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I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6

Dear CityView Church ,

God has started the good work of salvation and sanctification in us who are in Him. We often lose sight of this truth during the tumult of our daily lives. However, He often uses these exact moments to mould us into the people He wills us to be. Thus, when loss and pain are too heavy for us to bear, we trust in Him and draw strength from His love manifested through the fellowship and care of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Just as the apostle Paul did, we lift each of you up to our Father and carry you in our hearts even if we cannot meet in person often. We believe that your love for our Heavenly Father grows daily and that your walk with Him impacts those around you. We praise the Lord that you walk alongside us in prayer, encouragement, and regular financial support.



Celebratory T-shirts of the 40th anniversary of *Barnabas International*.
We began our ministry with this organization during the last decade.

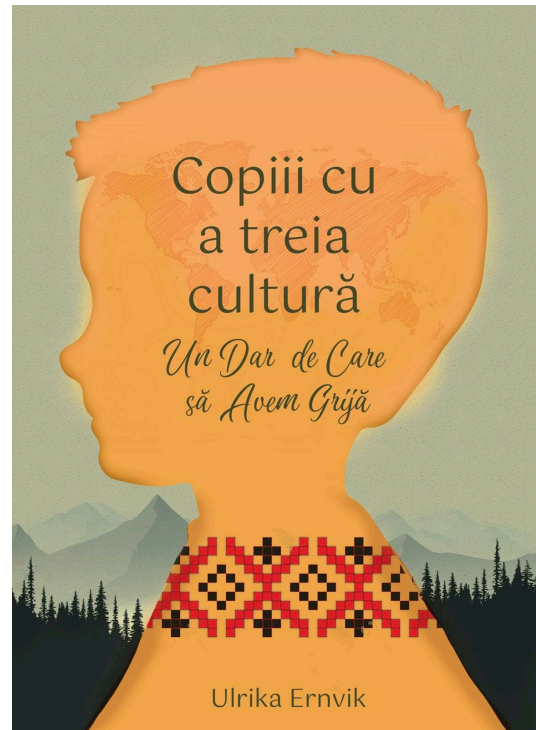
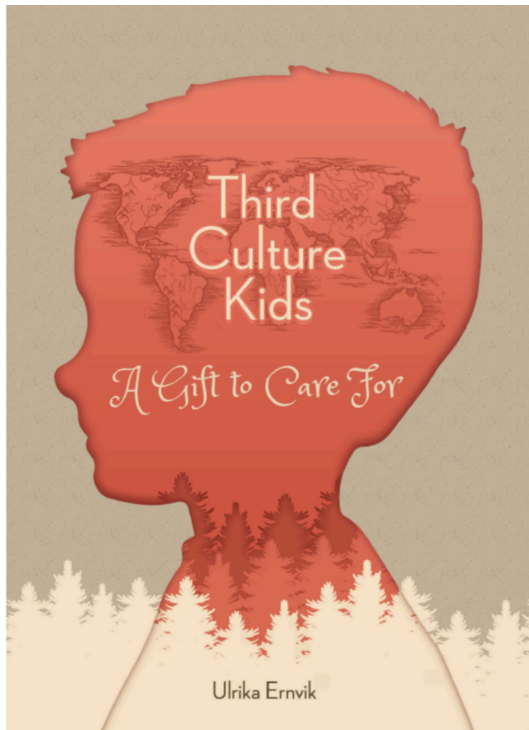
Fellowship with ***Barnabas International*** Colleagues

In the middle of June, we headed to the USA for our yearly staff gathering with our Barnabas International colleagues where we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the organisation's founding. BI was among the first groups in the world to provide member care to cross-cultural workers. We are deeply encouraged each time we see our dear colleagues, and, more importantly, it is a joy to spend time in the Word, prayer, worship, and encouragement stemming from our shared passion to serve global workers who carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth. These meetings also allow us to make plans for collaboration in the future and think strategically about how to best care for God's people serving in the least reached and resourced corners of the world.

During this trip, we were also able to meet with two churches and with dear friends who pray and support us in the ministry that God has entrusted us. We rarely have the chance to come together and mutually encourage each other, so we praise God for these times.

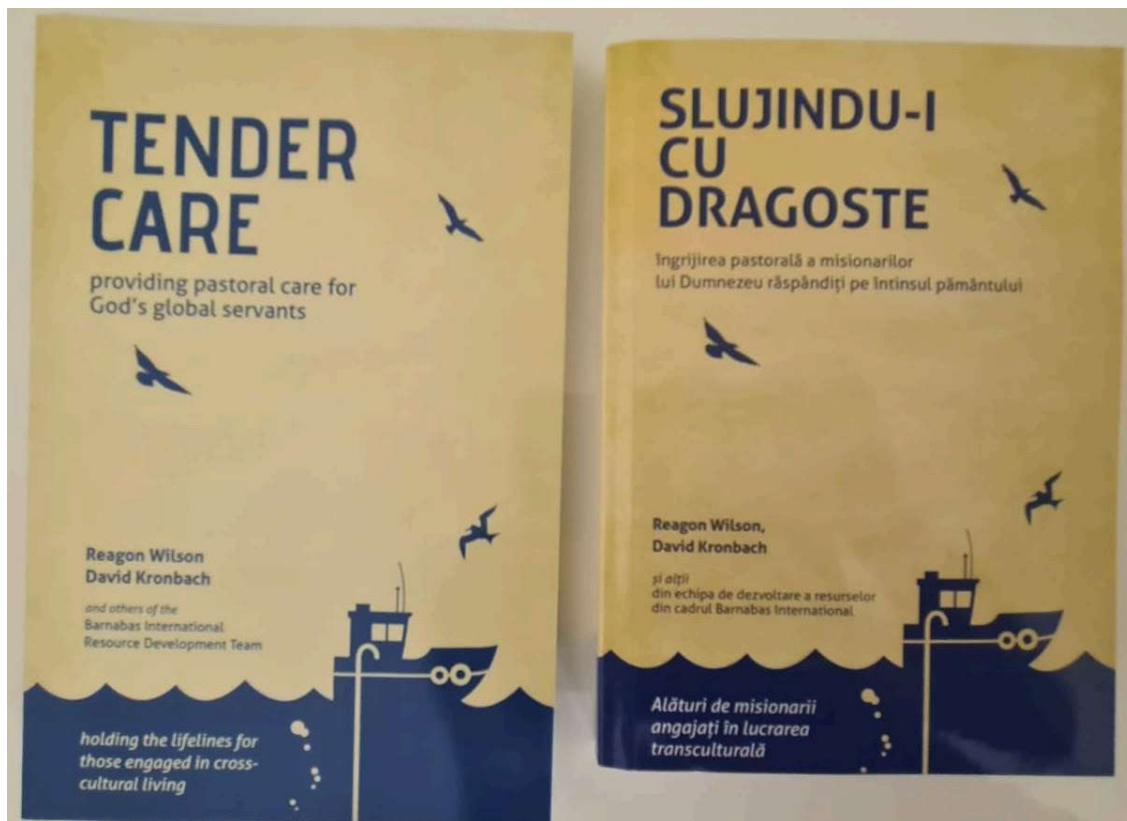
Translating and Publishing Books

As you probably recall, we started to translate and publish several valuable member care books last year, thanks to the gracious partnership with LATM. Here are a few of the projects we're working on at the moment:



Project in translation

- *Third Culture Kids – A Gift to Care For* by Ulrika Ernvik is currently being translated. It is a book for missionary families and also families from the diaspora who are rearing their children in a culture different from their parents'. These children have different needs compared to monocultural children, so we are constantly being asked for advice in parenting this demographic. We know that this book will be a valuable resource for parents and sending churches alike. Please pray that the process continues to go smoothly and that the publishing house we are working with can finish on time so that we can have it ready by October 2026.



Reprint of 200 copies

- Another book we want to reprint is *Tender Care*, which we translated last year, and have already run out of stock. This book helps churches to learn how to care for missionaries and their church workers. Please pray for us to have the resources necessary to reprint this book as well.

Shepherd's Apprentice

A Journey to the Heart of the Father
for Shepherds of Kingdom Workers

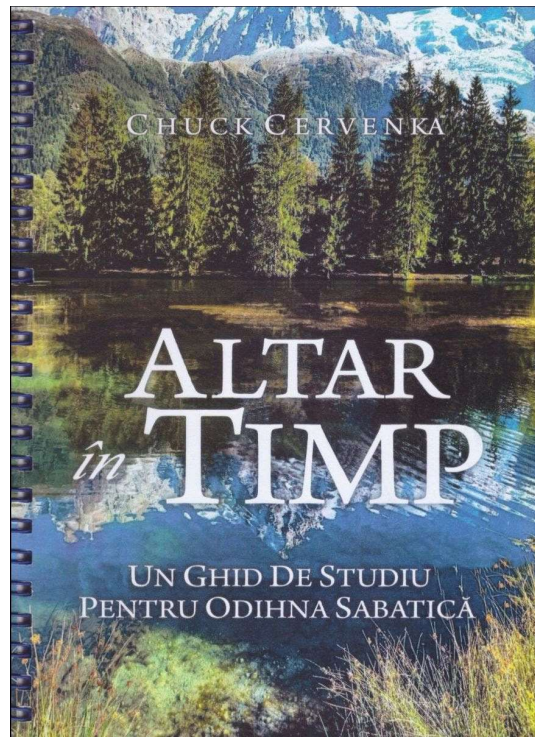
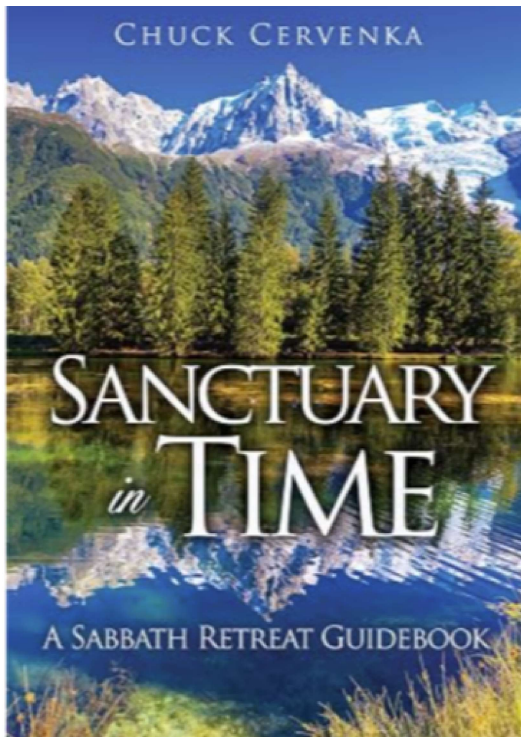
Foundation Workshop
2025 Edition



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Preparing for translation

- Another translation project we want to start this autumn is *Shepherd's Apprentice*, a spiritual formation material, which will be part of the Romania Member Care training (Barnabas Course).
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Reprint of 200 copies

- We're praying to be able to reprint a resource that provides a model for personal retreats: *Sanctuary in Time* by Chuck Cervenka. We translated this book in 2022 and have run out of stock, so we're hoping to reprint it and have it ready by October 2026 (this book is not included in our partnership with LATM).

We are deeply grateful for your prayers for strength, for the necessary funds, and for a smooth process in the printing and transportation of the finalized books.

Module 2 of the Barnabas Course

We often think of holiday and travel when we think of summer. For us however, this summer is filled with planning, writing, and organizing the second module of the **Barnabas Course, a contextualized Romanian Member Care training** we started in Sibiu in May. **Module 2** will also be in Sibiu in **October 2026**. Sign up has already started and is available to those who have finished the first module.

Please pray with us so that we can wisely prepare our team, participants, and the schedule. We also need prayers for wisdom and heavenly inspiration for the content of the course, so that we can offer our participants what we ourselves receive from God. We are working on this together with the teaching team. Please pray for the rest of the logistics involved with running an event like this: room and board, transportation for the team, transportation for the materials and books, and more. We need \$3000 for this weekend, which will help these workers serving global missionaries to continue the learning they started in May 2026.

Other financial needs

We have been strongly encouraged to describe our specific financial needs in a more explicit way. Therefore, here are our needs for the upcoming period of time:

- Romanian Member Care course, Module 2, coming up in October - \$3000
- Reprinting books (September 2026) - \$ 2000
- UK citizenship application (December 2026): ~ \$2500/ person
- Our Sabbatical time (January - July 2027) - \$5000

Thank you for prayerfully considering helping with these projects. We depend on the Lord's provision through each of you.

Thank you so much for lifting us up in your prayers and for your financial support! Your support is a blessing to us and a tangible source of encouragement for those we serve daily.

Serving together,

Alex & Cami; Lavi & David

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