

April 2018 Ministry Highlights

Dear Friends, the first three months of 2018 were packed with ministry. Please allow us to share the highlights:

January

January was a month full of modular classes at Timotheus Bible Institute (TBI). Adriana teaches English as a ministry tool for the freshmen and sophomores. Some students speak English, but some have very limited knowledge of it. For this reason, Adriana must work with both groups of students which is challenging. Elisei teaches four classes for juniors and seniors, and he enjoys motivating the students to grow in developing their ministry tools like leadership and pastoral and biblical counseling skills. He is also supervising a couple of seniors on finishing their final dissertation. In January Pat Pieters and Rob Thompson, came to Romania to minister alongside Elisei and Adriana, and Pat spoke on family values to a group of young families from the church in Bucharest. The participants were very enthusiastic about the practical nature of the teaching for their everyday lives.

February & March

February and March were months of preaching, teaching and conferences. In February Elisei spoke at a pastor's conference from the Prahova area on unity in the family. The pastors asked Elisei and Adriana to return in the summer for a Family Conference where they want to invite many Christians from their churches. Elisei also preached in different churches in Romania and Austria.

In March Elisei taught a four-day seminar on the Person, Work, and Gifts of the Holy Spirit in Austria. People from three or four Romanian churches from the Vienne area attended. They were encouraged by the material on the Holy Spirit and gained new insights to find and use their spiritual gifts in ministry. The response was positive, and in May Elisei and Adriana will conduct a conference on spiritual growth during a special retreat.

During the three past months Elisei has participated in a bimonthly academic and religious TV program called Special Edition. He has been participated in a panel that has discussed and debated the relevance of Scriptures, the importance of knowing and loving God, and the value of personal testimony in an antagonistic world. Adriana met with different groups of women helping them to grow in their faith. We praise the Lord that He helped us to overcome a bad case of the flu this winter.

Looking Ahead

April and May will be an intense time of teaching, preaching, and evangelistic outreach. In Romania the Easter season is an excellent opportunity to share Christ with people and bring the good news of salvation to a world without hope. Elisei will meet biweekly with pastors and elders from the southern region of Romania to train them on pastoral ministry and ecclesiology. Both Adriana and Elisei will present different topics at the conference on spiritual growth in Austria. They have started to prepare the materials for the five-day retreat. Elisei will also resume his "Open Line" one-hour ministry on the radio. During this weekly program, he answers people's questions on the Christian radio station, "The Voice of the Gospel".

June will be a month of preaching, teaching, and conferences both in Romania and in Austria. In Romania, Elisei and Adriana will speak at a family conference in Ploiesti. In Austria, both Elisei and Adriana will finish the conference started on May 30. During the month Adriana will continue her ministry for the women, and Elisei his radio and TV ministry.

Prayer Requests

Please pray with us for:

- God's salvation for the people who hear the gospel message
- Protection during travel in Romania and other countries in Europe
- For Adriana as she prepares for shots in both of her knees next week.
- Political stability in Romania after a third change in governmental in less than three months.

In Christ, Elisei & Adriana Rusu