

**"But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship.
And so it was that all were brought safely to land." Acts 27:43-44 (ESV)**

Dear friends,

... safely to land – what are your thoughts? Thankfulness?

Maybe we made big promises to God during the storm...

Now we count our losses, remember the past...

Or have we achieved a servant's attitude, just like Paul: "Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire..." despite the ongoing attacks.

"When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand." Acts 28:3 (ESV)

Paul is neither afraid of the snake, nor of the islander's mean prejudices. He continues his ministry quietly... and shakes the snake off into the fire. And he still sees the people in need – something typical for him. In Publius' house he visits the sick father and prays for healing and after that for islanders in need.

When we are dedicated to God's cause = invest our lives to search for the lost, heal the sick and help those in need, we will experience God's wonderful provision in all areas.

This is what we have experienced in our personal challenges as a family as well as in the church.

Family: Over the last months **Michael** has been feeling weak and suffering from his Asthma, but ever since he started drinking his morning coffee with honey-lemon tea (a whole lemon or grapefruit in one cup of tea), he can feel his physical strength return.

Ever since I started to stand firmly and proclaim the word of God in every challenge, I, **Senta**, have increasingly experienced God's rest and freedom on an emotional level.

Filip learns to manage his emotional pressure despite his autism by speaking loudly to himself: "Filip, you know that no one can harm you. Jesus is with you and even if you cannot understand what the other person said, just leave it." We are amazed at how often he encourages himself.

Church: We are experiencing a harvest of what we considered months of monotonous work. In the past both cell groups in the villages Vistea and Cincu were only attended by children and one or two families. Right now there is such an openness and the children's parents are attending the cell groups as well as the church services. They are saying that they had been abroad to work, but couldn't find peace anywhere... "we have to return to church."

We are running **out of space** on Sundays. We urgently need an additional room for the children – in the back yard, with a connection to the church building – so that the roundabout 80 adults (sometimes more) all find seats. The more than 30 children (3-12 year olds) are pretty crowded in the basement as well. We will use that room as a mother-child room in the future.

Discipleship-/ leadership training: we are sooo thankful that God connected us with Stefan Armer and Bobby from Bukarest. They are now part of the leadership team (in addition to Peter Bottesch, he has been with us for a while) and they brought disciples as well. This year our mixed student group is from Bukarest, Siret, Petrila and Fagaras. Beautiful friendships are developing and our times together are blessed.

Teen ministry: has developed a new core group. Several new 12-14 year olds started attending recently and the 18-22 year olds who remained steadfast are now leading the group. We are their background support. They have started their own teen cell groups and discipleship relationships.



Fagaras Church



Teen cell group

Rosenau church: The church shrunk during the crisis, but we sense an awakening with the church experiencing growth. We are very thankful to God.



Family retreat



Rosenau Church

Prayer requests:

- We are praying for the war situation in Ukraine and how we can help refugees that are already arriving at the Northern borders in Romania
- For the new people attending our church – May they not be hindered, but break through to rebirth and baptism.
- Construction of our new children's room.

We are thankful for:

- Donations to support poor families – this year prices for gas and electricity quadrupled – we were able to assist many families with wood or by paying their heating bills.
- For the social emergency funds we have received from Günter Weckbecker and the churches in Bramsche and Senden. We were able to meet many medical needs (paying for prescriptions, dentists in case of severe infections etc.)

Heartfelt greetings to all of you who are praying for and thinking of us!!!
One in our Lord Jesus Christ!

Misch and Senta with Philippus Müll



Wood for a family



Cell group in Vistea



Thanks to this bus - which we received as a gift from the Senden church - we are able to bring the teens to Scharosch on Saturdays and on Sundays we can bring the people from Vistea to the church.

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