

Hand of **HELP**

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Essentials

Seldom during our ministry in the impoverished areas of Romania and Ukraine are we surprised or caught off guard. In our over four decades of serving the people of Eastern Europe, we have seen the poorest of the poor, seniors, and children living in conditions that are unacceptable for livestock, let alone humans.

Of the various age groups, it is the frail seniors and innocent young who cannot possibly help themselves, whom we carry a particular burden for, and make the focus of our ministry.

As we traveled to the villages surrounding Darabani with the area pastor, we ventured into the muddy alleys, wearing poorly chosen footwear and hearts full of love. If the cost of reaching the families we'd proposed to reach were some muddy pants and ruined sneakers, so be it.



Each family we visited was just as burdened as the next and was in desperate need of emergency assistance, praying for their next few meals. Some days, you wish you could grow callous to all the suffering because it becomes paralyzingly difficult to take in, then, when the day is done, you pray to God and thank Him that you haven't, even after all these years.



Even with all that we've seen over the years, we were unprepared to witness the living conditions of the Taileanu family. The Taileanu's daughter lost her life's work in a fire, including her home, barn, and herd of sheep. If not for the quick intervention of one of the children, the father would've died in the flames.



After experiencing the trauma, their daughter and son-in-law, not knowing how they would provide for the children, abandoned the four little ones in the care of the grandparents. The grandparents, Tica and Doina, are doing everything they can, fighting to raise the children and keep them from being taken by child protection services.

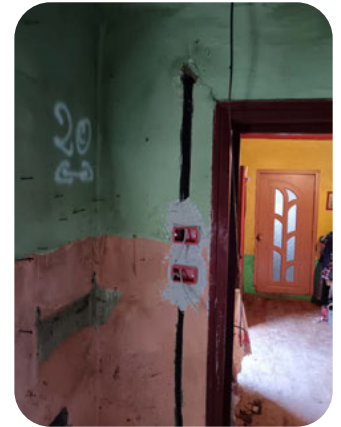


Doina and Tica have a deep love for their four grandchildren, but have little to no means. They were living in a dwelling without electricity, plumbing, or even a nearby water source.

Area pastor Timotei shared how the children go unbathed for weeks, and that whenever he and his wife are able, they take them into their home for bathing and laundering their clothes.

Your continued generous support of this work allows us to meet needs like this immediately!

We approved the immediate digging of a well and indoor plumbing and are working on installing a bath for the family. We will continue to address the many needs this family has and ask for your prayers.



Essentials (cont.)

Some other pressing matters that we came across were also simple fixes, for example, providing needed money for fuel for individuals needing surgery, like this precious little girl from Madarjac needing hand surgery or Madalina Subtire's child who is constantly in need of rehabilitation for his neuromuscular disorder.

Whether covering the costs of prescription medication, digging a well, purchasing a cow, or simply delivering a timely food parcel, we move forward by assessing the needs of the moment and rejoice that, as a ministry, we can meet those needs.



“Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.”

The Hand of Help Staff



Reminders!

Our website's donate page might look a little different.

We have increased our website security and updated our payment processor.

Please note that the call-in option for Michael Boldea's radio show, The Light of Truth broadcast, is no longer available. You can access the show by using the following links:

<https://rumble.com/user/handofhelp>

handofhelp.com/facebook

Life

Life is like trying to hold a soap bubble in cupped hands while in the midst of a storm. Whenever the wind starts howling and the rains batter incessantly, it's human instinct to try to hold on all the more tightly, until you realize that any applied pressure will make the bubble burst, as will opening your palms and letting the wind and rain have their way.

It is a precious, fragile, wondrous gift, this life we've all been given, a fleeting wonder, a feather in the wind blown about until finally it returns to the earth. No matter how high the wind blows the feather, its return to terra firma is inevitable. It is a foregone conclusion that none can bypass or circumvent. The best any of us can do, the ideal and pinnacle of human existence, is to live the life we've been given, however long, however trying, with all its joys and sorrows in service of the One who breathed life into our bones.

For the past approximately two years, my father has been going through a health-related trial that has tested his endurance but never shaken his faith. Although weakened in body, he is not weakened in spirit, and the ever-present light I grew up with and came to know as a constant is still present in his eyes. It is good to see that faith tested transforms into faith proven, and through the process of testing, it becomes stronger still.

As I sit across the table from him and look into his eyes, I see a strength that only faith can produce and an undiminished resolve to finish his race faithfully. Whether this is imminent or not is in God's hands, under His purview, and not within man's agency to determine or control. God is sovereign, God is good, and all things work together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. This is the bedrock upon which our faith is built, and the storms of life cannot shake it.

When we attempt to hold life in our hands, we will invariably fail. As Jesus so aptly stated, whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for His name's sake will find it. When we surrender our will to His, and trust that He will see us through, fear for what tomorrow will bring abates and dissipates altogether. We are His; we belong to Him, whether in feast or famine,

times of joy or times of sorrow, good or failing health. Our present circumstances do not change the reality that He is a good Father, we are His children, and His ways are best.

Anyone running a race knows that there is a finish line at some point. We run the race with endurance and in such a way as to obtain the prize. Some of us are closer to the finish line than others, and though the flesh feels sorrow, the spirit rejoices, knowing that it's what we've been running toward all this time.

The future is God's domain. We cannot affect it or change its course, and this life we've been given only flows one way. What we do with the time we've been given matters more than the length of time we've been given, and as we sat around the dinner table breaking bread and reminiscing on the over forty years of ministry to which we have been called, as one, we concluded that if it were all to end today, it was a life well lived, and a labor of love that has borne innumerable fruit.

Please continue to keep my father in your prayers, pray for strength, pray for endurance, and pray that the fire of his love for God and the work of God continues to burn bright in his heart. As always, it is in God's hands, and there is no other place any of us would rather be.

With love in Christ,
Michael Boldea, Jr.



More Essentials



Heaven's Taxi

We have all had meetings, situations, or circumstances in our lives that, whether in real-time or reflecting upon them at a later date, we have undoubtedly and wholeheartedly called providential.

Perhaps it was a brief interaction with the man who stood out in the rain to share a gospel tract with you when the last thing you wanted to hear about was God, the seasoned grandmother figure from church who sent you a card and shared the very passage of Scripture you were struggling to hold on to or a friend long forgotten that the Lord brought back into your life at a crucial fork-in-the-road moment to minister to you and counsel you in the way that you should go.

Our sovereign God is working behind the scenes, in us and through us, and at times, in spite of us. Even our poor, lackluster, and disengaged attempts to be used by Him are often blessed in ways that we can't fathom.

I am continually humbled and challenged by individuals whom I witness dedicate their entire life's work to their ambassadorship for Christ, praying that the Lord might use them to establish such providential moments in the lives of others.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21, "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

I met one such ambassador during my most recent visit to Romania. Brother Aurel Gheorghe is a transplant to Alexandria, an isolated area least sought after by pastors and missionaries to serve due to the difficulties of this particular mission field. He is often serving alone, dividing his time among many churches throughout the county.



His ministry is far more than preaching at every service and leading worship; he continually serves within his community, ministering and sharing the gospel with everyone he meets, without ever taking a day off. His team often consists of just his immediate family; please pray that the Lord would add men and women to come alongside their efforts.

I asked Aurel, how can Hand of Help be a blessing to you? Brother Aurel was not prepared for a question like that since everything the Lord had accomplished through their faithfulness in the church was a slow and arduous trek, one of little means, and requiring walking by faith at every step. They were not used to anyone asking, "How can we help?"



Brother Aurel hesitantly started to share their most immediate needs. The local church had received a generous donation of potatoes, but since they had no storage space, they had to take up the Sunday School room to store them for distribution as they were presented with needs. Aurel shared that storage had been an ongoing issue for their ministry and that they could purchase a shipping container that costs around \$3,500.

Pastor Aurel then went on to share their biggest prayer request, replacing the now obsolete vehicle rightfully dubbed "Heaven's Taxi."

The taxi-colored vehicle has served the ministry very well, but it is on its last leg.

The local church, led by Aurel, delivers a hot meal to non-ambulatory seniors living alone in remote areas of the surrounding villages. The church volunteers are often the only ones who check on them on a regular basis.



Heaven’s Taxi is also used to deliver donated relief goods, transport villagers to the local hospital, bring mission teams to satellite village churches, and take people to church services, among other purposes.

There is one overarching conversation that can always be heard in Heaven’s Taxi: the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Lord is bringing about many providential moments in which the truth is proclaimed, and many are responding with life-changing faith.

A used minivan that would meet the needs of this multifaceted ministry would be around \$18,000. While we know this is no small amount, we have seen our heavenly

Father provide time and time again. I told pastor Aurel that all I can do is have those who receive our newsletter pray; the rest is up to the Lord.

I am not sure if we will find another orange-hued minivan as a replacement, but the mission and name will remain the same. May all who enter Heaven’s Taxi respond to our Savior’s call, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

In Him,
Daniel Boldea

Front-Row Seat

It is an incredible privilege to witness the outpouring of blessings in the lives of many as a result of your dedicated co-laboring and prayerful support.

Recently, one of our contributors offered a timely reminder of this privilege, which I want to share with you:

I was pondering about how humans see things as small or big. Important, not so important. But it is not for God to see things in this light everything is important to Him (...).

In the things we do the same applies. Whether we are in a place where all we can do is pray or in a place where we can see the fruit of what we pray for, and we witness face to face in the material world the fruit of our labor, a cup of cold water, the fulfillment of a need. This gives a sweetness

and encouragement to press on that others do not have, and their only recourse without seeing is to trust the One Who is faithful to the glorious or bitter end.

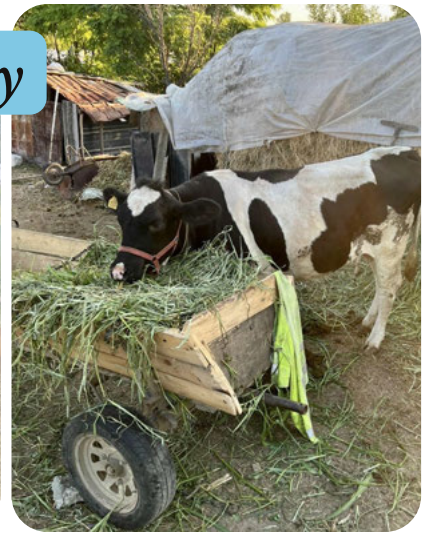
Be blessed, my friend, what your eyes see and the ministry you partake in, others long to see and would love to be physically active in, and to see the fruit of their prayers. Not all have this luxury.

From those of us who have a front-row seat to the work Hand of Help is doing, thank you! Please know we could not do it without you!

Together for the Master!
The Hand of Help Staff

The Cow Project

The Garban Family



The Dumitriu Family



The Pascariu Family



Child of the Month

Marian Alexandru M. was born in the summer of 2008. He and his twin sister, Denisa, moved into one of our homes in the fall of 2024.

The twins grew up in a poor family in a nearby village. Their father, due to some serious health issues, was unable to find long-term employment and only worked sporadically as a day laborer. Since the village they lived in did not have any means of public transportation, the added difficulty of traveling to potential work in a nearby village or city oftentimes proved an impossible hurdle. The family was known to us as we occasionally supported them through our Brother's Keeper program.

With meager financial resources and living in precarious conditions, the family was not able to properly take care of the children. Their two-room house was insufficient for all the members of their family, and the twins had no place to do their homework or study for school. Once they were accepted to attend school in town, the twins struggled to find a means of getting to school and were at risk of abandoning their studies altogether.

After repeatedly trying to help the family, the local social workers realized the danger the children were in, and they asked us to take the twins in our care so that they would get a proper chance to finish school and continue their development.

Marian is currently studying Mechanics - a three-year program. He continues to keep in touch with his family and visits them often during school breaks and weekends. He has quickly adapted to our home and is already involved in many chores and activities.



Our medical team is actively monitoring his ophthalmologic condition and will pursue surgical eye treatment for Marian later this month. Please lift him up in your prayers.

We are grateful to be able to welcome him and his sister into our family and are asking the Holy Spirit to draw them unto salvation. Thank you for fervently interceding for and supporting the children in our care. May God reward your love and selfless sacrifice as only He can!

Dear Brethren,

Proverbs 3:5-6, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

Putting our trust in man, any man, is like trying to hopscotch through a bog full of quicksand. We may think we’re too light-footed to get tripped up, rooted to the spot, and pulled in, but eventually, the inevitable happens, and we become just another statistic.

We are all men. Preachers, pastors, evangelists, politicians, and podiatrists are still men, and if our trust is in an individual rather than in the Lord, it is misplaced and will ultimately have dire consequences. This isn’t my heavy-handed attempt to insinuate anything regarding anyone in particular. I’m just reiterating a general truth that the Word of God declares, which, for the most part, the household of faith has chosen to disregard because trusting the Lord requires faith, and faithfully following after Him, believing Him at His word, even when, in the physical, it seems nearly impossible.

In light of what Jesus said regarding the last days, and that there would be many false christs and false prophets attempting to deceive, if possible, even the elect, it is a conversation well past its time that the church must have with all the requisite sober-mindedness and sincerity of heart.

The recent spate of men once considered spiritual luminaries of the modern age being exposed as being no less than wolves in sheep’s clothing, and sometimes far worse, is disheartening and tragic. It leaves a bad taste, gives the church a black eye, and provides ammunition to the enemies of the faith who titter with glee with every news article and exposé that makes their way to the fore.

Never one to let a crisis go to waste, the enemy is quick to lump all believers together, insisting that one bad apple ultimately means that all the apples are bad, but this is not the case. There has always been chaff; there have always been men with vested interests and hidden agendas worming their way into the church for the purpose of destruction. It has been the case since the early church when Paul warned that upon his departure, savage wolves would come in who would not spare the flock.



Now more than ever, our eyes must be upon the author and finisher of our faith, fixed and unwavering, knowing that He is faithful. Our trust must be fully placed in Him, and anyone who insists that they are an apt substitute for Him is a liar, and the truth is not found in him.

That dark days are upon us would be stating the obvious. They have been foretold, both by Scripture as well as by those whom God tasked to be messengers of warning. Although we may have had a season wherein we ought to have been preparing spiritually and building up our most holy faith, that season is quickly drawing to a close.

Whether or not we trust in the Lord with all our hearts will determine whether we stand or fall. Whether we acknowledge Him in all our ways and submit to His guidance will determine whether our path will be straight and our purpose clear. God is not the author of confusion, and His Word makes it clear that only in truth will we be able to stand and overcome evil with good.

Ephesians 6:11-13, “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

With love in Christ,
Michael Boldea, Jr.