

February 2009

Dear Friends,

This month was a very special one for our ministry.

One of the questions we had in more than 17 years of ministry in Romania was when will the local people become mature enough to be able to support the radio. The broadcasting costs were increasing in the transition years of our country from communism to a free economy. We had to fight a very high inflation and a monetary denomination with 4 zeroes, laws that were changed in not a very smooth way.

Even big investors were scared and left Romania. Also many Romanians left the county in order to find happiness in other corners of the world. Several years in a row the support coming from Help Ministries Incorporated was the only way to be able to keep us going in our ministry. Even for me it was hard to believe that God will be able to develop another source of income.

In 2006 I have started a military surplus business (not weapons but uniforms, computers, furniture) in order to develop a source of support for the ministry. The business was blessed by God and last year we were able to provide with this about 43% of our income and other 34% was coming from local donations and other 3% from the rental of tower space. The Crises changed the situation with our business and sales were decreasing dramatically. There was some money coming but not enough.

At the beginning of this February I had to address to our audience a big S.O.S. I told them that we are in a desperate situation because I have no money to continue the operations and I will not go in debt in order to go forward.

I told about how big sacrifices H.M.I had to make in order to establish this ministry. I told about how I was driving a van build in 1986 from Ploiesti to England in order to bring goods for our store; How I was struggling with my heart condition and I had to sleep in the van in the sleeping bag when it was snowing outside and I felt like I was going to die so I had to pray, "Please God keep me alive because will cost too much to take my body from here to Romania or to bury me here." I told the audience how God answered that prayer. And my hope was to see some brothers coming aside and supporting us.

I have to confess I had some expectations but what was happening was really overwhelming me. People with tears were coming "we want you to continue". There were even Orthodox people. In few words 26 churches plus more than 250 individual people donated for the radio. A total of \$17,246 was given.

Another miracle was in one day my VW motor was stopping in the road; the motor was locked (after more than 450.000Km it was looking that it was not a lot of hope for it). I was sharing this problem the next day with a friend of mine who is the director of the orphanage Haven for Children. He instantly spoke to me, "Hey I will give you a van – a Mercedes Sprinter!" I was asking about the price and he told me "I will give you the possibility to pay when you have money and what you want to pay." I had prayed for that in the morning to have guidance what to do. And I received the answer.

That day when he called me I answered in this way: "You were giving me the freedom to pay what I want to pay ... Well I will pay you ... nothing for the van! It was a moment of silence... (Yes for them to have care for 55 kids is not an easy way to minister,) but I continued my words, "I will donate \$3000 right now and in every month I will donate some money, and here is your job, you will pray for us to make more money. And I will not stop when we will arrive to a certain amount but I will continue to give as long you will operate because if we want money we must give to others!" This month \$1348 went to the missionaries. Right now we send money to Asia, South America, and Africa; in other countries like India, Peru, Malawi, Mexico, Philippines, and China.

More projects we have to develop one of them will be a partnership with the town Mayer for social assistance especially for the elderly and for the very poor people we want to provide every day a meal. Another desire is to provide education especially for the gypsy children to help them to develop better.

Tomorrow the "Richard and Leona Ellison School of Ministry will have 2 sessions, one will be for the women and another for people who want to go in the mission field.

God bless you.

Blessings,
Mihail