



ROMANIA

LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES

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Dear Friend,

Now He who supplies the seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-12

We are so grateful for your faithful partnership with us! A partnership that brings hope and transformation to so many in Romania and Europe. By God's grace and your prayers and generosity, God's people are lifting the wonderful name of Jesus in cities and towns in Romania, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, India, Italy, Republic of Moldova, South Africa, Spain, and Turkey. In all of these places graduates from the Timotheus Bible Institute, the main partner of Romania Leadership Ministries in Europe, are carrying the Good News to people who need hope and salvation.

In fact, in the last 26 years, Timotheus Bible Institute (TBI) has trained and provided spiritual formation for over 600 graduates who are serving in more than 400 churches in Romania and around the world.

We hope this ministry report finds you well and in a close relationship with the Lord. For us, the Rusus, 2018 was a special year full of unexpected challenges and blessings. Looking back, we recognize

the wonderful and powerful hand of God protecting and guiding us through it all. His presence was most clear when things went wrong and the challenges seemed impossible to overcome.



Challenges & Blessings

In the beginning of the year we had a car accident in Romania and our car was damaged beyond repair. Praise the Lord that no one was injured, and we could continue the ministry without major delays. We were able to buy another car, but

the resources we used were never fully recovered.

In the spring TBI administration decided to start a master's program on spiritual leadership and academic formation, meeting a crucial need in Romanian society. A new generation of leaders who have integrity and strong biblical and academic skills is needed to serve in churches, parachurch ministries, and public institutions. The challenge is that the school needs more qualified professors and skilled spiritual leaders for the mentoring program. There is also a need for additional resources, both financial and academic, including books and connections to e-libraries in the United

five-story building. Originally built in the early 1990s, the building design didn't take into account people with disabilities. To meet the new requirements and be up to code, the school needs \$57,000 to build this elevator. The blessing is that the Lord has already supplied 40% of the funds. We are praying that God's people will match this generous gift, and that the full amount will be covered by the end of the year.

For us, the Rusus, the challenge is both in physical and financial areas. Physically Adriana is challenged by the knee pain in both of her knees. For the time being, she can function using the hyaluronic acid injections she receives every six months. The doctors are giving her 2-3 years before she will need knee replacement surgery. We pray the Lord will help her to do the ministry until the time is right for the surgery.

We are also facing challenges in our support. Due to big changes in the vision and structure of some churches, we are losing their financial support, even though some have been our partners for decades. The blessing is that we trust the Lord has other churches interested in becoming partners with us in furthering God's Kingdom in Romania and Europe. Please pray and consider how God wants to use you to supply what is missing in our financial support.

All of these challenges and blessings are increasing our trust in the Lord. They help us see His wonderful work in our lives, and in the lives of the people we are investing in. Colleagues, students, and fellow believers are growing in their walk with the Lord through our teaching and mentoring. Unsaved people that listen to Elisei's radio and TV programs and preaching are



TBI Graduation

States. The blessing is that TBI already has a list of potential students for the master's program.

Another challenge for TBI's administration is the need for an outside elevator for the

coming to know the Lord and becoming followers of Christ. The churches we are visiting and the church leaders we are training are encouraged and strengthened in their love for the Lord.

Please continue to pray for us, and if the Lord has put on your heart the desire to help us, consider a year-end gift that will make it possible to meet our ministry needs. Your gift will be used only in the way you designate it. Thank you again for your kind partnership with us in God's work. Without your heartfelt and faithful involvement, none of this would be possible.

*Merry Christmas and
a Blessed New Year!*

*Partners together with God
in furthering His Kingdom,
Elisei and Adriana Rusu*



TBI's 25th Anniversary