

# "GOOD STEWARD OF THE GRACE GIVEN BY GOD"

## 1 Peter 4:10



Dear brothers loved by the Lord and by us ,

His servants, we want to send you holy greetings from Romania. We, the Udrescu family, are so blessed to have you by our side. We are grateful to the Lord for the way He uses you in our life.

We are at the end of this year and probably each of us looks back at what we have been able to achieve. We are very happy with the way God has used us this year as well, we have been involved in many activities, I will list some of them :



We started the year serving in the pastoral work in the "Holy Trinity Baptist Church" from our city, where throughout the year we put passion and dedication in serving this church. We organized several events outside the church, for the evangelization of the unsaved in our city.

[Although we are in a very arid area spiritually, we face opposition from people, yet we do not give up, we continue to proclaim the gospel boldly at every opportunity we have. The area of Oltenia where we live is considered the hardest area to preach the gospel, people are so bad, lately it seems that their badness has increased more and more. ]

The activity of our church, in which we are involved one hundred percent, is focused on the following activities:

### 1. Pastoral ministry work



## 2. Youth ministry work



*In the work with young people we invest time every week to form a new young generation, dedicated to God. Every Sunday we spend time with more than 15 young people*

## 3. The work ministry with children and teenagers from Oboga

*Recently we started a ministry work for children, in a mission point of our church called Oboga, where at the last meeting we had 25 children and teenagers that came. After the program we gave the Christmas gifts and they were very happy.*



### *I would like to make a short observation*

*-This summer, God allowed us to get a building in this village of Oboga, located 10 minutes away from our city. The building was in a dilapidated state, but with God's help, I, my wife and some brothers from the church worked until we brought it to the point where it can be used for the work with children, teenagers, but also for the church programs that will take place in the future.*

This month we were very busy with church projects, through which we were able to bring the good news of the gospel to as many people as possible. We organized several carol days in the main points of the city, we organized a carol moment for all the sick in the city hospital, we also organized a film screening at the city's youth center where we screened the film "The Nativity Story". There we could sing carols and after the film I had a message of calling for the unsaved. Also, we went to several schools where we had programs of carols and biblical stories, where we also distributed gifts for children. The Lord helped us to be a living testimony for him during this period, although sometimes we had the impression that we were running out of energy, but the Lord strengthened us and his work was done with great success.

## MOVIE



Together with our "Cinema on Wheels" team, we organized this beautiful event. We rented the room , made posters and hundreds of invitations that we distributed to people in city a few days before the event.

It was a successful event in which dozens of people could realize the true meaning of Christmas.

The message I had after the film was in the form of a question: *Do you know this baby born in the manger?*

One of the schools that we visit once a month



Our organization, DIM, has been in partnership for almost a year with this school, which has a number of 60 children whom we visit monthly and work with them.

From the point of view of our involvement, God has opened many doors for us to present Him to adults, young people and children. We do this with great joy and responsibility. This summer we have been active a lot with film ministry, we have been in many villages, over 15 new locations. This period, until the summer starts, we are trying to make screenings in the church, cultural centers, youth centers. We are not stopping this activity either, loved by us and blessed by God.

We pray that God takes all the glory from everything we do.

*We thank you for your prayers but also for the financial help offered, it mattered a lot for our support in the work here. We have many projects for the coming year, but we entrust them all to God. We invite you, with love, to join us in the year 2024, together we will be able to bring glory and honor to God and we will contribute to saving as many people as possible.*

*We wish you a new year full of blessings, may the Lord's presence be upon you, and may His grace never leave you. We assure you of our love and also of the prayers we bring before the Lord for you.*

*With love, God`s servants in Romania,*

*Ionut and Estera Udrescu*