LIKE THEY WERE ALREADY A TRIBE OF DAVID just waiting to be awakened, & the Lord was using us to be His awakeners. Things were getting so exciting that we kept staying and changing more money to stay longer until we ran out.

THEN WE CALLED ROSI IN THE WEST to come meet us & bring some funds & help us witness, & she was there in just a few days, having travelled 30 hours by train.

BY THEN WE HAD ALSO MET A PRECIOUS ROMANIAN GIRL thru one of these students, & we were able to speak to her in French since she had just graduated from studying French 4 years at

the university. She had invited our little family to her house where her parents & 3 younger sisters just fell in love with the kids & did our laundry for us & insisted that we come & see them & eat with them for the next 5 days. We had more invitations than we knew what to do with. We were with these Romanians all day & the students all night.

THIS ROMANIAN GIRL GOT SAVED & FILLED WITH THE H.S., & even though her family is Catholic & they were officially baptised, she had never in her life seen a Bible, much less read one, as they are next to impossible to find there.

WE HADN'T SAID ANYTHING TO ROSI ON THE PHONE, as it might have been controlled, but she was really in tune with her child-like faith. She brought several Bibles,

& the Lord got them thru the border without that particular bag being checked. There was some food on top covering them.

SO WHEN WE GAVE A BIBLE IN ROMANIA TO THIS GIRL, she was just in awe as if she had the Dead Sea scrolls themselves. Rosi also brought 10 MWM tapes which we divided up between the girl & the students. The Romanian girl then went to Constanta with us for 2 days & helped us witness to some other Romanians of whom 3 boys got saved, & we gave them a Bible too.

SO WE WERE IN ROMANIA FOR ONLY 10 DAYS, & so much happened. We promised that we would come back, which we did, or rather I did (Simon), as circumstances allowed only me to return for 6 days.

ANYWAY, FROM ROMANIA WE PASSED THRU BULGARIA, stopping overnight at the home of a man we had met in the West, & we brought him a Bulgarian New Testament

which Maria had told us her underwear to get thru that border. Bulgaria seemed more together & cleaner than Romania & food was more in abundance & easier to get & people more satisfied with themselves.

I WAS GOING TO WRITE RIGHT AWAY ABOUT ROMANIA but decided to go there again & visit these people & see what progress they've made & then write about it.

WELL, NOW I'VE JUST COME BACK FROM THERE AGAIN & things are even better than before. This time I also visited the second biggest city, Timisoara, which we weren't able to visit before, as it is 600 km. to the West of Bucharest. It is, however, not too far from our present location.

IN TIMISOARA I MET OUR FRIEND FROM ZAIRE who has been there for 5 years studying & has 2 more to go. This man had visited

us in Italy twice. The 2nd time he had left as a changed man, yet we didn't realise the impact of what had really happened to him since then.

ONE DAY HE LEFT HIS KEYS IN HIS ROOM, & so he was attempting to climb in from his neighbor's window on the 5th floor. Well, he fell from the 5th floor onto the ground & was horribly paralysed with a broken back & two broken legs, & the doctors said that he would never walk again.

AFTER 8 MONTHS IN BED WITHOUT ANY PROGRESS, some friends came to him & asked if he had prayed for healing, & he replied that he hadn't. So they prayed & he was healed! Hallelujah! Now he has given his life to the Lord & has been a tremendous testimony, as many of the students in Romania heard about him. He walks around now with the glory of the Lord on his face & you can't see a trace or limp from all that was broken in him except his broken heart for the sheep as a shepherd!

HE & 3 OTHER BLACK STUDENTS MEET EVERY SUNDAY TO PRAY TOGETHER & READ THE BIBLE. Then during the week they each go visiting individually over 50 different Romanians, organised so as to avoid the semblance of meetings. He made me cry as he told me that the people just don't know anything about the Bible & how they are so hungry for him to talk to them. He has read many of our books which we had given him in French, & he said they went on to say that a friend of his was final typing our "Real Love" booklet which he and others had translated already.

HE SAID A FEW TIMES, "They need the Words of David!" He went on to tell me of a

sweet couple who have 3 children & how the mother was a teacher at a high school & suddenly felt the calling from the Lord to tell the authorities that she was going to start teaching about God or she wasn't going to teach. They told her not to do it, but she did & they fired her & she cannot get any other work. Her husband did the same thing & got fired & blacklisted, & so for the past year they have survived on what little others were able to give them, while they continued to talk about God to the people.

HE WENT ON TO TELL ME THAT JUST RECENTLY THE HUSBAND DISAPPEARED & no one knows where he is, & you know what that could mean. The wife is trusting the Lord, he said, & all the community is praying for him, hoping he is still alive. He asked if we could help them, & I gave him my last \$50 & promised to provision some clothes for the children in the West.

WHEN I GOT TO BUCHAREST, I visited the Romanian girl, Cristina, & she had faithfully read the whole New Testament & had studied it, underlining & memorising it & really treating it like the sacred book that it is. I smuggled in a French "Thoughts from Mo" for her which she had read most of by the time I left a few days later. She said she would translate it all as soon as possible.

IT IS SO REFRESHING COMING FROM THE WEST to see such hungry people who cling to every little word & cry for more! She said she wants to work forever with us & for the Lord. It's impossible for her to leave Romania except if she gets married to a foreigner.

There is possibly a brother who will help her out, who can marry her legally so

she can assume his nationality & leave the country.

HER MOTHER CONFIDED IN ME THAT THEY WOULD BE HAPPY FOR HER TO MARRY A FOREIGNER so that she could go out of the country & have a new life & possibly be able to help their family, as a little bit goes a long way there. Their life is a constant struggle to survive. For example, to support their family of 4 daughters, the father works his official 8 hours at the office job & then comes home to work another 6-8 hours on the side fixing & cleaning watches.

THE MOTHER ALSO LEAVES THE HOUSE AT 6 A.M. to get a place in the shopping lines where she spends an average of 3 hours buying their daily food. The effect this has on the people is that after worrying about their basic needs they are too tired to think about anything else.

THE GHANIAN STUDENTS WERE HAPPY TO SEE ME & were expecting me. One of them was able to come back to the West with me to attend a DAF meeting. They all wanted to come, but they had exams which they needed to pass to stay in the country. The student from Zaire who fell out of the window said he would be able to meet us a little later.

THE THOUGHT OF THESE BLACK STUDENTS BEING MISSIONARIES IN AN ATHEISTIC COMMUNIST WHITE MAN'S LAND is quite an encouraging reversal. We thank God for the Family & His powerful weapon of Love, & Jesus who is doing so many miracles thru us! Never have we seen such marvelous wonders, & we thank you Dad for being the fuel, the dynamite, & as it says in Ez. 34, "the good shepherd that shall feed them!" GBY! WHY! (PTL) GBY for your faithfulness! -I'm only the tiny fuse--you are the bombs of life to so many! TY!! ILY!!)

## The Miracle Boat!

-How the Lord provided the boat that's sailing the world via video!

From Uriah, Greek VS: INSPIRED BY DAD'S DREAM & consequent letter, "The HMS MWM" & his suggestion that it would be good to have such a nautical theme for a video, Paul & Marianne asked if we could find a real ship for the setting...and so here is a testimony of how the Lord supplied above & beyond all our expectations, & then led us to this special ship!

THE LORD LED US TO TRY ONE OF THE REGULAR TOURIST SHIP LINES, which have one-day cruises going to different beautiful Greek islands. At a travel agent's office the pretty agent recommended one particular ship as being the best of its class, so Uriah called & asked to speak to the manager.

AFTER CONVERSATIONS everything was arranged—we could have 40 free tickets for whichever weekday we desired! Wow! GBH! He treated us just like VIPs! TY!! In fact, every one we dealt with turned out to be very helpful & considerate, GBH!

THE NEXT THING WAS TO GO & TO ACTUALLY SEE THE SHIP & what a pleasant surprise as it definitely was the best of all the ships making this trip, visiting 3 islands & then returning the same day.

TO OUR SURPRISE WHEN WE ARRIVED AT THE TIME THE SHIP SHOULD BE RETURNING, what did we see but the remains of a film crew, putting away their equipment—trucks full of cameras, lighting equipment, wires, etc. It turns out they had been filming a movie with Telly Savalas, the famous star of "Kojak", for the whole day—so PTL—they definitely were prepared for lots of unusual things & activities which always accompany a making of a movie!



The sympathetic captain of the ship gratefully talks to a couple of the Lord's lovelies, Katrina and Phoebe.

WE FELT THE LORD HAD DEFINITELY PREPARED THEM TO FEEL THE DIFFERENCE between this big Goliath commercial production crew & God's loving simple Children of David, & in retrospect, we're sure they did, TTL, as they literally gave us the run of the ship!

WE PREPARED THE WAY BY BEFRIENDING THE CHIEF STEWARD who would be in charge of all activities on deck. His name was Andreas & he turned out to be an angel, really taking special care of us & even putting us in special dining quarters, giving us cabins for changing & storing stuff, etc. And in fact, all the crew turned out to be equally helpful & friendly!

WHEN WE ACTUALLY GOT ON BOARD & got to know the captain, he turned out to be extremely sympathetic & helpful, & grateful for a couple of the Lord's lovelies to talk with—see photo), & he put up with all our antics, including blacking out his command room & soaking the outside with a "storm".

WE LEARNED FROM HIM THAT THIS SHIP HAS BEEN USED FOR SEVERAL YEARS as the scene of a regular TV series, & a couple of feature movies & he himself had been quite for some scenes! So, it is quite a well-known ship here! Hal Now it will "sail" around the world via video!

THEY ALSO GAVE US INSTANT APPROVAL FOR 15 MORE FREE TICKETS to use the ship again two days later to finish some scenes & even again for another crew of 10 for yet another day, who would get off at one of the islands, stay overnight, and get back on the ship the next day, something they never did GBH! All these tickets together would have cost almost \$2,500—something we could never have afforded, so TTL for His inspiration & guidance—truly where He guides He provides!

(Amen! PTL! GB our faithful provisioners & those who provide, & our lovely loving lovelies who give their all for Jesus! ILY!!)