

Greetings in March 2022!

March 2022, it's hard to believe how fast time seems to fly by. Our time has been full since we last wrote. Some good, some bad and some great. Here is a quick overview ...

December 2021 was filled with lots of celebrations in honor of Jesus's birth. In keeping a great tradition going, with your help, we were able to bless the residents at St. Anton's this Christmas. Alina Bordea, the director and her staff, put together special gift bags for each and a holiday feast was prepared. Celebrating the Lord's birth and receiving a token of love from their friends in the USA has become a highlight for everyone. They pray daily for us, amazing!



We partnered with the King's Table, a local Sunday School class for adults with special needs, to host their annual Christmas party. Food, fun, fellowship and each family getting a special gift was enjoyed by all. This group truly models what was envisioned by the founders of Mephibosheth Ministry 30 years ago.

Also, in December,

Vonnie Nichols, our secretary/treasurer of the ministry, Mary Jane's personal secretary for nearly 20 years, traveling companion to numerous countries and best friend, retired from the ministry. Her service to MJ and all of us was invaluable. She will be missed, yet she will always be a friend to us.



Then the new year, which started with a great addition. John Nix, co-founder of Mephibosheth Ministry, has graciously accepted our insistent offer to return to the board of directors. His history of life logged with Mary Jane only adds to his story of being the father to 2 disabled twin daughters. John and Francis have always stayed close to MJ and us, and it's with great joy we look forward to the future God has planned.



John and Greg

January 11-15, Carol and Greg visited our Romanian friends in Atlanta, Peter and Oana Mocuta. They have been prayer partners for 2 years and have been very instrumental in many introductions to ministry leaders in Romania. A wonderful time of fellowship, prayer, bible study and lots of Romanian food! Stefan and Jenny Bacioiu visited as well. Greg



attended their wedding last May in Romania.

Then ... covid struck! Greg contracted the virus while traveling and shared it with Carol and our oldest daughter Christabelle. For 2 weeks, father and daughter were very sick but nothing compared to momma. We are truly grateful for all of the prayers for Carol's miraculous recovery. The situation looked very grim with her being hospitalized. We were told that her recovery would be long and serious. Expect weeks in the hospital with months of rehab. That is until the Lord showed His hand and she was released home within 10 days and is improving daily. The medical community is in awe, yet we know who's responsible. That lady is needed at home and the ministry.



Visiting the Mocuta's and friends the Bacioiu's in Atlanta.

So the last half of January and most of February were spent in recuperation mode. This virus and it's effects are for real and we continue to pray for friends and relatives that have on going struggles. There is a bright side though, Greg

will not have to quarantine when he travels to Romania.

Because of covid, Greg's trip to Romania has been rescheduled 3 times. Now, everyone is asking about the crisis in Ukraine. Romania is a full member of NATO and the EU. It is stable and the Romanian people are welcoming refugees at various locations. Many of our friends and partnering churches and organizations are mobilized to help, in both Romania and Moldova. Our greater concern is in helping those with disabilities both now in Ukraine and those who are able to leave. While in Romania, Greg will discuss how we can be of help.



Carol on her way home from 10 days in the hospital with covid!

March 17 through April 5, Greg will be traveling to Romania. A disability conference in Oradea is scheduled, meetings with church and local leaders in Bucharest, Brasov, Oradea, Arad, Timisoara and Constanta are being planned. Our original plans for this trip was in the fall of 2021. Given the current events, the Lord is sovereign and His plans never fail. In addition, we were approached by the worship team of a local church, New Life Downtown, to see if a missions/worship team to Romania this June would be possible. Our first response is always to pray, but this one was funny. See, 3 years ago, our friends at Alfa Christian in Brasov, came to us with this very request. We have been praying about this with them and so we told the worship pastor he could very well be an answer to prayer. While there in March, Greg will be scouting details for this potential upcoming opportunity.



A new roof for St. Anton's

St. Anton's has been provided a huge answer to prayer. In October 2018, we saw firsthand that a new roof was necessary. The staff has been fighting the ongoing battle to repair the damage caused by a leaky roof. Unfortunately, the cost was over \$25,000. Well, through local suppliers and the county, materials have been provided to replace the roof with a new metal one. Materials, not labor. There is a small maintenance staff at the orphanage that can provide unskilled labor, but skilled roofers are needed. The cost is approximately \$2000.

Now that we, Carol included, are getting healthy and ready to get going, here are some upcoming prayer requests.

1. *A board of directors - we asked John Nix to join us with the specific task of forming a strong, younger, committed group of servants to lead the ministry into the future.*
2. *Further development of the digital resources - websites, social media, digital content are just a few areas we are continually working on. Pray the Lord brings to us those with gifts and a vision to help the disabled.*
3. *Greg's upcoming trip to Romania - March 17 - April 5. Divine appointments, wisdom, safety and a clear picture of how we can help in this crisis.*
4. *St Anton's outside of Brasov, Romania - on going struggles to maintain a level of care and comfort for the 100 severely disabled orphaned adults. Funds for labor for the new roof.*
5. *Mephibosheth Ministry - for wisdom and favor as we take this into the future, both locally here in the US and abroad where the Lord opens doors.*

Be blessed and we will have more news soon!



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