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# Someone Else's Shoes

Some people are blessed, and they don't even know it. Grace has been extended to them in measures that others would envy, yet in their constant quest for greener pastures, they fail to acknowledge how truly blessed they are. If you have to wake up at the crack of dawn, go to work, put in a full eight hours, possibly some overtime, and can do so without eye-watering, teeth-gnashing pain, it may not seem like a grace in the moment, but it is.



If by the sweat of your brow you can keep a roof over your head, feed your children if you happen to have them, and live a normal, quiet life, those aspiring to mansions and jets may roll their eyes and snicker at the simplicity of your existence, while every morning you thank the Father in Heaven for the blessings He has bestowed upon you.



It's not about comparing our status, resources, or abilities to others; it's about acknowledging that there are those whose lot in life is such that they have no choice but to rely on the kindness of strangers for their daily needs. They have no one to turn to, no family or friends to which



they can reach out, and their only hope is that God would make a way for them to have enough food to last them the week, enough firewood to last them the winter, or experience some miraculous event absent which they would have no place to call home, and no roof under which they could shelter.



If asked to summarize the purpose of this ministry ever since its inception, it would be to help the helpless, whether they be orphans, widows, those physically incapable of fending for themselves, or individuals or families who've fallen on hard times and can't see a way out of their predicament.



No two situations are identical. They are as unique as the individuals we endeavor to aid, but they all have one commonality. They need help. Whether financial, material, with foodstuffs, firewood, or reinforcing a dilapidated home, they all require assistance.



For the better part of four decades, we've been the place those with no one else to turn to have turned to, and by the grace of God, we've helped countless individuals and families to the best of our ability. This would never have been possible without your prayers and support, and we are ever thankful for you and to God for stirring your heart and meeting the needs of so many.



We work while it is day. It is a biblical mandate with a warning that it will not be day in perpetuity, but that the night will come when no man can work. As long as it is day, we labor. As long as it is day, we press on. As long as it is day, we persevere and busy ourselves with the work of the Kingdom, knowing that no kindness will be overlooked by the One who sees all and rewards all in kind.



You are ever in our prayers, and our gratitude for you extends beyond mere words. May God reward your faithfulness in due season.

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# Someone Else's Shoes (cont.)



# A Romanian Hymn

Psalm 34:1, “I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.”

If you are anything like me, there are times when praises flow easily, freely, and unhindered, powerfully expressing the joy and jubilation of the heart in seasons of great blessing. Whether it be the birth of a child, the wedding of a childhood friend, or an answer to a multiyear prayer, in any one of these circumstances, praise simply rolls off the lips! As children of God, praise and thankfulness are inherent in our nature because we know from whom all blessings flow.

Though I am growing in this area, in times of hardship, affliction, pain, and solitude, my first instinct is certainly not praise.

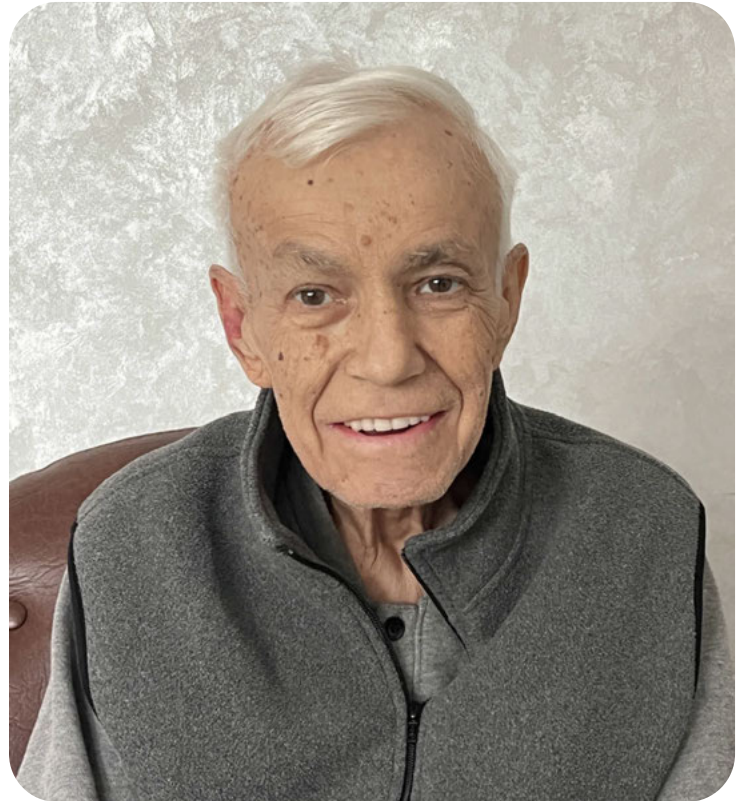
The Word of God says that we are to bless the Lord at all times and continually praise Him!

As my father’s cancer battle has drawn out, I have seen him seize every opportunity to faithfully praise Him, even in times when I must admit, I would not have had the strength to do so!

By God’s grace, I have witnessed a man praise God in the midst of an intense furnace; when flesh and heart have stood ready to fail, God has been his strength and portion! It is humbling, awe-inspiring, and gives me a sense of pride knowing he is my father whose faith remains unshakeable even now, all at once, and I’ve found myself smiling through the tears more often than I can count. There is an art to suffering well, and it’s not something that can be taught in a curriculum or learned from a book. Either your faith is strong enough to praise God in the worst of seasons, or it isn’t.

As one author puts it, tea releases its aroma only when it is placed in boiling water; when the temperature of life’s circumstances increases, that is when the condition of our heart is revealed.

I thank the Lord for the timely grace and strength that He has provided my father, as he desires to finish strong and finish well.



I have always had a high view of my father, but the way he has responded during this most recent season of illness has left me with an example, worthy of emulating, for life.

For some weeks, his sentences have been shortening, his cadence slower, and the strength of his voice weaker and weaker. The last lengthy sentence spoken with gravitas was the following: “I have reached the moment in life, quoting a well-known Romanian hymn, ‘when my lips can no longer do so, my sighs will praise You still.’”

Job 13:15, “Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him.”

However heavy your lot, won’t you trust and praise Him today?

On behalf of the Boldea family, thank you for carrying Pastor Michael Boldea Sr. in your prayers. We appreciate you more than you know.

Praising the Lord in all,  
Daniel Boldea

# Rejoice

We rejoice with the brothers and sisters who continue their ministry in war-torn Ukraine, as a rich harvest of souls comes to saving faith.

Please continue to pray for those who, against all adversity and in the face of constant danger boldly proclaim the Good News and are risking their lives for doing so.

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# Shortcuts

When I undertake overseeing a specific project for the ministry, whether here in the US or abroad, good stewardship, efficient management, and logistics have always been my focus, as far as practical matters are concerned.

You would think that the decades of ministry would instill in me the reality that there are seldom shortcuts, that the path we need to undertake is most likely not the one of least resistance, and that the arduous, uphill, long way around is usually what has been established by the One who knows all things.

Flexibility on the mission field is key. Yes, do plan so that you can make the best use of the time there, but be ready to pivot and adapt as Providence leads and take each challenging situation in stride. Rigidity is a brittle thing that tends to stifle the urging of the Spirit, and I've found that the rigid among us miss out on the most sublime experiences because they've determined not to deviate from their plans. Mind you, their plans, not God's plans.

As we were travelling throughout Romania, visiting multiple pastors and their respective mission fields, Pastor Vasile Morisca insisted that we drive 20 minutes to Manzati to see the area in greatest need of a new church building. I pulled the village up on my phone and noticed that while it was in the same direction we were headed in, it was a dead-end road with no option to jump back on the highway. Pastor Vasile said he knew of a shortcut and that it would be fine.

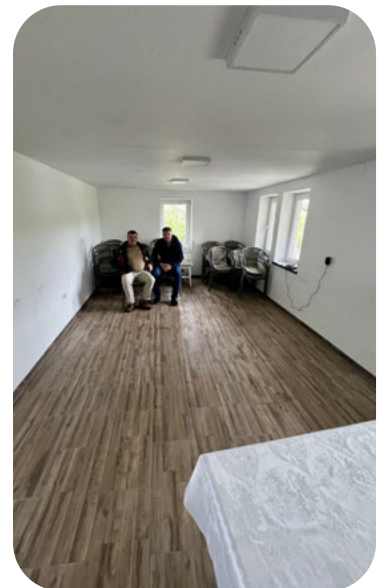
Skeptical and hesitant, we accepted, but we were almost certain that we would be late for all of the subsequent meetings that day.

However impractical the additional driving was on that day, we were happy to have made it to Manzati.

After miles of muddy roads, we arrived at an isolated village that is nestled among hilly terrain in Vaslui County, Romania. Pastor Vasile went on to share about the area's poverty, with many homes lacking electricity, but most importantly, about the opportunities to share the Gospel in the community.



The small space they currently use was reconfigured from an old country home and has served the 25 people who gather every Sunday well. Since they have outgrown their current space and desire to expand their outreach to village children through various activities, Pastor Vasile has begun construction of a sanctuary, trusting that the Lord will provide all that is needed at each step along the way.





Once the new sanctuary is completed, the existing space will be used exclusively for the children’s ministry.

As for the shortcut, it was impassable due to the mud and led to the vehicle getting stuck uphill in the ditch while attempting to make a sharp turn. We were very late for the following meetings and even encountered another delay due to a downed tree. What an opportunity for the Lord to produce patience!

Proverbs 16:9, “A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.”



As the work at the Manzati church progresses, we are encouraged to see pledges come in for the various stages of construction. Please consider praying for this need so that we might be able to come alongside their efforts, be a helping hand, and make an eternal impact for God’s glory and His Kingdom in Manzati.

Taking the long way around as long as it is under His direction,

Daniel Boldea



# *Herds of Blessings*

*The Iacob Family*



*The Petrariu Family*



*The Miu Family*



*The Rosu Family*



*The Fontos Family*



# Child of the Month

Denisa M. was born in the summer of 2008. She is Marian Alexandru's twin sister, featured in the June-July newsletter.

The twins moved into one of our homes in the fall of 2024. They 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 often 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 unable to properly care for 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 into our care so that they would have a proper chance to complete their education and continue their development.

Denisa is currently studying at a cooking trade school - a three-year program. She would like to finish her studies and work in a restaurant. Last summer, she had the opportunity to practice her skills at a local restaurant during her school break.

She has a very close relationship with her twin brother, and she also continues to keep in touch with her family and visits them often during school breaks and weekends.



Denisa has quickly adapted to our home and is already involved in many activities around the house. Our social workers praise her for her obedience.

We are grateful for the opportunity to raise Denisa and offer her the much-needed support and care at her age.

Thank you for keeping her and her twin brother in your prayers! May the Holy Spirit work in their hearts and make them new creations in the Lord, ready to offer themselves in service to our God.

# Dear Brethren,

2 Timothy 3:1, “But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come.”

Anyone surprised or shell-shocked by recent events has no one to blame but themselves. If only they’d spent their time studying the Word, rather than entertaining the machinations of their flesh, trying to suss out dates no man is privy to, what is playing out in real time would have come as no surprise, but rather served as confirmation that the Word of God is true, and what it says regarding the last days is coming to pass before their eyes.


I’ve never understood Christians who get blindsided by current events. Understandably, the godless are mired in confusion, running to and fro, unable to make sense of what is happening, but as far as the children of God are concerned, it ought not to be so. We know what the future holds for this world because the Bible is explicit regarding the events that must take place before its final gasp.

While some cling to the vain hope that they can, by their own force of will, change the outcome, we who understand the sovereignty, omnipotence, and omniscience of God prepare our hearts for darker days still, knowing that they are inevitable because the Word told us it would be thus.

A season of chaos is about to be unleashed upon the world, and those whose faith is not anchored in Christ will have nowhere to turn to, finding no relief for their fear and apprehension because all that can be shaken will be shaken, and the earthly treasures they put their trust in will fail them and be brought to ruin.

The Word tells us that a time is coming when the just will live by faith. Not by bunkers, gold, silver, cash on hand, or any other material thing, but by faith. Even if God specifically directed some to make provision, it’s the act of obedience that will sustain them rather than anything they could amass, store up, or squirrel away.

Whether we endeavor to have faith or seek out different avenues we believe will afford us protection is a choice we must make as individuals. We know what the Bible says, and if we choose to pursue something other than



faith, it does not invalidate what the Word says. On the contrary, the words of Scripture will be proven true in short order, and those who did not heed its warnings will weep bitter tears of regret.

We stand on the precipice of monumental global change. Currently, that might sound hyperbolic, but if we understand the times in which we live and believe God’s Word, we realize it is no exaggeration.

All we can do in the face of what is coming is cling to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, all the tighter. He promised to be with us, to never forsake us, and to stand with us through the fire and the flood. These were no empty promises. It wasn’t something He said just to pacify us, or give us a false hope. If He spoke it, then it is within His power to follow through and do as He promised.

Our Redeemer lives, and He is coming back. That is the hope we cling to, and we look up in faith, knowing it will be so.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52, “Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep but we shall all be changed – in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

With love in Christ,  
Michael Boldea, Jr.