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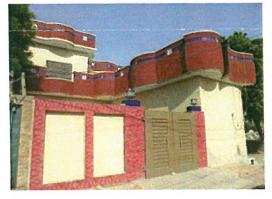
# SPECIAL REPORT



"Taking the Gospel to the Roma and Marginalized Peoples of the World"

## PRAISES IN PAKISTAN

I want to praise our Great God and King, the Sweet Lord Jesus and thank all of you who gave toward the purchase of the church building in Pakistan. As of this writing we have sent \$25,000 toward the purchase price of \$48,000. I have a promise of \$10,000 at Christmas, leaving us only a balance of \$13,000 to be paid by the end of 2021. God



is so GOOD!!! Please pray that international travel bans will be lifted so that we can travel to Pakistan and our many Eastern European ministries.

Just look at what God is doing with these precious Gypsies in Pakistan! God is answering our prayers this is nothing less than miraculous, nothing less than Ephesians 3:20-21

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.".

Friday Bible Studies via Skype



## Village Ministry with Our National Pastors



Bible Distribution (With the Bibles That You Provided)







Simone is trying to gather as many flannel blankets as she can, to send to our poor Roma families. She wants to keep them uniform, so you will find these at Walmart for \$2.50 each. I'm sure with Spring and Summer just around the corner they

won't last long. If you would rather us buy them for you, we will be glad to do so. You may send gift cards to 130 O'Keefe St. SE/ Palm Bay, FL 32909. Financial gifts should be sent to the ROMA office in Jacksonville. Please earmark your gifts "blankets". Thank you.



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## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year FALL/ WINTER 2023 REPORT



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## **BUCKINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH**



Simone and I have been helping this chuch since the first of the year as they had been without a pastor. Well, praise the Lord! The church has called a dear

freind of mine from Ohio, Pastor Andy Lake. Glory to God!

## **BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH BRADENTON**

This churh is home to ROMA. They have been without a pastor for well over a year. Glory to God! They have a new pastor. Bro. Troy Masterson has been called to be their shepherd. Thank you Sweet Lord Jesus! This church will be hosting ROMA'S Conference on World Evangelism in 2024. Please pray for our speakers,



attendees and fifty national pastors that will be attending from Central and South America and for funding. (see reverse side for larger size for posting)

## GYPSY OUTREACH KISSIMMEE



God has really been blessing this minsrty. We tag team on alternate Thursdays with BMFP/Gypsy missionary Lawrence Evans.

Simone and I go into the prison

the first Friday of every month. This is one of our favorite ministries. The



ministries. These precious brothers

feast on the word of God. And love to sing the Lord's songs. Please pray for them.

## HONDURAS/ ROMA CENTRAL AMERICA



God has blessed our Latin America





division of ROMA abundatly. Our last time there in July, board member and spanish pastor, Bro. Fabio Betancourth introduced the idea

of doing a ROMA stateside conference and bringing some of our ROMA national pastors here. We are attempting to bring 50 of these precious brothers to the USA in the fall. This is a huge undertaking. These poor pastors barely have food enoough to put on thier tables, let alone procurring the funds for a US visa and transportation to the US. The visa cost is \$250 and airfare about \$300. Please pray about helping.

## HUNGARY





Our precios Pastor Pali

Rafael is doing a great job at our ministries in Bihar county (Transylvania). Thank you for those who have taken the Rafaels' on for monthly support, only based upon my reccomendation!

## UKRAINE



Bro. Mirci Pricop is just now returning from another trip into Ukraine. We have curtailed our ministry efforts there for 2 reasons; 1). We are waiting to see

the outcome of the war to be more involved in a permanent solution such as church planitng, instead of just helping with humanitarian aid. We have done our best but it's like "putting a bandaid on cancer". There is no end to the need. 2). A lack of funds and interest. Thank you for those who gave toward these ministry projects.

#### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**



We start the year on January 7, 2024 at Crossroads Baptist church in Jacksonville, FL. Then January 20-23 I will



be ministering in the missions conference at First Baptist church of

Hammond, IN with my dear and precious friend Pastor John Wilkerson. February finds us at Riverside Baptist in FL on Febriary 4, then Legacy Baptist



church in Sarasota, Febuary 23-25. March I will be in OH, TX and MI. Please pray for these meetings.

#### **ON A PERSONAL NOTE**



Thank you for praying for Simone's cataract eve surgery. Things are well now, but she had to do her right eye twice. Please continue pray for to Simone's mother's health situation. She fell and fractured her hip

about 4 months ago (just before she was to have knee surgery) and can't be left alone. Simone tag teams with a caretaker three days per week. This is VERY demanding on her time. Her mother's name is Mary Chapman. Please pray for Simone's family as her 46 year old nephew went home to be with the Lord do to a blood clot. It came as a real shock to all.

Please pray for me as my lower back still continues to be a serious issue. The surgeon doesn't really think that surgery will help so he advised that I continue with pain managment. I have Radio Frequency Oblations every 6 months, and epidural injections intermittently. Pray as I am also in the need of dental care with several issues going on.

#### **GYPSY CHRISTMAS**



Every year in December we send to Pastor Ghitsa some where around \$4,000 to \$5,000 to provide Christmas food baskets for about 200 of our poorest Roma families.

Thank you for those who have donated to this very needy cause.

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of my autobiography, it is available for donations only, of any amount. Contact me if you interested.



## PAKISTAN/INDIA



In Kenwhal our Internation1 Bible class





graduated 32 Gypsy students. What a blessng! Our computer needs replaced as it is beyond repair. We cannot continue these classes via the internet without it.





ROMA missionary to the untouchables of India Bro, Sam Armanlapoudi is now in his new building. Bro. Sam is doing such a great

job for our Lord!

## NOTE FROM DR. CLARK

About two and a half years ago I began a weekly

Bible study with ROMA missionary and national pastor, Maloth Ravinder in India about three hours northeast of Hyderabad, India. This study turned into a monthly five-hour seminar which we have been conducting over the last year. During the coming year we will be conducting two of these seminars each month in two different locations. Each seminar costs approximately \$250 per month, totaling \$500 per month. Presently we have 28 preachers attending our seminar. In the coming year we will have a total of 60 preachers attending the seminars between the two locations.

(Presidents note; Please pray about helping)

#### EASTERN EUROPE\_MINISTRIES



## ROMANIA

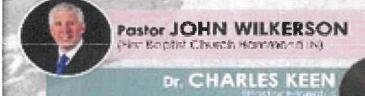
Thank you for those who donated to our "Gypsy Christmas" project. We were able to send 1,980 lbs of clothing, pillows, blankets, toys, flooring and many other items to these poor and precious brothers and sisters in Christ!

Several years ago I recorded 26 messages in the Roma language. Praise the Lord those messages will soon air on RO radio. The station is Voce Evangalia (Voice of Evangelsim"), in Oradea.



http://streema.com/radios/play/Radio\_Vocea\_Evang heliei\_3. They will air beginning 2024.

We will be hosting a medical missions trip with Dr. Bill Martin of Transglobal Health Partners, April 29-May 7, 2024. We will be there during Orthodox Easter on May 5. If you will like to join us please call or email me. Also please pray accordingly. Reaching Morginalized People Groups Conference on World Evangelism November 13-15, 2024



Dr. TOM WILLIAMS

Dr. KEVIN FOLGER



Dr. ROGER GREEN

Dr. SAL YANNIZZI



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Wednesday-Thursday: 9:30 AM-3:00 PM Friday: 9:30 AM-12:00 PM Wednesday-Thursday: 7:00 PM

ROMA OUTREACH MISSIONS Association Inc.

And the lord said unto the servani, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compet them to come in, that my house may be filled. Luke14:23

# **YOUR HOSTS**

Missionary WALTER STEVENS

TIM CLARK

Pastor FABIO BETANCOURTH Incident R.O.M.A. + Control Amorica



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## FALL REPORT (August through November 2021)



"Taking the Gospel to the Roma and Marginalized Peoples of the World"

Wishing You a Late Happy Thanksgiving & Hope You Have a Happy Christmas & a Blessed 2022

## WE ARE LATE

We apologize for the lateness of this report. My fall schedule has been extremely busy, and I had computer issues. For those of you who are reading this report via Mailchimp, the hard copy I'm sure will even be later. Below is a note from our printer Please pray for their ministry.

"We are in the middle of trying to get new presses. My current press is down because there is a shortage of toner for it due to a fire at the manufacturer. We are upgrading to three new presses. They delivered the main engine for the first press yesterday, but the toner and finishers will not be in until early next week. The envelope press also is supposed to be in on Monday. I am also behind on thousands of other letters because of all this." Bro. Bill

## PAKISTAN UPDATE

Our building renovation project is complete and right at budget! Praise the Lord and thank YOU! Our precious Pakistani Gypsies have already begin meeting in our newly renovated room. On Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> we celebrated 3 years of bible study and graduated several students. It was a blessed time of special celebration. Recently our Pakistani Gypsies have been taking a 16-hour bus drive to the Pakistani/Afghan border, where Afghani refugees have found asylum. Our precious Gypsy pastors are leading many to Christ and several have followed the Lord in believers' baptism. We are sending several thousands of dollars to help with humanitarian aid, such as blankets, warm clothing for adults and children, shoes, and basic food items. **Please pray** for this new and exciting ministry opportunity.

## **KISSIMMEE GYPSY OUTREACH UPDATE**

Once again God is blessing in our new ministry here. The Roma are very faithful and not afraid of coming out to the Lord's house and socializing with God's people. We reached a high attendance of 48. Simone has been alternating with another sister in teaching our precious Roma children. We had a special Thanksgiving service on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. We also observed the Lord's table for the first time in this new work. It was a sweet time. We are planning a baptism right after Christmas.

## PRISON MINISTRY UPDATE

Simone and I have been faithful to meet with these precious men the first Friday of every month. They are so excited and anxious to come and worship and sit under the preaching of God's Holy word! They can see our car from the dorms or the courtyard when we pull into the parking area near security and then they start inviting other men to join. The last time we were there the Catholics did not show up, so we had some of their people come to our service. We had the highest attendance yet! 10 precious souls to hear the gospel! GLORY TO GOD! One of our catholic visitors got saved! Hallelujah!

## **R.O.M.A. UPDATE**

On Sunday, October 3rd we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> R.O.M.A. Sunday at Bible Baptist church in Mt. Orab OH. Pastor Ted House was our host. We had great services and praise the Lord; Simone was able to join me. Pastor House and the church raised \$10,000 for the R.O.M.A. home office. We had a soul saved in that service as well! Another great blessing is that Pastor house has kindly accepted our invitation to be a board member with R.O.M.A. Welcome Pastor House!

On Sunday, November 7, we held our 4<sup>th</sup> R.O.M.A. Sunday at Crossroad Baptist church in Jacksonville, FL, under the leadership of Pastor Anthony Rister. This church is heavy invested in Roma ministry also this is Dr. Clark's home church. Again, God's people were thoroughly blessed, and the church raised \$1,000 for the R.O.M.A. home office. Thank you, Pastor Rister and the good people of CRBC!

On Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, we held our 5<sup>th</sup> R.O.M.A. Sunday at my sending church, Cleveland Baptist, now under the leadership of Pastor Pete Folger. This is the church where we started our first Gypsy Outreach in 1990 and



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where R.O.M.A. was born in 2014. This church holds a special place in the heart of the Stevens' and Romani ministry worldwide. This special Sunday coincided with the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Romani ministry in Cleveland. Several thousand dollars was raised for the home office and even some special projects. Thank you, CBC family and Pastor Folger. Glory to God!

It is with a saddened heart to inform you of the homegoing of our dear friend, supporter and R.O.M.A. board member Pastor Carl Fuentes (who pastored the Central Baptist church in West Palm Beach, FL). He had been such a dear friend and supporter of several R.O.M.A. missionaries. Please pray for Pastor Fuentes's widow, Ms. Monika. We thank the Lord that the church's assistant, Bro. Jake Mannon has accepted the pastorate there. Simone and I had the privilege of ministering there in October. What a great blessing it was!

Under the leadership of Spanish pastor and R.O.M.A. board member Pastor Fabio Betancourt we will be interviewing, training, and vetting 15-20 nationals into the R.O.M.A. family of missionaries in the country of Honduras in January. Dr. Sal Yannizzi, who pastors R.O.M.A.'s home church (Bible Baptist Church of Bradenton) will be part of our training staff, along with Bro, Fabio, myself and Dr. Clark. This is a costly undertaking and one of the reasons the home office needs financial and monthly support. We have established a budget of \$5,000. This includes airfare, lodging, meals and translators. If you can help with this project, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.

## **GYPSY CHRISTMAS UPDATE**

We praise the Lord and thank you that we were able to send over \$5,000 to Romania, \$700 to Hungary and \$500 to Pakistan for Christmas food baskets. Simone and I shipped over 1 ton of all the items that YOU helped provide. As soon as they are distributed among our poor and needy Roma, I will send photos in another update. Thanks again!

## YEAR END GIVING

As many of you may be thinking about making a year end contribution to a non-profit organization for tax purposes, please keep in mind our many ministries. You can designate your gift to a ROMA project of your choice and receive a tax-deductible receipt for your gift, as ROMA is a not for profit 501 (c) (3) organization. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.

## TRAVEL UPDATE

I started my fall itinerary in early September in Virginia. I reported to many supporting churches, presented Gypsy ministry and R.O.M.A. in some new ones, preached missions conferences and revival meetings. God blessed every step of the way, with protection in travel and good health. Souls were saved, men answering the call to serve full time, the churches were edified, and funds were raised for the ROMA home office and various projects.

## FAMILY UPDATE

After my very first meeting up north I had received a voice mail message after the morning service from my daughter Tiffany, that my 45-year-old son-in-law, Frank Miller had graduated to heaven. He and Tiffany were married for over 25 years. Frank is survived by 2 adult sons, 1 adult daughter and 2 precious grandchildren. We had his home going memorial in Cleveland. I had led Frank, his parents and siblings to Christ and had even baptized them, when I stablished the Gypsy Outreach ministry in Cleveland, OH in 1990. I was his pastor for 5 years. We had 4 speakers at his memorial, and it was a blessed homegoing service. The speakers were of course myself, my son Pastor Mike, Bro. Lawrence Evans (former GO pastor) and the current pastor of GO Bro. Nick Evanovich.

## **PRAYER REQUEST**

- Please pray my daughter Tiffany and family.
- Pastor Lawrence Evans is experiencing some health concerns
- Upcoming candidate training module in Honduras in January
- Much needed ministry project and home office funds

FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR CHURCHES IN HOSTILE COUNTRIES PLEASE DO NOT POST ANY OF THIS REPORT ON THE INTERNET



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# **JULY- AUGUST 2021 REPORT**



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blessing. Thank

you in advance

for your gift.

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## PAKISTAN RENOVATION PROJECT

Our attendance for the Sunday services has gotten so big that they cannot fit into the church auditorium anymore. So, we have started to remove a wall to enlarge the seating area. What a great problem to have. With temperatures exceeding 100 degrees Fahrenheit, we have





## **3:20 BLESSINGS IN KISSIMMEE**

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us"

WOW! What great words! I love these words! "EXCEEDING, ABUNDANTLY, ABOVE ALL! This is how God has answered our



prayers concerning our new ministry in Kissimmee. Brother Evans and I started with our first service on April 7, 2021. Due to the Gypsy's phobia of covid began we with outdoor meetings under a large pavilion.

After it got too hot, too many mosquitos and an outbreak of covid



ance of almost 30. A soul saved and other decisions for Christ. GLORY TO GOD! God is really working in this new ministry. Please continue to pray for Bro. Evans, Simone, and myself as we serve together.

#### **ROMA REPORT**

We recently had our second ROMA Sunday at Grace Bible Baptist Church in Leesburg, FL with my dear friend Dr. George Mulford. What great services we had. We followed the same sched-



ule as we did with our first one. ROMA representative Ted Ricci did Sunday school on the subject of the growth of ROMA. I did the morning service on the theme of the Goals of ROMA, and we finished out day with ROMA Executive Director, Dr. Tim Clark on the theme of the Glory of ROMA.

One of the highlights was that we had one of our national India missionaries with us, (of which must remain anonymous, for his own safety). Our national pastor to India was added to the churches missionary family and funds were raised for the ROMA office. Thank you, Pastor Mulford and the good people of Grace Bible Baptist church. If you would like to host a ROMA Sunday at your church, please contact myself or Dr. Clark. We have great news! The ROMA family of missionaries is about to double in size. Thanks to Spanish Pastor and ROMA board member, Fabio Betancourt. We will be traveling to the country of Honduras to interview for potential addition to the ROMA family 15 to 20 national pastors from several different Latin American countries who need an American mission agency to represent them to the US. We need thought that we would have a Spanish edition to ROMA, but God sure did. Glory to His Holy name!

among the Roma community we went to a drive inn service. After several

weeks of drive inn services, we then started meeting in the main auditorium of Bible Baptist church. We had a high attend-







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**JULY- AUGUST 2021 REPORT** 

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WE NEED YOUR HELP! Let these photos speak to your heart. Would you PLEASE consider helping Simone and I on this huge project? Our precious Gypsies are so poor and destitute for some of the most basic of household items such as towels, pillows, and blankets. Items we are so blessed with and take for granted. A pillow at Walmart is \$2.97, a complete set of towels is less than \$10, flannel blankets are \$2.50. A set of hot wheels and a Barbies doll are \$4.97. We do this every year, and we are close to running out of time. The cutoff date for us to have to our packages to the shipper is the end of September. We are still in the need of many items. If you don't want to shop, please send your financial gifts, Walmart and Dollar Tree gifts cards to us and we will do the shopping for you. Simone loves to shop. We are in the need of \$5,000 for Christmas food baskets which costs \$25 per family. The baskets contain a chicken, smoked meat, canned goods, oil, sugar flour and potatoes. We are also in the needs of funds to ship our gifts to Romania. Last year our shipping bill was almost \$10,000. And we are expecting about the same sipping cost this year. Some of you may be asking why we don't just send the money and let them buy what they need. What we buy here could cost up to 4 times the amount in Eastern Europe.



## GYPSY CHRISTMAS PLEDGE AND DONATION REQUEST

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#### **Dearest Precious Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Once again, we are preparing to be a great blessing to our precious Roma children and families. Last year your response was "over the top". Thanks to you, we sent over 2 tons of toys, clothing and so much more. Our shipping costs alone was almost \$10,000. Simone did a great job heading this up last year and once again she is heading up this project. But she has made some changes. She wants to be a little bit more practical and be a blessing to the entire family instead of just the children. Below are some items that the poor Roma of eastern Europe do not have the luxury of ever having. So, we want to supply some very needed items this Christmas that they would never normally have and would probably go without. We would like you to set up a pledge system so that we can purchase these items ourselves and keep everything uniform. We can take care of packaging and shipping to Romania.

We are also collecting funds for shipping to Romania and for Christmas food baskets. A food basket containing all that's needed for a Christmas dinner costs around \$25 per family. How many families are you willing to feed this Christmas? One? Two? More?



**ITEMS NEEDED** 

## MOST ITEMS COME FROM WALMART

Past Issues



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#### Subscribe

#### **Past Issues**



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**DISH TOWELS \$1** 



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS CALL SIMONE (321) 266-2255

**GIFTS AND DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 1** 

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GIFT CARDS OR PURCHASED ITEMS TO: SIMONE STEVENS 130 O'KEEFE ST. SE PALM BAY, FL 32909 RSS



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Because Jesus Deserves the Reward of His Suffering,

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# **MAY-JUNE REPORT**



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## **PODCAST INTERVIEW**





My former pastor, Dr. Kevin Folger has interviewed me on his weekly podcast. You can hear all 3 parts at the link above. You can also listen to several of my sermons on Sermon Audio.

## **GYPSY CHRISTMAS PROJECT**

Simone is trying to reach her goal of 300 flannel blankets for our Roma children of Romania and Hungary. She has approximately 200 as of this writing. Her latest project is towel sets, dish towels, pillows, and pillow-



cases from Walmart. These are

These are necessary items that the poor Gypsies have truly little of nor can they afford. A matching set of a bath towel, hand towel and wash cloth are less than \$10. You can purchase them and ship them to us or send a financial gift or Walmart

gift card. Whichever is more convenient for you.

## **CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**



With over 200 families in all our churches combined at \$25 per

basket we will need approximately \$5,000 for this very needy project. Please prayerfully consider helping.

## PRISON MINISTRY

Praise the Lord that the prison system had opened once again for volunteer ministries. Simone and I minister in a prison near Orlando. We meet the first Friday of every month. This past month we had a precious soul saved. Glory to God!





## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- That Europe will open once again for international travel. We had to postpone our trip once again.
- For the ROMA Sundays we have scheduled. We have several open Sundays if your church would like to host one.
- For our new ministry in Kissimmee
- For our Gypsy ministries to reopen
- For our prison ministry
- For our upcoming Schule of meetings
  - o Sunday, May 30 Cleveland BC, OH
  - o Sunday June 6, Silvery Lane Baptist Church, MI
  - Wednesday, June 9, First B C, Hammond, IN
  - o Sunday, June 13, Faith BC, Canton, MI
  - o Sunday, June 13, First BC Westland, MI
  - Sunday-Friday, July 11-16, Heritage BC, Melbourne, FL

## **PRAISE REPORTS**

The end of May I will be speaking at the commencement exercises of our grandson Justin's graduation from High School at the Medina Christian Academy in Ohio. We are so enormously proud of him. This is a rare occurrence as not many Gypsies make it past 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Including this preacher. Glory to God!





Laborers in

the Harvest





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## BY POPULAR DEMAND

To satisfy the requests of a few of our supporters we are going from a quarterly report to a bi-monthly. But please keep in mind that we post our ministries almost weekly on social media as well. I hope these QR codes will help you learn and know more about our many ministries.





## Facebook

R.O.M.A Gypsy Outreach

## **PAKISTAN REPORT**

As of this writing with what we have already received and what has been promised we have met our goal of raising \$48,000 to pay off the entire debt due by the end of this year for our church building in Pakistan. <u>Thank you and</u> **Praise the Lord!** 

Recently, we have restarted our weekly bible studies online. We have not met for several weeks, as the entire country has been under a complete shut down since early April. Of course, one reason is due to the major outbreak of Covid in that part of the world. Even one of our Pastors had contracted the virus and was extremely ill. Another reason is that the country has been under civil unrest due to the uprising of an extremist Islamic group demanding the expulsion of the French ambassador.

Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) was demanding that Pakistan expel the French ambassador over the French president's remarks de-

fending freedom of expression regarding caricatures of Islam's Prophet Muhammad. Police from Punjab province said Sunday's action was in response to the TLP attacking a police station, trapping officers and Rangers, members of a paramilitary force, inside, kidnapping a senior police officer, and stealing an oil tanker containing 50,000 liters of fuel.





## **OUR NEWEST GYPSY OUTREACH**

With the Melbourne and St. Petersburg ministries completely on hold as a result of Covid and other issues the Lord has led us to establish a new ministry to the Roma of the Orlando FL area. We are collaborating with Gypsy Missionary Lawrence Evans and we are alternating Wednesday evenings at the beautiful Bible Baptist Church in Kis-



simmee. We have met several Wednesday nights outdoors and have seen some growth in attendance, though the



Gypsies are still hesitant to meet indoors at this time. Please pray for this young ministry and that the Gypsies will not be so afraid of covid.





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# **BLESSINGS IN BRADENTON**

On February 7th, R.O.M.A. celebrated its 6th year as a viable missions agency with 22 families now a part of our

family of missionaries. We celebrated with our first ROMA Sunday at ROMA'S home church, Bible Baptist Church of Bradenton, FL. Dr. Sal Yannizzi. pastor What a



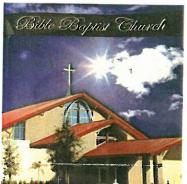
blessed day we experienced! ROMA representative, Ted Ricci did Sunday School with an emphasis on the "Growth" of ROMA.

He interviewed Pastor Ghitsa Fekete live from Romania via the internet and showed a video of the Christmas gifts



that you all supplied for the precious Roma children. I did the morning service with a focus on the "Goals" of ROMA and showed a new video highlighting the past, present and future goals of ROMA. Dr. Tim Clark, (ROMA's Executive Director) closed out our day in the evening service with a message on the "Glory" of ROMA. Of which ALL goes to God! He also presented a power point presentation on the statistics of ROMA. We saw 2 souls saved that day, many at the altar and Pastor directed the church, that the entire day's offering would go to the ROMA office (except designated giving). Praise the Lord what a day! We would love to hold a ROMA Sunday at your church.





Here is a letter from Dr. Yannizzi recommending just that. Let us know when you would like us to come, and we will schedule it!

February 12, 2021

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH Dr. Sal Yannizzi, Paster

#### Dear Pastor,

I trust the Lord is blessing you and your ministry in these challenging days. The reason I am writing is first to share with the blessings of our first ROMA Sunday. On February 7th, we hosted a special day for the Roma Outreach Missions Association and what a great day. We began in the Sunday school hour with a general assembly, followed up by the morning and evening services highlighting the ROMA ministry. Each service had the touch of our God upon it. There were people saved, baptized and added to the Church, and challenged to increase their vision for Global Missions.

My Second reason for writing is to encourage you consider hosting a ROMA Sunday in your Church. Our Church is the Home Church for the ROMA ministries and I am a board member, so I do have an investment in ROMA. Brother Walter Stevens and his team will certainly be a blessing to your Church and Missions Program. Each time these men preach at our Church you can sense their passion and burden for the lost in our world and the ROMA and Marginalized people in our society. I believe they will serve as a blessing to you and your people.

Thank you for your consideration, and may our Lord continue to bless you and your ministry.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Funds to pay off the building in Pakistan
- The international travel ban to be lifted
- Finances for the ROMA home office
- New missionary families



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# **Christmas and New Year Edition**



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## HOME SWEET HOME

After several weeks of meetings during the months of October and November, traveling 1000's of miles by air and highway in MI, OH, WV, KY and IN, sleeping in several hotel rooms, prophets' chambers and church member's homes, I am finally home. It is good to be home, with my Simone! By the grace of God, I was able to preach missions conferences, revivals, and some regular church services. In many meetings the alters were full, praise God, souls were saved, faith promise was increased, the body edified and most important of all God was glorified!





Pastor & Mrs. Glass WV Ted Ricci & Pastor Steinke OH Bro. & Sis. Lake WV



Pastor McSpadden IN





Mikahla received Christ in MI/ Pastor Pophal baptized her



While up north in meetings my sweet wife, Simone, closed her business and came to visit me for a weekend. What a sweet time we shared together. We visited her "ole stomping grounds", some of her aunts, childhood friends and the places of her youth. It made me feel closer to her as I learned more of what made this woman so special and precious. Thank you, my Simona.

#### TIME WITH FAMILY

While traveling I was able to visit my daughters Anne and Tiffany and several of my grandchildren. I also visited my sister Liz in Cleveland. It was a blessing to see them all. I did not get to see our latest addition to the family, our great granddaughter Emma Grace Nicholas, born on 09/09/2020. Pray for little Emma as she is in a cast due to being born with a club foot.



## PAKISTAN BUILDING UPDATE

I want to thank all of you who gave toward the purchase of our church building in Pakistan. I was able to speak

with the owner directly (who spoke good English) and we agreed to purchase on a land contract basis. Because of your donations we were able to send the initial down payment of \$10,000 (it was lowered by \$2,000). He has raised





our monthly payment from \$270 to \$500 (of which all will go toward the purchase price of \$48,000). We must have a balloon payment of another \$10,000 by January

2021 and the balance to be paid by the end of 2021. Please be in prayer for the rest of this financial need. Thank you and praise to our Great God and King!

## **ROMA CHRISTMAS UPDATE**

OVERWHELMED! That is the only way I can describe Pastor

Ghitsa's reaction to the outpouring of the love of God's people to the collection of toys, hats, gloves, shoes, crayons, coloring books and so much more. Space will not permit me to list all and from everyone who donated to help our poor Roma of Hungary and Romania. Pastor Ghitsa will be distributing these gifts



Christmas morning. He will be doing it on FB live. But it will be 3:00 AM our time. So, I will be posting it on our face book page at Walter N Simone Stevens. I hope you will take time to join in and see the fruits of your labors.

#### CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS



Once again, we are collecting funds for Christmas food baskets for our poor Roma families. There are 200 families at \$25 per basket. Thus, we are in the need of \$5,000. Please prayerfully consider giving to this desperate need.





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#### **MELBOURNE/ ST. PETE**

Due to the pandemic both ministries are suffering. Our attendances are way down, and some ministries are on a complete shutdown. We have suspended our Sunday evening service in Melbourne due to a lack of attendance. Please, please pray that our Roma will start coming back to God and His church.

#### **OPEN SCHEDULE**

As a direct result of a curtailed weekly ministry, I am available to report or present our ministries to your church. Please contact me if you could use us.

#### **OPTIONS OF GIVING**

#### Eph. 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

It has been a tough year and I know for some these may be difficult times in your finances, but for those of you who God has blessed, please consider these giving options to help the ROMA office and our many projects. Consider a 1-time yearend gift. If your gift is received prior to the end of 2020 we will be able to receipt your gift for this tax year. Maybe you have received a stimulus check from the government, but really have no need of it. Consider giving it to ROMA or some other worthy charitable organization of your choice. I have met those who have done that very thing. ROMA is allowed to receive tangible goods, such as but not limited to autos, boats, gold, jewelry etc. The value of your gift will be receipted back to you for your 2020 taxes.

#### ALWAYS ASKING FOR FINANCIAL HELP

No one has said anything, but just in case someone is thinking it. I do take advantage of this medium to request for help for our many ministries. I believe I am in good company as the apostle Paul did the same. Please consider these verses from the sacred writings of this great servant



2 Cor. 9:5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.

1 Cor. 9:11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

2 Cor. 11:8 I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service.

Phil. 4:17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS



Please keep Simone's father, Russell Fife, in your prayers. As I put this report together, I am at the hospital with him. Daddy is 91 years old. And has raspatory issues.

Please keep our infant great granddaughter Emma Grace in your prayers for the healing of her club foot.

Pray for our Roma here in the US not to be afraid of COVID and to start coming back to church.

Pray for international borders to reopen and that travel bans will be lifted so our missionaries can get to their perspective fields.



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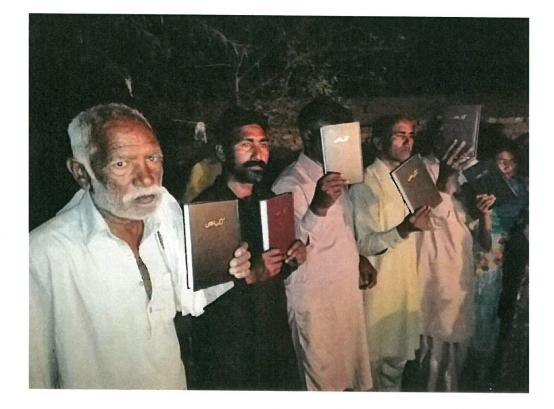
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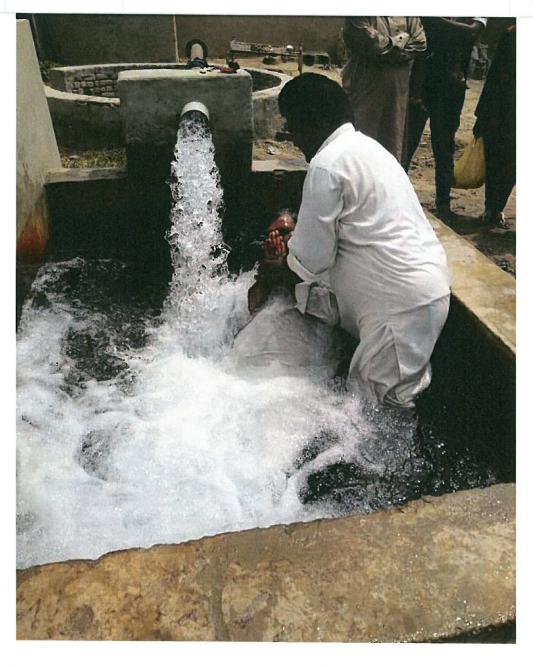


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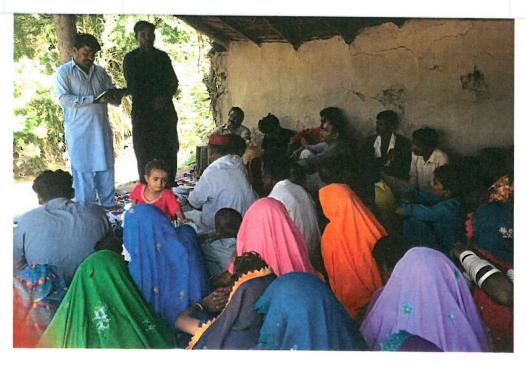


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## **PAKISTAN REPORT**



The ministry in Pakistan continues to grow despite all that is going on in the

## **ROMA CHRISTMAS**





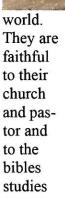


CBC, Cleveland, OH

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We praise the Lord for the outpouring of love and benev-



that I host via skype every Friday. I cannot wait until the travel ban is lifted so I can get "boots on the round" for the first time. They are experiencing extreme flooding and homelessness as a result. Please pray for the Roma of Pakistan.



They were so than thankful for the bibles



we sent because of several of you who gave to this project. They thank you and so do I.

olence from God's people toward our Roma Christ-

mas collection for the poor Roma children of E. Europe. Simone is doing a great job here in Melbourne. There is hardly any room in our garage. Also, I want to thank Cookie Johnson for her help as well. Our shipping bill is going to be a big one. It



costs \$1.35 per pound to ship direct to Romania. Right now, we are looking at about 4-5,000 lbs. At 4,500 lbs. the shipping cost would be \$6,075. Maybe you would be willing to help toward this project. No gift is too small. Thank you in advance.



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## ROMANIA

We praise the Lord for Pastor Ghitsa and his wife Monika.



Please pray for her as she has broken her leg and is bedfast. She is a vital part of our feeding centers and other ministries and es-

pecially a help meet to the Pastor

## HUNGARY

Pastor Pal Rafael is remarkably busy even starting a new work. He now meets in 4 different churches, 4 days per week for a total of 7 services. Pastor Pali's only mode of



transportation has broken down and is in the need of serious

repair costing over \$500. Fuel is almost \$5 per gallon and Pali drives hundreds of kilometers every week. If you could help him with monthly support for gas or a one-time gift for his auto repairs, I am sure he would greatly appreciate it.

## **MELBOURNE ROMA OUTREACH**

Ever since COVID our attendances have been down. But God is now blessing with a small base of regular attendees. We will have a baptism on 9/10.

## **R.O.M.A.**

We are adding 2 missionary families to our already growing family of missionaries and are planning our 6<sup>th</sup> candidates training soon. We are also planning a big celebration at Bible Baptist church in



Bradenton, FL on Sunday, January 17, 2021 as we celebrate R.O.M.A.'s 6th anniversary. If you are in the area, please stop in.

## FALL MEETING SCHEDULE

Pray that my fall schedule will stay intact. With this pandemic you never know. Already one church has decided to do a preaching video instead of having me in person.

- Bible Baptist Church, Xenia, OH 9/27-30
- Heritage Baptist church, Melbourne, FL 10/7-10
- Lighthouse Baptist Church, Intercession City, FL 10/11-15
- Rose Park Baptist Church Holland, MI 10/17-18
- Gospel Baptist Church Poland, OH 10/21-23
- Liberty Baptist Church Rochester, IN 10/25-28
- Elwood Missionary Baptist Church, Huntington WV 11/1-6
- Calvary Baptist Church Troy, OH 11/8-11

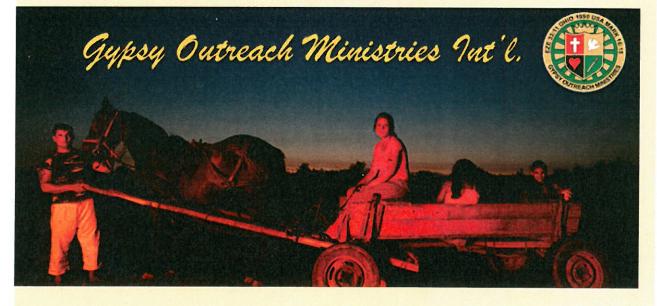
## PRAYER AND PRAISE

- I praise the Lord that my lower back is much better after I had 2 epidural injections.
- Pray for Simones' father, Russell. He is experiencing serious lung issues. Daddy is 91.
- Pray for international borders to open soon for our missionaries to get to their fields.
- Pray for travel bans to be lifted so I can get to Pakistan and Eastern Europe and that Brother Clark can get to the Ukraine.

## **BI-MONTHLY PRAYER LETTER**

By popular demand we are switching from a quarterly report to a bi-monthly. This is the first of our new format. I send our letters out by MailChimp and hard copy by regular post. If you want to receive them in a manner that is more suitable for you, please let me know.

## Second Quarter Report/ Spring - Summer 2020



#### **EVANGELISM**

DURING

COVID

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples". (John 15:8). These words of our Saviour has haunted me and hunted me ever since 1 had decided to be a follower of Christ almost 40 years ago. I have diligently tried to do my best to bear much fruit for His glory. But in these trying and confusing times it is very difficult to do. Please pray that God will reopen opportunities of evangelism. I desperately need to get to St. Petersburg, Ft. Lauderdale, Europe, Pakistan, and back to the prisons with Simone.



ROMA

#### OUTREACH



## MISSIONS

## ASSOCIATION

It was great to have the Mojica family, R.O.M.A. missionaries to Paraguay with us in our Thursday night service at Roma Outreach in Melbourne. Praise God the Mojica's have 78% of their monthly support and passage money raised! But Paraguay is closed to foreigners entering. Please pray for that door to open. Our 25 missionaries with R.O.M.A. are in desperate need of financial help. I am praying for \$25,000 in stimulus money to give each

missionary family \$1,000 to help carry them over until our churches resume regular church services and for missionaries to present their work. I have also been praying for subsidy money to help missionaries on their first year of deputation. We want to thank those who have already given to these projects. Keep these needs in your prayers.

## ROMA

## CHRISTMAS

Once again it is time to collect items for the very needy children of Hungary and Romania. My precious help meet, Simone is doing a great job heading up this project. Here is a list of items we are in need of, knit hats, gloves, scarves, socks, baby clothes,

blister pack toys, dolls, games (chess/checkers etc.), coloring books, crayons, crafts sets, hard candies. you can also send cash or Dollar Tree and Walmart gifts cards, and someone will do the shopping for you. We have 4 collection sites. Bible Baptist in Bradenton, FL Roma Outreach in Melbourne, FL, Crossroad



Baptist church in Jacksonville, FL and Cleveland Baptist Church in Cleveland, OH. Cash gifts can be sent to R.O.M.A. Gifts cards can be sent to 130 O'Keefe St. SE, Palm Bay, FL 32909. For more information please write or call. All items must arrive no later 9/1/2020.

## ROMA

#### OUTREACH

## PAKISTAN

Though there is still much illness, we praise God that our church is meeting once again. Please pray for Pastors Asif and David. Many of our new Gypsy believers are without bibles. We are in the need of 50 bibles in the Urdu language. The cost per bible is \$7.

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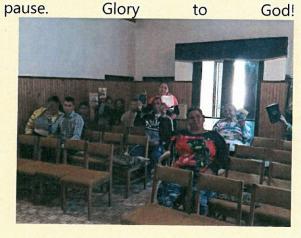




Pastors Ghitsa and Mirci are meeting outdoors, God is blessing with souls saved and the baptism waters being stirred! In Hungary Pastor Pal has been meeting indoors



Baptism in Romania



Church Service in Hencida,

THE BLESSINGS OF MARRIAGE

Ecclesiastes 4:9Two are better than one; because they have a good<br/>forrewardfortheirlabour.

My precious Simone and I will celebrate our first wedding anniversary on August 25. Though we have only known each other a short time, it is as if we have been together a lifetime. God has knit our hearts together with dedication to our Saviour, His church that He died for and to each other.

Hungary



## Prayer

## Requests;

- God's will concerning our St. Petersburg Outreach. -That the prisons will reopen for ministry. – For international travel to resume. -For my fall meeting schedule - I am having serious lower back issues. -For finances for R.O.M.A. ministry needs and for our missionaries.

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First Quarter- Winter/Spring Report 2020 (From January through March)



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#### THE PANDEMIC AND MINISTRY

For the first 3 weeks of March I was able to minister at all my scheduled meetings up north. Though attendances were lower than usual, God blessed, and many decisions were made for the cause of Christ! It was good to come home to my precious wife and ministries here in Florida.

These are desperate times for our churches, our nation and our world. But we have the promise of 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land".

Let me give a brief synopsis of our how our many ministries are being affected. Please pray for each ministry.

• ROMA Outreach, Melbourne, FL

We have not missed one service since we started 2 months ago.



Simone handled the ministry in my absence with some guest preachers. Praise the Lord for a faithful help meet who serves her Saviour with such undaunting dedication. Recently a Roma family moved here from Ft. Lauderdale. We have now added Sunday's services as well as our Thursdays. We are planning a baptism soon.

• ROMA Outreach, St. Petersburg, FL

Our precious Roma people have opted out of social gathering and we have not had services there for quite a while.

ROMA Outreach, Pakistan

The Pakistani government has shut us down. Our people are not allowed to meet and are getting very discouraged. They are having a very difficult time getting their basic needs supplied.



Hungary and Romania

Hungary has shut its borders. The EU is issuing fines to churches who continue to congregate in Romania up to 4000 euros. Our poor Roma are without food and work. Read the excerpt below from Mirci Pricop, who is one of our Roma missionaries stuck in Hungary.

"I come before God in prayer with a heavy heart for I am burdened since I learned the truth about the current situation of my Gypsy Brethren. Many of them are poor even in good times, but now they are desperate. These poor souls usually go begging or survive with the food they find in other people's garbage.

Well, now because of the current situation they are not allowed to be on the streets, they have no help from the government and no means to survive and feed their family."

#### **ROMA OUTREACH MISSIONS ASSOCIATION**

(please see attached or enclosed letter from me, as president)

Needless to say, many of our missionaries who are out on the deputation trail have had their meetings canceled due to COVID19. That means no "love offerings". These families live from these love gifts until their monthly support increases to eventually get them to the field. Our home office wants to help them with some stimulus money. We have 23 missionary families now with R.O.M.A. Would you please prayerfully consider helping with a 1-time financial gift.

#### **PRISON MINISTRY**

My precious wife, Simone has been singing in the Florida penial institutions for over 20 years. She has been going in with another preacher and his wife. The preacher relocated and so she had no one to go in with. I applied to Florida Correction to be a volunteer to minister in the prisons and was accepted. We were going once a

month until the virus. Now everything is on hold. Our first meeting we had 2 in attendance and 1 man saved, our second we had 7 and 2 saved. Glory to God! The chaplain and I have become good friends and he has asked me to teach in what he calls the "Timothy Initiative". This is an institute to train inmates who have answered the call to ministry. He has asked me to teach on missions and evangelism. I am so looking forward to this, another great opportunity to glorify our Saviour and reach the lost with the Gospel of Christ.



#### PRAYER AND PRAISES

- Praise the Lord for protection in travel and for good health
- Praise the Lord for ministry opportunities that abound
- Pray for all the needs of our many ministries be met

#### **Missionary/ Evangelist Walter Stevens**



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"Same call...same people group...different geographical location"

#### REPORTING TO MY SUPPORTERS

After my precious wife, Dolly passed into Glory, I hit the road reporting to my churches. I had gotten way behind because of Dolly's illness. In a 13-month time span, I traveled by car alone 44,000 miles, this does not include air miles. God has blessed my meetings with souls saved and the churches edified all to God's glory!

Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. (Phil. 4:17 KJV)

#### ST. PETERSBURG/PINELLAS PARK FL



After reporting to my churches, I relocated back to Bradenton. I am now closer to our new work in St. Petersburg/Pinellas Park. God is blessing this work in a miraculous way. I

am thrilled to be leading these precious lambs of Christ.

#### THE GYPSY MIRACLE OF PAKISTAN

Just before Dolly's passing, I was contacted by a Gypsy Pastor from Pakistan. I can't mention his



name nor his village for his and his people's protection. We began holding Bible studies via Skype in October. At that first Bible meeting, two precious souls received Christ! Since then we

have continued the bible studies, but I also preached several church services. At 1 service 12 precious souls received Christ. They are planning a baptism in the River as soon as the weather warms up. They have no meeting place but 1 small room in the pastor's home. Praise God we have signed a contract to-

day to rent a very large home for only \$270 per month including utilities.



The home has 4 bedrooms that can be used for Sunday school classes, 1 large room

to hold the church services and 2 baths and 2 kitchens. Glory to God! We have also sent funds for Bibles and for feeding the hungry children.









ROMA OUTREACH MISSIONS ASSN.

We want to praise the Lord as the ROMA family of

missionaries is growing. In December we added to new precious families to be part of our new agency. They are the David and Kayleigh Canny family and the Jose and



Alba Mojica family. The Canny's are raising their support to work with the Roma of Romania and the Mojica's are raising support to plant churches in Paraguay. Please pray for these precious families.

#### GYPSY OUTREACH IN CLEVELAND



Gypsy Pastor Nick Evanovich is doing a great job at our Cleveland G.O. They celebrated 28 years as a ministry of Cleveland Baptist church in November.

#### EASTERN EUROPE

This past fall I had the privilege once again to visit many Roma churches in Eastern and Western Eu-

rope. God blessed with souls saved and the pastors and churches edified. Once again, this past Christmas we were able to purchases food baskets and gifts for our precious Roma families and children

I preached in Bro. Heisey's ministries in Romania. Bro. Pete is recuperating from a major heart attack. Please keep him in your prayers. I also preached for Tim Tyler in Timisoara, Romania. God blessed with souls saved.



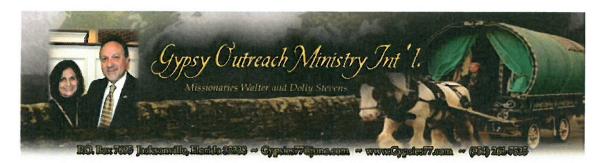


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#### **REPORTING AND PRESENTING**

**Past Issues** 

Well I'm almost caught up reporting to all my supporting churches. I had gotten way behind due to Dolly's illness and my care of her. I have traveled some 29,000 miles by car alone, since December of 2017. God has given me and our ministries a family of faithful supporters in the areas of prayers and finances. <u>We could not do what we do</u> for Christ and my precious Roma people, without you. All I can do is say <u>"thank you"</u>, from the very bottom of my heart and continue to put Roma souls into your account in Heaven (Phil. 4:17). If by some odd reason I have forgotten to get to your church to report, please don't hesitate to contact me, I was also able to present R.O.M.A. to a few new churches as well. The home office is in the need of operational funds to meet its annual budget. <u>Please pray for this need.</u>





Left, Pastor Emeritus Dr. Tom Chrichton Maple, Bible Baptist Greater Rhode Island Right, Pastor Roy Baptist Temple Church, Lancaster, OH

#### ROMA OUTREACH MISSIONS ASSOCIATION

We have several potential candidates to join the R.O.M.A. family of missionaries. <u>Please pray</u> that God will solidify some of these and will call others to join us to reach Roma and other marginalized peoples of the world. If you would like to have R.O.M.A. presented to your church, I or our Executive Director, Dr. Tim Clark, would be honored and blessed to do so.

#### MISSION TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

This summer my grandson and I took a missions trip with his church to the DR. We had a blessed trip and souls were saved. Below is Myself with my grandson Justin/ Alfred (in striped shirt) and Cheena (in pink and green dress) received Christ during door to door visitation. Praise the Lord! It still works!



#### PRICOPS AND FEKETES TO THE USA

Brothers Ghitsa Fekete and Mirci Pricop along with their wives will be in the US for about 6 weeks beginning September 12. They will be reporting to their supporting churches and presenting there ministries in some new churches. Bro. Mirci has some open dates. You may contact him directly at; mirci.pricop@gmail.com. Please keep these precious servants in your prayers.

#### NEW ROMA WORK IN ST. PETERS FLORIDA

#### Same burden, Same call, Same people group, Different location

Praise the Lord for allowing me to start another work among our Roma here in the US. I have been meeting with a group of Roma in St. Petersburg, FL. These faithful believers have left the doctrinally unsound Roma churches and started meeting on their own. They met in a Holiday Inn

for 10 months without a shepherd. The patriarch and his sons have invited me to shepherd them. What a breath of fresh air, these precious Roma are. There are still many lost Roma in the St. Pete, Pinellas Park and Tampa area that are lost without Christ. We also praise the Lord for Pastor Brent Stancil of Community Bible Baptist Church who has opened their doors to us. We are currently only meeting on Tuesday nights. <u>Please pray for this new station of service for our Great God and King!</u> I will be moving back to Bradenton to be closer to this work and the R.O.M.A. office in January, 2019





Left, Pastor J. B. Stancil Community Bible Baptist Church Right, During our first meeting these Roma raised \$1,500 to renovate 1 Roma home in Tinca, RO! Glory to God!

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for me and 3 others who will be traveling to Europe for 3 weeks beginning October 8. One young adult man who is going with me is seeking God's will concerning missions. Another is a married couple who have already raised their support to work with Roma. I will be preaching to Roma in Eastern and Western Europe.
- Please pray about funds needed to purchase a ministry van in E. Europe. Pastor Fekete's van is on its last leg. His VW van has 450,000 kilometers on it!!!
- Please pray about the much needed funds to complete Phase 2 of the church building in Calacia.
- Please pray about Gypsy Pastor Asif in Pakistan. He has asked me to disciple his Gypsy congregation via the internet as I cannot get a visa to enter Pakistan. He is in the need of a laptop and video projector for this project.
- Pray for these upcoming conferences where I am preaching

8/30-9/2 Central BC Columbus, OH 9/9-12 Riverside BC, Indialantic, FL 9/16-19 Calvary BC, Ashville, NC **Missionary/ Evangelist Walter Stevens** 



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#### ON THE ROAD AGAIN

...and of course in the air as well. After the Christmas Holiday and the beginning of the New Year, I was out reporting to many of our supporting churches. Especially those that I had not been with for quite a long time due to Dolly's prolonged illness. I reported in Florida, Kentucky, and Ohio. April found me in Europe, I



preached for Pastor Pali in Hungary, Pastor Ghitsa, Missionary Pete Hei-



Mosnita Veche, Missionary Tim Tyler in Timisoara, Romania, Mis-

sionaries Jim and Bruce White in several of their Sinti (Gypsy) churches, and a German church Pastored by a Romanian national in Germany. God's blessings were upon every and all services. Glory to God!

#### **BLESSINGS IN HUNGARY**

Again this year's calendar provided for us 2 different Easters. In Hungary Easter was April 1 (same as ours). We ministered in Biharkeresztes with Pastor Pali. The services were blessed. The church is under a renovation project as the Lord has miraculously supplied a wonderful new facility for them. God is so good all the time! Traveling with me was a dear brother from Bradenton. He also preached and held VBS in both Romania and Hungary. Thank



you, Bro. Mike Powers for being such a blessing.



I was also able to preach a mis-

sion's conference at Bible Baptist church of Szolnok, Hungary; this is the ministry of missionaries Dan and Patricia Peters. They were away on furlough but Jason and Senja Mann were filling in their absence. God really poured out His blessing on this meeting. The Manns did a great a great job while filling in for the Peters.

#### **BLESSINGS IN ROMANIA**

Easter was one week later this year. God blessed in all of Pastor

Fekete's churches. Bro. Lawrence Evans and his nephew Anthony Costello arrived in time to minister alongside myself and with Bro. Powers. Bro. Fekete was not feeling well and asked if I would do all the baptizing for 2 of the churches. Souls were saved, the church edified and God was glorified. I was also able to teach in our institute while there.



#### HOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT

While in Romania we had the privilege of distributing Easter food baskets to some of our poorest families who live on the very back end of the Gypsy area of Tinca. As we went into these homes to pray and deliver their baskets my heart was touched deeply as to their poverty and poor living conditions. I asked Pastor Fekete how many church members had homes back there. He said there

were 20. I have started raising funds to renovate these homemade mud-brick houses. It will cost \$1,500 per house to put cement on the floors, stucco the interior and exterior of the walls, repair the roof and put a new stove (pot belly type) and a new sofa bed in each one. I have already raised \$16,700 toward the \$30,000 needed.



Praise the Lord. We will start this project soon.

#### **ROMA OUTREACH MISSIONS ASSOCIATION**

Dr. Clark and I have been very busy keeping R.O.M.A. in the forefront as we present the need for the Roma people. Please be in prayer for several potential candidates considering making R.O.M.A. their missionary agency. We have one potential candidate who is a El Salvadorian national working in Nicaragua. He cannot obtain his visa to come to the US for candidate training, so Dr. Clark and I were going to take the training to him until we heard of civil unrest in the country. We have postponed until tensions subside there.

#### "LABORERS ARE FEW"

That's what Jesus said in Luke 10:2. We have invitations to Spain, India and other places around the world to reach the Roma people. Dr. Clark recently returned from the Ukraine where God blessed with souls saved. But we don't have a national to put there to start a church. Jesus said we are to pray for this need in the verse mentioned above. Please pray with us for man power and funds.



Wishing You and Yours a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year\_

Dearest Precious Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

#### SINCE DOLLY'S HOME GOING

There was such an outpouring of God's love from so many friends and relatives toward me and my family. Dolly was most definitely loved by many. Thank you for your calls, cards, emails, and FB posts of encouragement.

As a direct result of many giving financial gifts in Dolly's memory to R.O.M.A., the amount given was over \$14000, we have been able to subsidize our first missionary family. A big "Thank You" to all who gave! Praise the Lord!

With my family's help, we packed up all of Dolly's belongings, emptied the house and then had a huge and successful garage sale. I then put our (Dolly's) home on the market and it sold in a short amount of time. **Praise the Lord!** 

My son and daughter- in- law have given me a room in their home in Melbourne, FL, while I wait for the Lord's leading. I haven't been with them much, as I have been out reporting to our supporting churches (for some it had been 6 years since I was last with them) and presenting R.O.M.A.

Dr Clark (R.O.M.A.'s executive director) and I have our calendars synced one with another. That way we can know where we may be at any given time. He texted me after he saw a lot of dates being scheduled on my calendar, saying, "Well, I see your back in the saddle again". I thought to myself well I may be back on the horse, but I think it's bareback.



#### TRIP TO ROMANIA AND HUNGARY

From October 19 through November 13 I was in our many ministries in both countries. Missionary Lawrence Evans met up with me at the airport in Budapest. He could only stay a couple of weeks as his brother, R.O.M.A., Missionary Nick Evanovich, filled in for him for 1 Sunday in the Gypsy Outreach in Cooper City, Florida. Bro. Evans was primarily there to dedicate the new feeding centre in Calacia, Romania in memory of his late wife, Sally. God used him in a great way to preach in our Roma churches. Many were saved under his preaching! To God be the Glory!



I was so pleased to see that our national pastors have followed the biblical model of churches being indigenous and autonomous (they are not at self-supporting yet, but we're working on it). In my absence, Pali has procured his own facility for the church in Hungary. They have already moved out of the storefront. The Roma church there is well attended and God is a blessing in many ways! **Praise the Lord**!



Pastor Ghitsa has been busy starting a new work near the Hungarian border. The village is Girisu de Cris. At one service many were saved. They are planning a baptism there soon. **Praise be to God!** 

Pastor Ghitsa has been given the responsibility to oversee an old church plant that is without a pastor. The village is Gepiu. The church building was in such disarray that we pooled our money and repaired the entire interior. We will work on the exterior this coming spring. Oh my, how thankful this little group of believers were!

#### ROMA CHRISTMAS

Every year we put donation barrels in the foyer of Bible Baptist Church in Bradenton. All together 700 lbs. of hats, gloves, toys and other items were shipped to be distributed among the children in the Roma churches.

Also with the help of Manna Worldwide and other donors we were able to send \$4,750 to buy food baskets for 144 families. With these funds we also gave our national pastors a nice Christmas gift.

#### BIBLE INSTITUTE



There have been several modules of our institute since my last report. Dr Clark has taught most of them along with Bro. Mirci Pricop But I had the privilege of teaching there this past November. We had a good group of students who were both faithful to attendance and diligent to study.

#### ROMA OUTREACH MISSIONS ASSOCIATION



We are so thrilled to report to you that another missionary family has joined up with R.O.M.A., **Daniel and Maria Deleon and their precious daughter Grace** are going to be reaching their own Hispanic people with the Gospel. **GLORY GOES TO GOD!** 

R.O.M.A., Missionaries Josef and Maria Teglas are doing a great work among the Roma of his area. Josef is now pastoring 3 Roma churches. God has His hand upon this dear brother.

**Mirci and Mia Pricop** are very active in all our ministries both in Hungary and Romania. Mirci speaks both languages. They help with teen and ladies bible studies. Mirci preaches in the churches and teaches the institute modules when we are not there. He has become and a great asset to Pastor Ghitsa and the Roma churches. He and his family are now living in our home in Hungary. The Pricops have 2 children, Naomi and Eli. **Please keep these precious families in your prayers.** 

#### REACHING ROMA IN THE USA

While online one day, I read an article about a large group of Roma families from Romania being placed by the federal government in the small town of California, PA. I contacted R.O.M.A., Missionary Nick Evanovich, as it is only a couple hour drive from Cleveland. Nick and his wife Dorothy went there on several occasions and led some to the Lord. They have already been re-placed by the government to another area. While at the mall Dorothy met another group that has been placed in the Columbus, OH area. They even showed up at Gypsy Outreach in Cleveland. Pray that God opens an "effectual door" for the Evanoviches into these Roma families from Romania. God is moving people around the globe for the specific purpose of hearing the gospel. May we be faithful to greet them and evangelize those that God brings our way.

And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, **and the bounds of their habitation;** That they should seek the Lord, if haply **they might feel after him, and find him**..." (Act 17:26-27 KJV)

#### Praises

I'm so thankful for those who gave so the Roma could have a nice Christmas.

I'm so thankful for those who gave to Dolly's memorial fund, so we could fulfil our vision of missionary families being subsidized until they gain adequate support.

I'm so thankful to Pastor Dean and the church leadership at Riverside Baptist church for taking Michael on as a full-time assistant pastor.





#### **Prayer Requests**

Our little Jojo is seeing a specialist on January 3<sup>rd</sup> to try to determine what may be causing the hindrance of his development.

Olivia is going to see another specialist about the swelling of her ankle. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> doctor that she has seen this year for this ailment. She is not any better.

Because Jesus Deserves the Reward of His Suffering,

Walter Stevens Hebrews 12:2-4



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**Special Report** 

Dearest Precious Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has recently been brought to my attention that not all of our friends and supporters do email or even facebook, I regret that you have not been kept informed concerning Dolly's home going, graduation on July 11 at 3:15 PM. Please forgive me.

On Friday it had become very evident that Dolly was about to cross the threshold into the arms of her awaiting



Saviour. I contacted our children from Ohio and others nearby, that mom was going away and for them to come and say their "good byes" (really just "see you later"). With all of us around mom's hospital bed in our home, with tears streaming down our faces, we read scripture to Mom and each other from Ps. 90, Luke 16 and I Thess. 4. We wanted mom (I called her mom too), to know that we were releasing her into the arms of her Lord (they say that the hearing is the last to go). A dear brother from our church just walked in at that very moment (he and his precious wife were bringing us a meal), I said "Jim, come quickly mama is about to pass, come and sing some songs about heaven". Oh what a time we shared at that very moment as she departed her earthly tabernacle and put on a robe of pure white. Her suffering and toil from this life is over. No more pain, doctors, treatments and medicine. SHE IS HEALED and MADE WHOLE! Glory to God!

Though many of the funeral arrangements were prearranged, there was still much to do to celebrate Dolly's life and her memory. With such a great affinity with Bible

Baptist church in Bradenton we felt a strong leading to have a memorial service at the church for our brothers and sisters in Christ, who had encouraged Dolly and I so very much through our journey with their prayers, cards, pats on the back and so much more. So on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> we had an open casket memorial service. With the help of Pastor Yannizzi and the BBC staff what a wonderful service it was. Some said afterward, "it was like a revival service". Many had come to celebrate with us; the brother who sang in our home sang one of the songs he sang the day of her passing. We had several Roma families attend and one brother even sang a song in the Roma language. The highlight was when our son brought the message. He took us on a roller coaster ride of emotion; he took us up the mountain with laughter and then brought us down into the valley with tears. Christ was honored as we honored His own.

Since all of Dolly's family is buried in Barberton, OH, we had prepared for her interment there. Dolly was from



Youngstown, OH and so we utilized a funeral home that her mother used when she passed a few years ago. I could not begin to tell you how many had come throughout the day as the visitation was from 2 PM unto 7 PM. The facilities chapel is a good sized auditorium, (almost the size of a small church). It looked like every pew was full. Again God blessed our celebration of Christ and His servant Dolly. Dr. Roger Green and his wife Brenda participated as well as Bro. and Sis. Rusnacko from Euclid, OH. Michael brought the same eulogy and once again God used it in a great way. One of the highlights was a couple from Troy Baptist Temple who are great friends with Dolly and I. I had asked Nathan and Linda Morris to come and sing at Dolly's memorial. Oh, how they blessed us and glorified their Saviour! They sang 2 songs, "I've Just Seen Jesus" and "The Via Dolorosa".

At the cemetery we experienced one of the sweetest grave site services we had ever participated in. Family members testified of Dolly's Godly life, the man who led us to Christ spoke of her grace and beauty. Pastor Ghitsa Fekete along with Mirci Pricop, surprised us by coming all the way from Romania to come and honor their dear sister and her husband.

Finally, we suggested that if there were those who would rather send a financial gift in lieu of flowers could do so, by sending their gifts to R.O.M.A. (see letter head). All funds received will be used to help subsidize R.O.M.A. missionaries. Please earmark your gift, Dolly's Memorial Fund.

Though I miss her immensely, I am glad that she is not suffering anymore and that we will be reunited in eternity. To God be the Glory!

I am ready to return back to full time ministry. I am planning a trip to Eastern Europe this coming fall. If you need me to report or present our new mission agency R.O.M.A. please don't hesitate to call or write.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support,

Because Jesus Deserves the Reward of His Suffering,

Missionary Walter Stevens Heb. 12:2-4

My Mama Is With Jesus Now

She was always such a loving mom Until the very end. She was the best Mama that God Could ever send.

She treated us with so much love. We are so very blessed. Then came a time in 2004 She was given her most difficult test.

She passed the test every day She gave it her best shot. A word unkind, a deed of hate, a mean look she gave not.

Every time we would see her Even though her body full of ache. She would do her best to sit and time with us she'd take.

> God, thank you that she is home Healed, Healthy oh wow! She is no longer here with us For my mama is with Jesus now!

> > Michael Stevens

#### **Stevens Report**

To Our Dearest and Most Precious Supporters and Prayer Partners,

There is so much I could add to just the greeting of this letter. Truly Dolly and I are so very blessed to have such a large and caring family in Christ. We stand amazed at the out pouring of love in the form of emails, cards, flowers and even financial gifts, not to mention what some of you post on social media

I'm not going to tell you that what we are going through is easy, nor that we are not growing weary in this battle we have been fighting for several years now. But please, be assured that your prayers are being answered. I would like to say that they are being answered with a change in Dolly's prognosis, but God has answered your prayers by the great peace He has bestowed upon our hearts and minds. We are truly resting in the Everlasting Arms of our sweet Saviour!

I usually fill up a report with photos of our ministries. God has done so much here in the US and Eastern Europe. I just stand in amazement of how He has blessed all of our workers and the ministries they are involved in. All to God's glory, souls are being saved, believers baptized, preachers trained, and hungry children are being fed. I am so thankful for Dr. Tim Clark who is the "face" of Gypsy ministry and our new board R.O.M.A., while I minster to the needs of my wife.

I am thankful for you blessing our son Mike and his family with their transition to stateside ministry. Thank you for praying for our little grandson Joey, who has been seizure free for several months. Glory to God! Thank you for those who provided that our poor Roma could have a blessed Christmas again. We are praying that this coming Easter will be as blessed. Thank you for helping Lawrence Evans during the home going of his dear wife, Sally. We miss her greatly. Sally was Dolly's best friend. Thank you for helping Lawrence to start up a feeding center in Romania in Sally's honor. God is answering your prayers and returning spiritual dividends into your account in heaven

Let me finish this letter with Dolly's situation. Most of you know that the oncologist told Dolly this past August that she would have as little as 6 months to a year without any treatment. Praise God she has passed the 6th month mark! The doctor was amazed as to how much Dolly deteriorated. Dolly's last attempt for treatment was immune therapy. Only to find out that Dolly's cancer, is not included in this new type of cancer therapy. The only treatment option they were offering Dolly was more chemotherapy and that she would be on it the rest of her life. For Dolly and I this was not an option as there is NO quality of life with chemo on a long term basis. Since Dolly rejected the chemo option the doctor recommended that Dolly be under hospice care to manage her pain and symptoms. The hospice nurse comes to our home once per week. Dolly grows weaker and weaker as the days go by. Some days she'll have a burst of energy and we will go out for a meal. These days are less frequent now. She spends most of the time resting. She uses a walker or wheelchair when she does get out of the house. She is also on oxygen as needed and time release morphine and oxycodon for her pain. Well that's it for now. Again, "Thank you", for all that your do for our Lord and us.

Because Jesus Deserves the Reward of His Suffering, The Sevens, Hebrews 12:2-4

Sincerely and always...

Because Jesus Deserves the Reward of His Suffering,

Missionary Walter Stevens Hebrews 12:2-4

## **Report on Dolly**

Dear Praying Friends,

I'm sorry there is so much time between reports, but as Dolly's care giver, domestic responsibilities and still trying to oversee our US and European ministries, time just gets away from me. Mike and his family have taken a position in a church on the east coast of Florida, so it is just the 2 of us now.

As you know Dolly is now under Hospice care in our home. The nurse comes weekly. She is deteriorating daily and is in pain most days. There are days she has a burst of energy and we might go out for a meal, but then she "bottoms out". She is on several strong pain medications. She stays in bed most of the time. We do not know what the cancer is doing, but right now her leg pain from the deep vein thrombosis is what is bothering her the most. We cannot put her on blood thinners as that would or could start the hemoptysis again. We are so glad that that has subsided. Glory to God!

I have an armoire in our bedroom that I have converted into a small work station, as I cannot get to the ROMA office very much these days. As I write this letter, Dolly is still sleeping. Dolly breaths heavy when she sleeps. I am so glad that I can still hear her breathes. I don't want to lose my precious Dolly, but I do not want her to suffer either. Please pray for God's perfect will.

All of our ministries are prospering under God's good hand of blessing. Eastern Europe is experiencing an unusual and extreme cold winter. This is difficult on our precious Roma people as wood to burn for cooking and heating is scarce right now and very expensive. Our institute will start up again on 2/1. It cost about \$1,700 to \$2,000 to hold a 2 week module. This includes food, utilities, wood, office supply, cooks and translators. I have raised very little monthly support for the institute. Please pray about this need.

Bro. Clark departs tomorrow to head up our institute module and minister to our missionaries and their churches. Please pray for his safety and ministry while in Eastern Europe. We did not get many commitments to purchase the camp; we have taken that as God telling us it is not His will.

Thank you for your prayers, support, cards, letters, phone calls and emails. You are a tremendous blessing to us and our ministries. We love you.

P.S. I'll try to be more faithful with my reporting

Sincerely and always...

Because Jesus Deserves the Reward of His Suffering

Missionary Walter Stevens Hebrews 12:2-4



**Dearest Friends and Supporters,** 

May God bless you abundantly in 2017! Dolly and I love and appreciate each of you very much. Dear Praying Freinds,

I'm so very sorry I have not kept you updated concerning Dolly. Everything is about the same. She seems to have good to very bad days. Hospice has been such a great blessing. We praise the Lord that Dolly's hemoptysis has subsided. This is a great blessing and answer to prayer. As a result she did not have to undergo the radiation treatments, as they were being considered as an option to stop the bleeding.

She has developed more blood clots in her legs. She was experiencing great discomfort and had an ultrasound done which revealed some old and new clots. Because of Dolly's potential bleeding, blood thinners were not recommended. She elevates her legs and wears support stockings most of the time. Along with some strong pain medication this keeps her as comfortable as possible.

I do not leave Dolly at home alone any more. I thank the Lord that Mike and Sarah are still here (until January when they move to the other coast of Florida to take an assistant pastors position). For now, we take turns staying with Dolly, while we go to church.

Thank you for your prayers and concern. Ill try to be more faithful with my reporting. But I am the main caregiver to Dolly and my time just gets away from me.

Sincerely and always... Because Jesus Deserves the Reward of His Suffering,

Missionary Walter Stevens Hebrews 12:2-4

## A Brief Report

Dear Precious Friends and Supporters

Though the summer issue of our quarterly report will come out soon, I thought it necessary to get a brief report out concerning Dolly and her health situation. One church recently called and asked if Dolly was in an area hospital. She was not. This is probably my fault as I have not posted much recently as my schedule has been full with caring for Dolly, overseeing our European ministries (stateside), promoting our new mission agency R.O.M.A. and making inroads into the Roma community of Bradenton and Sarasota. I thank the Lord for my dear and precious co-laborer, Dr. Tim Clark who has been handling most of the "on the ground" ministry duties in Romania. With 4 churches, 2 national pastors, Bible Institute, feeding centers and 2 EEGBI graduates preparing to establish a new work, it's a lot to oversee.

In June Dolly had a routine checkup which involved a CT scan, Please keep in mind that Dolly was NOT symptomatic at this time. We were very surprised to hear that the tumors had almost doubled in size. Since Dolly does not want Chemo anymore we began investigating some clinical trials. We were presented by some dear friends at church of some break through for cancer in the area of immune therapy. We then followed up with this possibility at a cancer clinic here in Bradenton, FL. The doctor had Dolly take a PET scan. This scan revealed that not only were the tumors growing, but they were growing at a more rapid and aggressive rate. The doctor then told us that Dolly was not a candidate for immune therapy and the only other treatment options for her were chemo and/or more radiation. She also said that Dolly was at stage 4 and without treatment would make not make it through the year.

Thank you for always thinking of us and praying for us. Dolly seems to be getting weaker and weaker day by day. But we praise the Lord that some days she has a burst of energy and then bottoms out after a few hours. The hemoptysis is getting worse. We see another oncologist this coming Tuesday (9/13) in Cleveland, OH. It's mostly to satisfy our children, but who knows what God might do. Please be in prayer for our family. Our adult children are not taking the news about Dolly very well, of course this is understandable. They just want their mama to be around a little longer, (I think a lot longer) and so do I. I just can't stand to watch Dolly suffer anymore, with this wretched disease and all its side effects.

I am on the road the rest of this fall, reporting to churches that I have not been with for several years and presenting R.O.M.A. I will have Dolly with me most of the times. The only times I leave her alone is when I go to meetings, then I hurry back to be at her side, I would hate for something to happen to her and me not be there. Sometimes when I can't avoid being away overnight, one of our daughters stay with her. This past spring when I began to schedule meetings for the fall she was doing so well. Since things have so drastically changed in such a short amount of time, I was going to cancel my entire itinerary and go home, but Dolly wouldn't let me. Needless to say this is very difficult. I know you realize that I am not looking for pity; the Sweet Lord Jesus is near and upholding us. This is not just wishful thinking, I really mean it, and it is true. Though we weep and cry out to God for a miracle, we know that He knows what is best.

Colo. 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Because Jesus Deserves the Reward of His Suffering,

Walter Stevens Hebrews 12:2-4



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## DOLLY

Since our last report (winter) Dolly's health has improved dramatically. She has not been on any cancer treatment, so we cannot attribute it to anything but our Sweet Saviour! Dolly has not been hospitalized since last fall. Her blood pressure is under control, DVT's are being treated with compression stockings (as she cannot be on blood thinners any more) and she has not coughed up blood for quite awhile. All in all she is experiencing the best few months she has had in over 2 years. GLORY TO GOD! Thank you for your prayers. She is due for a semi-annual CT scan soon. Please pray that the tumors are completely gone.

## APOLOGY

Please forgive the lateness of our report. Since Dolly's health has improved so much I have been out reporting and presenting R.O.M.A. God has been blessing. But the travel has put me behind in office responsibilities (of which I am very weak at). I have traveled as far west as Texas and as far North as Nova Scotia. God has filled my calendar all the way through almost all of November. THANK YOU, JESUS!



### ON A SAD NOTE

Our precious sister, co laborer and friend Sally Evans went home to be with the Lord, Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. I was at Bro. Lawrence's side in Cleveland, OH as he said good bye to his precious help mate. I was not able to attend the funeral and memorial but coming to show their love and respect. She has left a legacy as a great testimony of her Saviour and was a soul winner right to the very end. She will be greatly missed by many, but we have the confidence to see her again in Glory!



## SALLY'S KITCHEN

In memory of Sister Evans, Bro. Lawrence, Pastor Folger and I in cooperation with Pastor Fekete will be establishing a feeding center in Romania. If you would like to help out financially in this ministry, please send all gifts to Lawrence Evans c/o BMFP P.O. Box 37043 Jacksonville, FL 32236. Please ear mark your check "Sally's Kitchen".

## MINISTRY IN WEST PALM BEACH

Since Sally's home going Lawrence is with family and his sending church in northeast Ohio. As a result the Roma ministry in West Palm Beach is without a shepherd for the time being. Please pray that God would grant us wisdom as to what to do with this precious flock of God's little lambs.

## ROMA OUTREACH MISSIONS ASSOCIATION

In March we conducted out first training session. We approved one family but had others from our host church and one other church sit in on the sessions. It was a very productive time.

I hope you have received the packet of information concerning R.O.M.A. We sent them out to all my personal supporters. If ever you would like us to come and share our vision with you, please contact us. Either I or Dr. Clark will make ourselves available if at all possible.



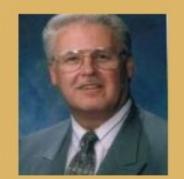
## CHRISTIAN MEDIA INTERNATIONAL

The 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May I was in Dawsonville, GA at Lighthouse Baptist Church. This church hosts Lighthouse Global Studios. While there I videotaped 28 messages in the Roma language. They will be aired over satellite television directed to the huge population of Roma in Eastern Europe. What a great blessing and opportunity! Please pray for God to bless this ministry with many souls saved. I only know of one other Roma language ministry over the airways. These messages can be viewed on YouTube at; Walter Stevens Lighthouse Global Studios.

## MIKE, SARAH AND FAMILY

A few months ago our son and his family came to the US from Bucharest, Romania. Their youngest, Joel Reagan was experiencing febrile seizures. There were concerns of other medical complications. God has been so good to us; nothing else has been discovered so far. Joey is on anti-seizure medications and has not had any more seizures. We are praying that funding would be provided to do some VERY expensive genetic testing to make sure there are no other underlying causes to his seizures. Please join us in prayer for little Joey.





#### EASTERN EUROPEAN REPORT

**God continues to bless** our works in Eastern Europe. Lord willing I will be there with Dr. Clark and our teen grandson Justin. Justin is seeking the Lord concerning a call on his life. Please be in prayer for our trip, funding and Justin. While there we will graduate a student from our institute, conduct an ordination and host Dr. Roger Green and Grace Baptist church, Middletown, OH where Dr. Max Fernandez is pastor. Dr. Green has come to RO for the last 7 years and has been the keynote speaker at a Pastors and Missionaries conference we co-host at Camp of Joy in Briheni, RO. Please be in prayer for these special events!



The Mann family will be coming to Hungary this month. They have been raising their support and feel that God will supply the rest needed as they step out in faith. They will be applying for visas, purchasing a vehicle and learning the language. They will be staying in housing provided by Pastor Zsolt Kovach at Bible Baptist church of Debrecen and then eventually moving into our home in Biharkeresztes. Please pray for their transition to a new country and culture.







## Romania

Pastor Fekete and our 3 churches continue to be blessed. Souls have been saved, baptized and added to the church. Our winter and spring modules of EEGBI were well attended. We thank the Lord for Dr. Clark, ROMA missionary Mirci Pricop, and Mickey Johnson and of course our host and Pastor ROMA missionary Ghitsa Fekete for a job

well done.



<u>MANNA World Wide</u> has recently purchased a vacated medical clinic that was recently constructed in Tinca. The STARS kindergarten will make this their new home this fall. Eventually we will hold medical and dental clinics headed up by Bro. Jerry Abbot. We thank God for them and their love of Christ and the Roma people.



## A TALE OF 2 EASTERS

Hungary's Easter celebration was the same as ours this year. Our little church was packed. We were able to provide food baskets and candy for the church members once again.

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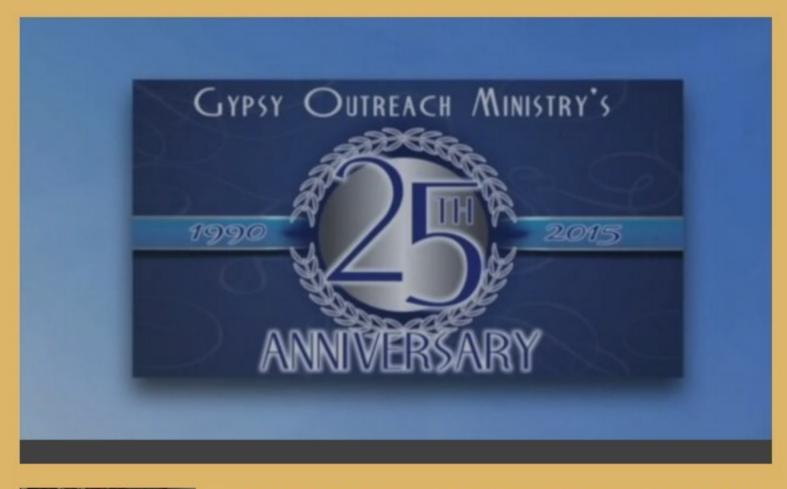
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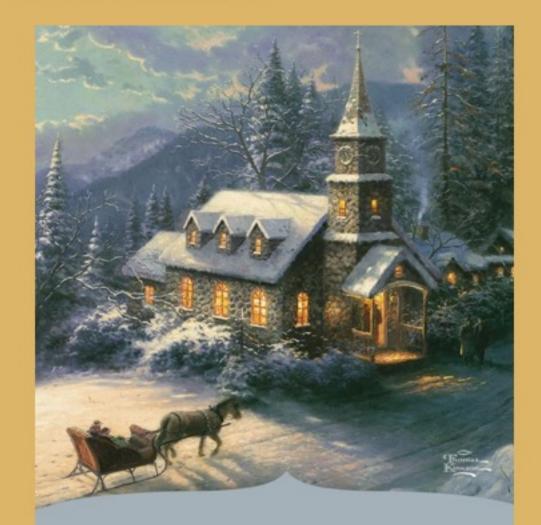
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#### Summer 2015 Prayer Letter and Report

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#### DOLLY

We have been in an absolute medical whirlwind. The last episode was an emergency room visit because of Dolly's elevated blood pressure. The unusual thing is that Dolly never had high blood pressure in the past. She spent two days in a local hospital and went through a gamut of tests, which all came back clear. For which we are praising the Lord. She is now on 4 blood pressure medications. Though her levels are somewhat under control it is still up and down. Now it is just a balancing act of trying to regulate the medication. At least they are lower than what they were when we took her to the emergency room and she was suffering from severe headaches. Needless to say this has absolutely nothing to do in treating the cancer. Once again we are reminded that the three tumors are enlarging. Not dramatically but enlarging nonetheless. A strategy of treatment for the cancer still remains undetermined. Dolly has an appointment with the oncologist this month. Also be in prayer about Dolly's health insurance coverage. We could not afford the coverage she has if it were not for the subsidies. Recently the marketplace removed Dolly's subsidy and put her on Medicaid. Don't ask me how they did it. Of course now her coverage is limited to certain doctors and hospitals and we will have to change all of them. Thank you for your prayers.

#### **TRIP UP NORTH**

In preparation for our granddaughters wedding in Cleveland on 10/7 and getting ready for the G.O.  $25^{\text{th}}$  anniversary we will be in Cleveland for about 2 months this fall. If you would need me to report, please contact me ASAP as my calendar is filling quickly.

#### 25<sup>TH</sup> G.O. ANNIVERSARY



information please follow this link; www.gypsies77.com/go-anniversaryinformation.html. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP as soon as possible. Hope to see you there this fall!

#### **ROMA CHRISTMAS**

It is that time of year again when we start collecting gifts for the Roma children of Hungary and Romania. You can send items from the list



below, Dollar Tree or Wal-Mart gifts cards (we will purchase the items) or monetary gifts. Items and gift cards should be sent to; 4509 30<sup>th</sup> Lane East, Bradenton, FL 34203, monetary gifts should be sent to the R.O.M.A. financial office at P.O. Box 7695, Jacksonville FL 32238. Please earmark your checks, "ROMA Christmas". We will once again assemble food baskets for 150-200 families at a cost of about \$5,000. Pray about helping.

#### Roma Christmas Gift list;

knit hats, gloves, scarves, socks, blister pack toys, dolls, games, coloring books, crayons, crafts sets, baby clothes and hard candies. All items must arrive by 9/25/15.

#### **EVANS**

Please continue to pray for Lawrence and Sally Evans. The Evans are still in Cleveland, where Sally has been



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#### **DR. TIM CLARK**

Bro. Tim is such a blessing to me and R.O.M.A. Due to Dolly's health condition I am not able to get out much for meetings. Bro. Clark has become the face of R.O.M.A. as he goes out and presents this

needy ministry. He has filled in for Bro. Evans on a



few occasions as well. If you need a speaker for your mission's conference or just need someone for a Sunday, Bro. Clark is available. You may contact him at; tanas@romamission.com.



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missionaries and churches. In Pastor Fekete's ministries' over 30 souls have been saved and almost as many baptized.







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exterior walls. This project would cost about \$1,500.

#### **CAMP OF JOY**

This is the camp that we have been involved with for several years. It is under the leadership of Pastor Viorel Balaciu and the Maranatha Baptist church of Steiu, RO. We have been recently informed that the camp is up for sale as Bro. Balaciu wants to go a different direction with his camp ministry. This is a GREAT opportunity for the Lord! We would use it for Roma children during



the summers, rent it out to other Baptist churches and sponsor adult retreats in the fall. This is also the camp that hosts our annual Pastors fellowship that Dr. Green preaches at every year. The camp is being offered as a "turnkey proposal". The asking price is \$220,000. Please be in prayer of weather God wants us to take an interest in this camp, and if He does about raising the funds. You may view more photos of Camp of Joy at; <u>www.dropbox.com/sh/che0wzhcmktxts7/</u> AAAi66iR6AwPaC0daYJLxTdra?dl=0

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES**

Administration is definitely not my gift. But it has to be done. I have not been able to spend much time at the R.O.M.A.



office, but have been working at my home office (a converted armoire), due to my duties as care giver to Dolly. She has seen some rough days this past month. The greatest challenge I face is handling ministry in 3 countries on 2 continents. Thank God for Skype, email, online banking and computers. This photo was taken by Dr. Clark unbeknownst to me.

#### HUNGARY

The church in Hungary under the leadership of Pali Rafael, are holding their own. They are in the need of school supplies for about 23 children. The cost would be about \$50 per child. The Rafaels are looking for a home to purchase. We have a gift for them to help with the down payment but they will still need to finance. Please pray about government subsidies and financing as well as finding the right home.

#### **Roma Outreach Missions Association**

Mission Statement; As the church faces perilous times in these last days, and considering the imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. With a passion and love for God and His Son we being led by the Holy Spirit with a sense of urgency to reach out to the unreached and overlooked people groups of the world with the Gospel. With this sense of

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consider the Roma people to be the prime example of these people groups. We will endeavor to focus primarily on the Gypsies of the world but also to include all forgotten people groups. R.O.M.A. is a recognized 501 (c) (3) not for profit, incorporation under federal and state guidelines.

**Purpose;** To assist the local church and their missionaries;

- By training the missionary to go to his specific field.
- By preparing the missionary to get to the field through the deputation process
- By equipping the missionary with the tools and resources to depart for the field.
- By sustaining the missionary on the field by encouragement and communication

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As a result of Dolly's better health, I am now available for meetings. If you need me to come and report, please contact me.

### R.O.M.A.

Office operations were put on hold as a result of Dolly's set back with her health. But now we are in full swing. Dr. Clark comes down from Jacksonville about 1 week per month, but also has a R.O.M.A. office in Jacksonville at his home church. Guess who is helping me out in the office. She's the cutie below. GOD IS GREAT!



We have a family, called to Spain, considering joining R.O.M.A. That would bring us to 4 missionaries families!

#### MIRCI AND MIA PRICOP

One of R.O.M.A.'s families has been going through a trial and need your prayers. Mirci, his wife Mia and their little girl Naomi are a faithful couple who have sur-



rendered to work with the Roma people in Romania. Mia just gave birth to a little boy and they named him Eli. Prior to his th a heart condi-

birth Eli was diagnosed with a heart condition that doctors felt would require surgery. Recently little Eli underwent that surgery and is recovering. Please pray for the Pricops. Lord willing Mirci will be stateside in the fall, to present his ministry. Please pray about having him in.

#### **OUR BIBLE INSTITUTE**

We thank the Lord for Brother Mickey Johnson, Lio Mischi and Mirci Pricop, who ministered in our Spring module.



Mirci had to teach via Skype from the hospital his son was in about 200 kilometers away. We had 6 faithful students.

#### **ROMANIA REPORT**

While there Bro. Johnson was involved in the Easter celebration of our churches as their Easter was 1 week later than ours this year. We praise the Lord that souls were saved, believers baptized and the church once again was edified with food baskets for their Resurrection Sunday dinner table.









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blessed to get an increase in monthly

children. We thank the Lord for Bro. Jerry Abbot



who is such a great blessing to our people. In our next report I will inform you about a preschool project that Bro. Jerry has started for Roma children.

Our son and family went through a trial with our youngest grandson Joel. He was hospitalized for several days with a bacterial infection that the doctors were having a hard time to treat with antibiotics. We praise the Lord that God healed him and he is home with his family. The



Orthodox priest interrupted Mike's service one Sunday but has not returned. We thank God that Mike and Sarah has found a four bedroom home for almost the same rent as they were paying for a very small 2 bedroom apartment in the city. This house is also closer to the church. Please pray for them as they have a very busy summer with a team coming from their home church and moving about the same time. Michael is praying about getting a 7 or 8 passenger van to be able to pick up more Gypsies for church.

#### HUNGARIAN REPORT

It is with great sadness to report that there have been 2 deaths in Pastor Pali's church this spring. One brother was murdered and Bro. Kalman died of cancer



Kalman was one of our most faithful members. His family are pillars of the church. Please pray for the surviving family members. The renovation of the church building has been put on hold due to local government burcaucracy demanding more than we can afford for the project. We are praying for God to resolve the situation. Plans were included to use part of the building as an apartment for Pastor Pali and his family. Please pray that they can find a home in the mean time. In spite of all that is going on, they were still able to celebrate a blessed Resurrection celebration. We were also able to supply food baskets for the church families in Hungary as well.

#### **USA GYPSY MINISTRY**

Please be in prayer for Nick and Dorothy Evonovich who head up the Cleveland Outreach. The ministry has been under attack and has lost some of its people. Brother Nick is a faithful servant and is doing a great job. He graduates from the



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PRAISE TO OUR GREAT GOD

It's hard to believe that I will turn 60 this June. God has given me fairly good health and a great desire to serve Him more than ever. This year I celebrate 35 years as a Believer, 30 years as a preacher which includes 25 years as a missionary among my people. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

#### PRAYER TO OUR LOVING FATHER

- The Pricop family and little Eli.
- Dolly's continued recovery
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- The brother who led me to Christ is having health issues
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Camp of Joy, Briheni, RO



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Our son and family went through a trial with our youngest grandson Joel. He was hospitalized for several days with a bacterial infection that the doctors were having a hard time to treat with antibiotics. We praise the Lord that God healed him and he is home with his family. The Orthodox priest interrupted Mike's service one Sunday but has not returned. We thank God that Mike and Sarah has found a four bedroom home for almost the same rent as they were paying for a very small 2 bedroom apartment in the city. This house is also closer to the church. Please pray for them as they have a very busy summer with a team coming from their home church and moving. about the same time. Michael is praying about getting a 7 or 8 passenger van to be able to pick up more Gypsies for church.

It is with great sadness to report that there have been 2 deaths in Pastor Pali's church this spring. One brother was murdered and Bro. Kalman died of cancer. Kalman was one of our most faithful members. His family are pillars of the church. Please pray for the surviving family members. The renovation of the church building has been put on hold due to local government bureaucracy demanding more than we can afford for the project. We are praying for God to resolve the situation. Plans were included to use part of the building as an apartment for Pastor Pali and his family. Please pray that they can find a home in the mean time. In spite of all that is going on they were able to celebrate a blessed Resurrection



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celebration and we were able to supply food baskets for the church families as well.



Please be in prayer for Nick and Dorothy Evonovich who head up the Cleveland Outreach. The ministry has been under attack and has lost some of its people. Brother Nick is a faithful servant and is doing a great job. He graduates from the churches' institute on the 26th. This is a real milestone in our culture. Lawrence and Sally Evans are still in Cleveland where Sally is undergoing chemotherapy for her cancer. She was tested this week and got great news. She has 3 more months of chemo to go. Bro. Evans was able to come down to his be following up with them soon. Please pray for ministry in West Palm Beach for a couple of

## PRAISE TO OUR GREAT GOD

It's hard to believe that I will turn 60 this June. God has given me fairly good health and a great desire to serve Him more than ever. This year I celebrate 35 years as a Believer, 30 years as a preacher which includes 25 years as a missionary among my people. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

PRAYER TO OUR LOVING FATHER

- The Pricop family and little Eli.
- Dolly's continued recovery
- Pastor Fekete's son, Ghitisor, is suffering with a serious eye problem

The brother who led me to Christ is having health issues

- Mike's ministry in Bucharest
- The building situation in Hungary
- R.O.M.A. and Gypsy Outreaches

weeks. While here he baptized 3 and led a young Gypsy man to Christ. We thank God for some local pastors that are filling in for him during his absence. Pray for Bro. Evans as he has not been feeling well himself. He has being recently diagnosed with possible sleep apnea. Here in our area, I have begun making inroads into the Roma community. I met with Diane Mitchell. She says she's saved and asked if we could hold Bible studies in their home. Her husband Dino was away on a fishing trip. I will Diane and Dino Mitchell and the Roma of Sarasota and Bradenton.



Fortune tellers of our area



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## Winter 2014-2015 Prayer Letter and Report

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#### WINTER UPDATE

I am so behind on my update, that I wasn't sure how to title it. I could have sent out two back to back letters but that would just cost extra postage etc. So let me start by apologizing for not getting my official update out sooner and on time. This is going to be a long report, so I'll try to keep it moving along. Most of you who receive our emails have gotten updates on Dolly, but for those who don't, I'll recap.

#### SUPRISE VISIT

Our son Mike and his family surprised us with a short visit right after Christmas. Mike had wanted to come and visit his mom ever since she started treatments well over a year ago, but I kept stopping him. He finally said; "dad you can't stop this time". It was great to have them and our three youngest grandchildren with us for a whole month. Our two grandsons also had some health issues resolved while they were here. WHAT A SAVIOUR!

#### DOLLY'S REPORT

Thanks for all your prayers for Dolly. Things began to spiral downward for Dolly on December 23rd. She was hospitalized through the emergency dept. for coughing up blood. Not a good thing for someone on blood thinners and has lung cancer. While waiting for a bronchoscopy, the bleeding subsided and she was sent home the next day. Later it was determined that Dolly CANNOT be on blood thinning medication for clotting any more. Thus an immediate decision was made to insert an intravenous filter to protect her vital organs from clotting. It is not 100% fool proof, but better than nothing at all. Now, most recently Dolly had a CT scan and saw her oncologist. He thrilled us with good news that the cancerous tumors have reduced in size and the cancer is in stable condition. He also wants Dolly off of the treatment until her next CT, April 24. Please continue praying for Dolly.

#### SPEAKING OF HEALTH

One night while Mike was here, I went to bed and the room would not stop spinning around and around. I was rushed to the hospital by ambulance and was diagnosed with vertigo. I was treated and released the next morning. I am following up with an ENT specialist. Please pray for me.

In November we celebrate our 25th year of Roma (Gypsy) ministry. It's hard to believe that so much time has passed. Much has transpired these 2 ½ decades. It's all to God's glory! We have seen great victories but also have had some losses along the way. The Lord knows best! My burden for my own people has not let up, nor has my vision dimmed. I am hoping to accomplish more in the days ahead than those that are behind. Especially with our new missions agency R.O.M.A. Invitations will be mailed out soon, inviting you to a very special anniversary celebration at our home and sending church in Cleveland. You can learn more about it and register online at our website; <u>www.gypsies77.com</u>.

Our new agency is in full swing. Our office module will be delivered soon. R.O.M.A. is a ministry of the Bible Baptist church in Bradenton Florida. Dr. Sal Yannizzi is Pastor. Pastor Yannizzi and the church are so very excited to have R.O.M.A as part of their missionary outreach. This board is focused on reaching the Roma of the world and other misplaced and marginalized peoples. Along with the Pricops we have 2 other missionary families. They are Nick and Dorothy Evanovich of Gypsy Outreach ministry in Cleveland OH. and Josef Teglas a Gypsy national Pastor in Romania.

#### CURRENT GYPSY MINISTRY IN FL

We had to postpone establishing a new work here in the Bradenton/Sarasota area as I had to fill in for Lawrence Evans in his new work in West Palm Beach, FL. Sally Evans' cancer has returned and she is receiving treatments in Ohio. Please pray for her. Every Sunday I would drive a total of seven hours round trip, and minister to this precious group of Roma. God blessed our time together. Bro. Evans will soon return to assume his duties there.

#### **BIBLE INSTITUTE**

Dr. Tim Clark and Mirci Pricop just finished up the Februaries module of EEGBI. They had 7 students and a great module. Dr. Clark is Vice president and Executive Director of R.O.M.A. He brings 17 years of military mission pastoral leadership and 12 years mission board experience to our organization. Mirci and he was Mia are one of our 3 missionary families. The Pricops will give birth to their second child this spring. Please for mama and baby boy.

#### WITH CHANGE COME CHALLENGES

So far in the transition we have lost about \$300 per month in support. We are trusting God to supply. Our previous board was kind enough to extend a 30 day support grace period which ended 1/31. Now any support to them will be returned to the donor. Please help, and make the correct change on your end. Please keep in mind we did not take any of the other BMFP Gypsy missionaries with us. The Feketes, Rafael's, Evans' and Mike Stevens are still with BMFP

#### ON THE ROAD AGAIN

As a result of Dolly's good news, I will have more liberty to travel. I will be in Ohio for meetings in March. And in April, I will spend three weeks in Eastern Europe. Please pray.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

-Please pray for Sally Evans, wife of missionary Lawrence Evans to the Gypsies of West Palm Beach FL II has been recently discovered that her cancer has metastasized to her lungs. Her cancer is in stage 4 and the doctors are recommending weekly chemo therapy for 6 to 9 months. She is being treated in Cleveland. OH as Obamacare had failed her here in Florida and she was able to get health coverage in Ohio (it's a long story)

-Continue to lift up Bolly for continued good health. She does suffer from extreme fatigue. She will see her doctors again in January

Pray as we plan on visiting Gypsy families here in the Bradenton/Sarasota area, of with the hopes establishing a ministry to them here at Bible Baptist church in December or the first of the year.

- Filey for the as I wrive for about 4 hours on Sunday afternoons every week to fill in for Bro Evans in West Paim Beach, FL

-Pray for future ministry plans that we will announce at a later date.

DOLLY'S GOOD NEWS



As we had reported last time. Dolly was to be tested on 10/3 to see how the tumors responded to the treatments. We are thrilled to report that the tumors have reduced in size. It's not a huge reduction but a reduction none the less. We were also encouraged by the anti-coagulant doctor who said that Dolly's blood clots are gone and her blood thickness is under control. Though she must stay on medication, she has given Dolly the spring of 2015. Dolly will be tested again in January. Please continue to pray for Dolly's health

## STEPPED OUT BY FAITH





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Even before we got the reports of Dolly's improvement I stepped out by faith and purchased tickets for a trip to visit our ministries in Romania and Hungary. The main focus of our trip was the second graduation of the Eastern European Gypsy Baptist Institute. Praise the Lord for 3 graduates who worked hard to earn this honor. Most Gypsies never make it past grade school, let alone college. One student, when he began attending classes at the institute could not even read and write. He would listen to the lectures and be tested audibly After 4 years not only had he leaned to read and write but was prepared for ministry. Our professors were my dear fnend and co laborer. Dr. Tim Clark and a dear friend and supporting pastor of his form California, Darren Dilts.

## VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH BUCHAREST



few days. Mike has recently added a Wednesday night service and was concerned of what the attendance would be like during our visit. We went out visiting that afternoon and God blessed with a good crowd of tolks. Michael and Sarah's Romanian language is just amazing Before Pastor Dilts preached with a Romanian translator. Mike asked if I would give my testimony. I asked Mike If I could give it in Gypsy. and he interpret into Romanian, as many of the Gypsies there have lost their native tongue. Praise the Lord Two Precious Gypsy souls were saved at the invitation! Mike reports that since that service the new believers have been inviting their friends and family to church. Recently several more souls have come to Christ.



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It's amazing to believe but Tinca (under the leadership of Pastor Fekete), has just taken on their third missionary for prayer and financial support. Corre Meyer, (son of former missionary to Germany, Pastor Steve Meyer) Bro Corre and his family are going to be church planting in Spain. Tinca giving reminds me of the church in Philippi who gave out of "deep poverty". May the Lord open to them the windows of heaven for their faithfulness to that which is closest to the heart of God

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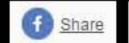
It was standing room only on the Sunday we participated in the service. The people rejoiced to see us and were responsive to the message. They wept with tears of joy when I testified of Dolly's improvement. Our new church building renovation is on hold, due to the serious structural damage to the roof. We are now under the scrutiny of local government and building inspection. We had to hire an architect to draw up complete renovation plans and apply for permission to do any work on the building. This has put us way behind schedule and it does not even look like the church will be able to use the facilities until next year. As a result we cannot use our church members to do any of the work, but painting and tile work, as they are not licensed by the county. Pastor Pall is facing a very serious issue and the church and would appreciate your prayers. Satan is trying to get a stronghold in this very blessed ministry.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS SHIPPED OUT



With the help of Bible Baptist church, here in Bradenton, we were able to ship out over 350 lbs of toys, coloring books, crayons, hats, scarves, gloves and other items for our poor Roma children in Romania and Hungary. They will arrive in time to be distributed for Christmas. We are also preparing to put food baskets together for close to 200 families. The Christmas food baskets cost us about \$5,000 alone, then we do it again at Easter. We could sure use some help with these needy projects.

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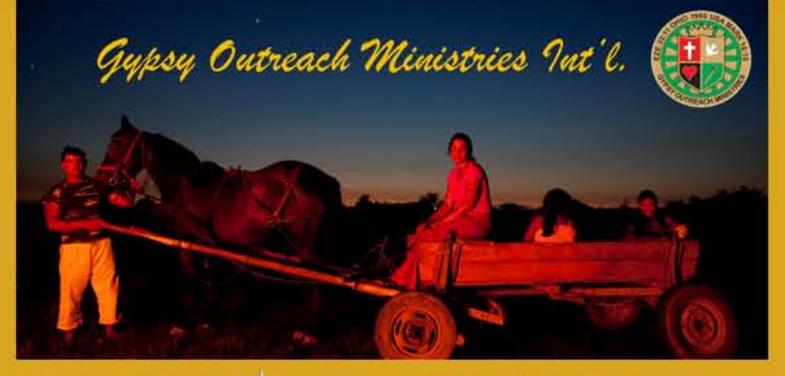


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MOM'S HOME GOING

I got the call from my nephew, Sonny that moni slipped into eternity about 11:30 PM, on Sunday, August 17th Dolly and I flew to Cleveland on Dolly's birthday the 18th earthly tabernacle in great peace. God bestowed His Amazing Grace on us all. At mom's memorial service we had 3 preachers; Dr. Kevin Folger, Bro. Nick Evonovich and lastly myself One man said, "You gave your mom a great home going Glary goes to God! I want to thank everyone who praved, sent cards, emails and visited



BACK ON SCHEDULE

Now that Dolly has been on treatment and her blood coagulation is under control, we have set back into a more normal routine. At the present time much of my responsibilities are domestic duties (laundry, ironing, cooking, lawn care) and caring for Dolly "A guy has to do what a guy has to do" I thank the Lord for a dear sister from church who comes once per week to do to have more energy from time to time. She will be tested on 9/25 to determine how the tumors have responded to treatment. We will not see the oncologist until 10/3. We will keep you updated. Please be in prayer for Dolly's health

NOTE; Dolly wants to thank everyone for their prayers, gifts get well and birthday cards. They mean the world to her



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> EEGBI GRADUATION (class of 2009)

Bro Nick Evonovich, I and another Roma brother from the Cleveland G.O. will depart October 20th to Romania and Hungary We will minster in all our churches, graduate 3 students on 11/2 and visit Mike and Sarah in Bucharest Dr. Tim Clark and a dear Pastor friend of his from California will be the teachers in our institute modules. Please pray that I will be able to get the ball rolling concerning the building bogged down in government bureaucracy Pray for traveling mercies and for needed travel funds. Pray for Dolly as she stays in the US with family while I am away





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## MIKE ADDS MIDWEEK SERVICE

Our son in Bucharest is adding a midweek service. There have been faithful folks attending, souls saved and those who are preparing for baptism. Of course any work done for Christ is not without opposition. It seems those of other denominations and cults want to hinder the work of God. The battle rages! I thank God for this faithful and battle scarred young soldier for Christ! Please lift him and his family up in prayer





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#### SAD TO SAY



We have missed out on several great events in Eastern Europe. Our institute had a great module taught again by, Brothers Mickey Johnson and John Derusha





## PURPOSELY LATE

Our official prayer letter/report has been purposely late in order to be able to update you with better and current information concerning our situation with Dolly's cancer. Though, we have been sending out updates via email and social media. Here is where stand today. After Dolly's chemo there was some minimal reduction in her tumors, but it was also discovered that blood clots were in both of Dolly's lungs. She was hospitalized immediately and put on blood thinning medications. We then counseled with Dolly's oncologist and were told that Dolly would have to "be on chemotherapy the rest of her life." Because of the poor quality of life a cancer patient experiences during chemotherapy, this was not an option for us. We prayed and asked God for direction. God directed us to contact the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Florida. At Moffitt, Dolly was tested again. At first the doctor thought that there was some continued reduction in Dolly's tumors and was putting chemotherapy "in his back pocket." But after the doctor investigated further with the radiologist, he determined this was not the case, Not only does he feel there has been some growth, but to our dismay possibly some new lesions as well. The only treatment options were a different type of chemotherapy drug or back on hormone therapy. Dolly has opted for the latter. Please pray for a favorable outcome.

#### FIRST REAL FURLOUGH

The end of August will be one year since we came stateside due to Dolly's mom's failing health. This is the first real furlough we have ever had. The dictionary defines furlough as follows; "a leave of absence, especially that granted to a member of the armed services". We may not be soldiers in the military but we are most definitely soldiers of the cross.





Easter services were celebrated in all of our churches and there were blessed revival meetings in our Gypsy churches as well with many souls saved.



It was difficult to do but, we had to cancel 2 of our supporting churches who were bringing teams to minster to our people. Most disappointing of all was not being able to start the church in Oradea, which meant canceling Couriers for Christ coming to hold a large campaign to help with this church plant. We praise the Lord that Jerry Abbott of Manna did come with a group of dentists.

#### OUR MOMS

Dolly's mom rebounded after a few weeks when we first arrived, but then she finally went home to heaven. Her funeral was a great memorial to a very special lady indeed. My mom's cancer has spread throughout and the doctors have given her just a few months. She is looking forward to heaven.

#### OUR FUTURE

It, therefore, has been determined by divine providence and, as a result, of Dolly's health situation that our ministries in Europe have been put on hold. Our future of fulltime involvement in European Gypsy ministry seems unclear, especially with the fact that due to Dolly's cancer, blood clots, treatments and general health, she may never return to Europe again. We are now residing in Bradenton, Fl as Dolly undergoes medical treatment in Tampa. We are surrounded by Gypsies! You will find Gypsy fortune tellers here on almost every major street and highway. In the past, I have even preached to the Gypsies of Bradenton at the Bible Baptist Church back when I had a ministry in Miami. I led the Roma patriarch to Christ and had the privilege of baptizing him over a decade ago. Marco Mitchell is in heaven now, but his large family resides here in Bradenton, Sarasota and surrounding communities. If the Lord allows, we will start a ministry here to the Roma. I still have several ministry "irons in the fire" in Hungary and Romania. As Dolly's health allows, and I have the liberty to leave her side, I will continue to minster there from time to time. I am planning on being at the graduation of our institute in October of this year. I still oversee our many ministries there and assist Pastor Rafael and Pastor Fekete.





Our 6th annual pastors and missionaries' fellowship was held at Camp of Joy. Pastor Balaciu hosted the meeting and Dr. Roger Green was our speaker again. All were blessed.



We also missed out on our son Michaels' first service in Bucharest as the church was planted this past spring. He has experienced souls saved, visitors and a good start.



Glad to say we were able to ship another 700 lbs of school clothing to Romania.

## G.O. CELEBRATES 25 YEARS



## GLAD TO SAY

As Dolly's health has allowed I have kept a pretty busy preaching schedule. I was even able to preach a couple of times for Gypsy missionary Lawrence Evans in W. Palm Beach, FL. Pastor Yannizzi at Bible Baptist here in Bradenton has used me to fill his pulpit on a few occasions. While in Ohio, I was able to be a real encouragement to Bro. Nick Evonovich who has taken over our Cleveland Outreach. He is doing a great job, but needs to start raising his financial support. Cleveland Baptist has recently licensed him into the gospel ministry and he is finishing his training at the institute there.







God is allowing me to be a blessing to missionary Jason Mann who is going to Hungary to establish churches in this needy part of the world. Jason has helped me to establish and maintain our first ministry website. The address is; www.gypsies77.com. Please check it out. There are a lot of interesting links. Check out "Ghitsa's story" under the "MORE" tab.



It's hard to believe Dr Roy that Thompson opened the doors of Cleveland Baptist to first Gypsy our Outreach in 1990. We are planning a big after celebration Thanksgiving 2015. Come join us. There will be more info to follow.

## PRAYERS

-Favorable out come with Dolly's treatments -God's direction for future ministry -Building renovation plans in Hungary

## PRAISES

-Great church meetings in Hungary and Romania -Blessed Pastors' fellowship with Dr. Roger Green -Wonderful EEGBI module

## DELAY IN HUNGARY

We were disappointed to hear that the building in Hungary was in worse condition then we expected. When the roofer went to repair the roof he discovered some serious structural damage. As a result, we had to retain an architect and since there was going to be structural building changes he had to draw up blueprints. The design is beautiful and practical, but way over budget. The monies we have now will not cover all that needs to be done. Please pray we can raise the funds and finish before winter.



Has the Lord laid on your heart to help in one or more of these ministries. Donate here securely and tax deductible with Paypal using your Debit/Credit Cards or banking information. Praise God in advance for your love, prayers and gifts to the Gypsies Outreach Ministries.

Thank you Because Jesus Deserves the Reward of His Suffering,

Walter Stevens Hebrews 12:2-4





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## **DOLLY'S PROGRESS**

On February 18, Dolly finished her fifth chemo treatment. She has one more to go on March 11. She will undergo a CT scan on March 22 and see her doctor on March 25 to determine how the tumors have responded to the treatments. We have return airline tickets for Hungary on April 1. Please pray that we will hear good news and that Dolly will have the stamina to travel the long flights home.

## **ANNOUNCING THE BIRTH OF** JOEL REAGAN STEVENS



Reagan was born on February 19, 2014, at

8:57AM. He weighed 7 lbs. and 4 oz. and was 19.3 inches long. He is our

9<sup>th</sup> grandchild and Mike and Sarah's 3rd child. We are praising



the Lord that Sarah's mother was able to go over to Bucharest and help watch our other 2 grandchildren. She landed the night before the baby was born. Isn't God good? Mama and baby are now home doing well.



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## GYPSY BAPTIST INSTITUTE

The Lord really blessed our institute, with a good group of students and blessed teachers. We thank the Lord for Jim Pranger who came from Budapest to teach and for Mirci Pricop who has become a real blessing to



the students. Also for Pastor Fekete Stevens and our precious sisters who do the cooking and cleaning.



**BUSY MEETING SCHEDULE** March 2<sup>nd</sup> Two churches in WV March 5<sup>th</sup> Xenia, OH March 6<sup>th</sup> Miami University, Ohio March 8-11 Connersville, IN March 12-16 Huber Hts. OH March 19-23, Troy, OH March 26th, Port Huron, MI March 30th Mansfield & Ravenna. OH PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE **MEETINGS!** 

## FUNDS SUPPLIED FOR BUILD-ING REPAIRS

We are so thankful that God has supplied 2 large donations for the building repair and renovation in Biharkeresztes, Hungary. \$10,000 came in from our home church in



Cleveland out of their Missionary Christmas offering. The other came from Word of Life of Hungary as Pail presented the need to his alma mater. They have committed to \$5,000. Thank you, Jesus!

## HUMANITARIAN AID SHIPPED **TO ROMANIA**

This month we were able to ship 1,500 lbs of school uniforms to our churches in Roma-



nia. We are hoping that now we will be able to send some of these children to school. Our thanks to Bro. Mickey Johnson and others who helped make this project happen.



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#### APOLOGY AND HOLIDAY GREETINGS

I know this report is VERY late. I hope you will forgive my tardiness and be long suffering toward our situation. I hope all of you had a Christ centered Christmas and are experiencing a blessed 2014, in spite of the unusual weather. I am also including our report for January and February as well, to bring you up to date.

## **DOLLY AND OUR MOMS**

As Dolly's caregiver my administrative duties have fallen by the way



side. I have not even been being away from Dolly

for too long of time. Dolly's worse side affect to her chemo is EX-TREME fatigue. I did help my sister a little with taking mom for her radi-

ation treatments. She will be finished the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February. Her side af-



fects to treatments have been minimal considering the radical treatments they are. Dolly's mom is now home but VERY fragile and suffering. Please pray for her either to "go home" or find some relief.



out Nick Evonovich is doing a GREAT preaching, job leading the Gypsy ministry. I am except close so very proud of him. He was recentby for the ly licensed by CBC and will soon sake of not baptize his first convert into the body of Christ. Please pray for Nick, between ministry responsibilities, trying to finish up his education at the bible institute and running a professional roofing business, it has been a bit demanding. Nick is wise, but has confessed to me his business is suffering the most

## **NEW CHURCH PLANT**

Due to our unexpected medical furlough we had to postpone Couriers for Christ from coming over to help us establish the new church plant in Oradea, Romania. We hope and pray that God will allow us to move forward with this project

PRAYER REQUESTS Dolly's cancer and treatments Our mom's health Our return to Europe in April



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I have been attending the regular Dolly and I did get away for about 3 services of our home and sending church. I am thankful that Pastor Folger had allowed me to preach a couple of times at the church and some special banquets. I have also



been atservices our Gyp-Outtwice.

tree" therapy. We had the pleasure of visiting with tending the Evans and preach 2 at nights 5 for them. 🏠 The meetings were reach here well attended

**EVANS IN FLORIDA** 

weeks between her treatments in De-

cember, for her to get some "palm



and even and a precious couple received preached Christ! Sally is still experiencing health issues and the Evans are under supported. Please pray for them.

## **GYPSY CHRISTMAS IN HU/ RO**

Once again the Lord allowed us through our helping partners to supply food baskets and gifts for the children. THANK YOU!



## PRAISES

Dolly's side effects to chemo Mom's radiation CBC housing (help) \$ for RO and HU

NOTE: Would you like to change the way you receive our report from regular post to email? Let us know.



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