



Children's Outreach in Romania

Most of you are aware that our family served for almost 8 years as church planting missionaries in Romania from 1996 to 2004. During those years, the Lord helped us to lead many people to faith in Jesus Christ, disciple many converts one-on-one, provide many disciples a theological education, and establish several churches. Over the last 21 years, we have continued to minister in Romania in partnership with our long-term Romanian ministry contacts. This summer Carla planned and led a children's outreach in Romania in partnership with one of our beloved Romanian pastor friends. In July, after finishing two crusades in Tanzania, I flew directly to Romania to meet Carla and help with this outreach. It is a very different world in Romania today from when we served there years ago. The country and people are much more elevated financially and materially. However, the interest in spiritual things has decreased as the country has progressed economically since the fall of Communism. We didn't have large crowds as we did years ago, but the children who participated had a wonderful time learning Christian songs, listening to Carla teach them the word of God, and making crafts that reinforced the Bible lessons.





Update Direct From Tanzania

As I write this newsletter, I am concluding two more evangelistic crusades in Tanzania. The first was in the small remote town of Kakubilo, in the Geita district near Lake Victoria. The Lord blessed this crusade with good attendance and 1,134 people made public decisions to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. The second one ended August 31st, in the town of Runazi, in the Biharamulo district. We praise God for drawing 2,050 people to trust Him as Savior and Lord at this crusade. As we near the completion of 50 crusades in Tanzania, some of our mission partners have asked how we keep finding crusade locations in Tanzania. Let me use my home state of North Carolina as an example. North Carolina has a population of 11 million people with a land mass of 53,800 square miles and is divided into 100 counties. Therefore, we would have to do 100 crusades in North Carolina just to do one per county. However, Tanzania has a population of 70 million people, and a land mass of 365,800 square miles.

While we thank God for the ministry He has allowed us to do in Tanzania, the reality is we have not even scratched the surface of saturating this vast country and these beautiful people with the Gospel.



Prayer Requests

Crusade
Maua, Brazil
September 13

Crusade
Neuquen, Argentina
September 16-17

Crusade
Buenos Aires, Argentina
September 19-20

Crusade
Tarija, Bolivia
September 26-27

Crusade
Uganda
October 30-November 2

Reaching Children With Crayons

Over the last 14 years, many people have helped supply crayons for Carla's international Bible schools. We are thankful to everyone who has given crayons. Friends, family members, churches, SS classes, church and associational WMU groups, team members, and many others have donated crayons. We, and the children who have colored beautiful pictures, are all truly grateful for every crayon.

(Pictured are ladies of the WMU from Central Baptist Church, Brookhaven, MS, who recently collected and packed over 9,000 crayons.)

