

How then can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?

Romans
10:14-15

BRINGING YOU UP-TO-DATE WITH NEWS OF DT'S MINISTRY

RWANDA - DIOCESES OF BYUMBA AND GASABO:

In August, a small DT team of four will be visiting our partners in Rwanda. This will be our first visit post-pandemic, so it will be good to renew our friendships and develop our partnership.

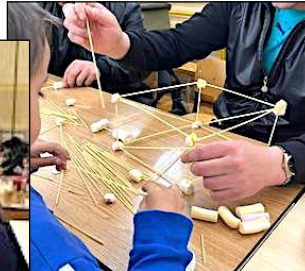
Amongst other things, we will be visiting a number of parishes that are part of the DT WHP Scheme. We look forward to seeing and hearing, first hand, how these projects are benefitting the parishes and enabling a stronger Christian witness by the local Church. Please pray for Peter and Susanna Harrington, Marelize Wright and Andy.

Here are some photos of recent WHP installations - and they are being used! The one next to the unfinished church building is connected to the pastors' house temporarily, until the church roof is finished. At least it is providing some extra income to help get the building completed. Ω



Right:
WHPs
installed and
working in
parishes of:
Muhura (tr),
Kinyana (bl)
Gitenga (br)

The work of ACV continues to develop. Whilst Andy was in Romania at the end of April, ACV volunteers were involved in a day of activities for inmates from Oradea prison and their families. It was organised by the prison as part of the One Day with Father programme. Photos show families working together to make a construction using marshmallows and spaghetti sticks. There was food and a time of singing and testimony by some of the volunteers.



Left:
Creative
activities for
prisoners and
their families
with time for
testimonies
and songs.

A new collaboration has been agreed between ACV, Oradea Prison and another local Christian NGO, RomCom, who we have known for many years.

The programme is called 'My Profession' and prepares prisoners who are due to be released in the next 6 months, for the workplace. One of the most challenging aspects of coming out of prison is to get a job. Without employment, the likelihood is that the ex-offenders will fall back into crime and end up back in prison. 'My Profession' provides the tools and guidance for prisoners to discover their potential, to prepare a CV and present themselves well at interview. This programme will follow on from our ACV Mentoring Programme and use our volunteers to work with the prisoners on a one-to-one basis.

ACV will also be looking to recruit willing employers to take on these ex-offenders once they have completed the programme. Please pray for the success of this new venture. We have excellent cooperation from Oradea Prison.

Helpful abbreviations: DT = Damascus Trust; PTSM = Plenty To Share Ministries; SAP = Support a Pastor/Parish; ADoB = Anglican Diocese of Byumba; ADoG - Anglican Diocese of Gasabo; WHP = Water Harvesting Project; ACV = Asociația Cărarea Vieții (Path of Life Association); TMB = Tamworth Men's Breakfast; EWTB = ENGAGE with the Bible.

Andy (with Sorin's help) preached at nine church services and two youth events during the week and each weekday morning he was teaching church leaders on the theme The Growing Church.

Right: Youth meeting, church service and church leaders' seminar.



We also ran an Open Morning at the ACV office to give people an opportunity to hear about the work of ACV and hopefully volunteer to join the team. Encouragingly a number did just that!

Right: Open Morning at ACV offices. Hosted by Sorin and Andy



We also visited the Food Bank warehouse situated on the outskirts of Oradea, which ACV is working with to distribute essentials to the poorest families.

Then we took some food parcels to one of these families that ACV helps on a regular basis. They are a family of eleven (one is missing from the photo). They were excited and grateful for our visit and insisted that Andy should take a bag of dried fruit to have with his breakfast porridge! Ω



DT IN THE UK:

BIBLE TEACHING CHANGING THE WAY WE LIVE at home

Our next DT At Home Bible Course on Zoom will be running from October 25th/26th to November 29th/30th. Further details and online booking will be available in September. Do join us if you can and put the dates in your diary. Ω

After 17 years, Grace Bryers is retiring from her role as DT SAP Coordinator at the end of this year. So, now we're praying and looking for the right person to take over this honorary role. This would be home-based work.



We're looking for someone who has:

- a love for Jesus and his Church (especially overseas)
- the vision and ability to maintain / develop the link between our SAP Partners in Rwanda and the UK
- good communication skills (verbal & written)
- some computer skills (basic dtp / editing documents / emails)
- the time and means to volunteer to serve in this role
- an appreciation of the wider ministry of DT

At the moment there are 28 parishes on the programme with each parish providing quarterly updates that are sent out to UK Partners. These updates are currently processed in groups of 9/10 each month to make it more manageable. Ω

Interested? For further details, please write to:

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