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### BAPTISM SERVICE at Alpha and Omega Church

On December 13th I have baptized Costel Toma, a young man that work in military service. He is from another part of Romania, but because of his work he came in Craiova 8 months ago and found our church. Even he grew up in a Baptist home and Baptist church he choose to go far from God. But God sent special people in his life that brought him back at Jesus feet! He is a great young man willing to serve Jesus.



# Awana Craiova Camp & YOUTH Camp

This year, only by God grace, we could do two Evangelistic Camps. One with the Awana Kids and the other with the youth.

This camps represented an important focus for me and Lili trying to put the seeds of the Gospel into the heart of young generations. The time spent with them in the nature, far away from internet, phone, TV etc. represented an unique time.

Half of the participants in these camps are kids from outside church. It was for the first time in their life when they faced the Gospel message.

We played, we enjoyed, we sang, and we talked about Jesus and repentance. At the end of each camp we had kids and youth giving their hearts to Jesus!

Starting with the beginning of 2016 we plan another two camps for the kids and youth and





# Evangelism through Sports!

**Great way to let High School and University Students know that God loves them.**

**Couch Leon Caldwell and Mike Palmer Ministry was a great help doing Evangelism through Sport in Craiova. They brought lots of basketballs from US and trained the kids in schools and gave all the balls as gifts to the schools. The Romanian Couches were amazed by such love!**

**At the end of the week we organized a Christian Concert were 400 people attended and Mike Palmer preached the Gospel.**



## Operation Christmas Child and many opened doors for the Gospel in Craiova and villages around

This week we went in several villages around Craiova and gave many show boxes filled with goods for kids. This is a great opportunity to unlock many doors for the Gospel.

With a group of young people from Alpha and Omega Baptist Church we went in several schools in these villages and taught the kids about what is Christmas for. I was so happy to see how Andreea, and young lady from our church prepared herself and presented the Gospel in front of so many kids and teachers! It is a sign that our church grew up not only in numbers but in strength! I am deeply humbled to see that this generation who come after us is willing to serve and advance the Gospel. I am filling a little proud! God help me not to be proud!

We left behind so many kids that found out how they can pray and receive Jesus! Even the teachers were surprised when they found that Salvation is not so complicated!

I hope that in next future God will prepare man and women ready to serve and resources in order to be much more involved and start in these villages groups of people that follow Jesus.









## Awana Christmas

A special time spent with the kids in Awana Club singing about Jesus Birth and their parents listening. Hope that soon many of them will give their lives to Jesus!





## BRĂDEȘTI Baptist Church became our mission point

There is a very small Baptist church close to Craiova that asked for our help. They are less than 9 very old people gathering on Sunday morning.

It is one year now since we started help them and the result is evident. Coste and Ani gave their time and serve them very well. It is not easy at all since they works all week and then they go and have a meeting with over 20 teenagers there each week on Saturday!

Our church paid al the transportation for this past year. It is difficult for us, because we have our current expense ourselves. We will deeply appreciate if there will be someone that want to help this mission and save this church and grow it with some new people. There are other needs there regarding the fence, the yard of the church building and a heating system for the winter time. But these need are secondary. Those young people who started to attend the youth group require our attention more!

This village is only 20 minutes far from Craiova and the future of many young people from this village will be in the big city of Craiova! We keep them close to Alpha and Omega! Please pray, and if someone can help more is more that welcomed.









Baby Shower!

We expect another boy!





Please continue to pray for me and my family as we are going to move into another chapter in our lives!

We really trust God that He will provide everything we need.

I still work a secular job (construction, some transportation) and it seems that will be much harder on me keeping up with the needs of the church.

Thank you for being our friend and supporter on the mission field in Romania.

God bless you.

Merry Christmas!

Costel Burlacu