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He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. Isaiah 40:11



Our Shepherd Gathers Us in His Arms

Dear **CityView Church**,

It is good when the Lord shepherds His flock. We find peace when He sets the rhythm and direction of our lives in accordance to His will. But it is even better when He embraces us and draws us near to Him. It is there that we find the peace and joy of His presence, unlike anywhere else. After we rest in His safe and strong arms, we experience His gentle guidance as we minister to His flock. In these past few weeks, we have studied Isaiah 40 across the events we had in Romania. Verse 11 brought

special and fresh comfort to many. Praise the Lord for the Word He has given us to delight in and anchor ourselves in. We would love for you to be encouraged by this verse and be able to enjoy the peace that comes from Him when we find ourselves wrapped in His arms.

“EnRoute Romania” Mission Course 8 - Graduation



One of our graduates (left) is the CEO of the recently started Romanian Baptist Mission Agency „ProMis”

The first event we had in Romania after the European Member Care Consultation in Italy was teaching the last week of the 8th edition of the *EnRoute Romania* mission course. For some, this was the first time they stepped foot into a mosque and heard the message of Islam. We are often not familiar with it nor do we know how to interact with it. A challenge the participants faced was practical evangelism in the *Red Dragon* commercial centre. They had to speak to only foreigners - a challenge for those who had never been exposed to these situations. It is very hard to present the Gospel in a foreign language or to those who only partially understand the language you are speaking in with them. However, all the participants were encouraged by the fact that they had the opportunity to share the Saving Truth with immigrants in our country.

Thus, between **27-30 April 2026** we taught all the sessions in-person, which created quality and relational value. The participants and the lecturers went through 10 hours of course content daily to bring this training to its completion. With the teaching of this final week being wrapped up, we have completed the training. A new

generation of graduates are preparing to enter cross-cultural ministry. It is a joy to see that God continues to call workers to share the Gospel. Praise Him!



Visiting Missionaries on the Field (Republic of Moldova)



Family debriefing

After finishing the mission course (2-4 May) we travelled to the **Republic of Moldova**, where we visited a **Romanian missionary family** who serves there. Our cross-cultural missionaries face multiple difficulties, so we ask that you join us in praying for them. We especially encourage you to pray for missionary children, who often face challenging trials while their parents are involved in ministry. Please do

not forget these workers: the prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective for those involved in ministry!

Retreat for Workers in Oltenia: "*Oasis with the Father*"



A hard working family of servants in Oltenia

5-10 May found us at the *Oasis with the Father* retreat in **Craiova**, which we usually organise in Dobrogea. We discovered a great need there for support and care for local workers, who face family issues (illnesses, strained relationships, bereavement, children walking away from the faith, etc.), issues in ministry (small and difficult churches, conflict in ministry teams, demonic attacks on workers and their families, etc.), and financial or social issues (unfriendly neighbours, infamous neighbourhoods, etc.). One of the families we met with told us: "We have given all that we are and have to ministry in this region. Exhaustion quickly took over, and the expectations we and those who sent us had regarding fruit became clearly unrealistic. We work 10 times harder than in other areas of the country, only to achieve 10 times less than we have experienced in previous projects in other areas of the country." The needs of these faithful workers are vast, and the task of coming alongside them is humbling. Therefore, please come alongside us in prayer, as we continue to walk with these dear workers. We need your prayers, and so do they. We rely on your support!



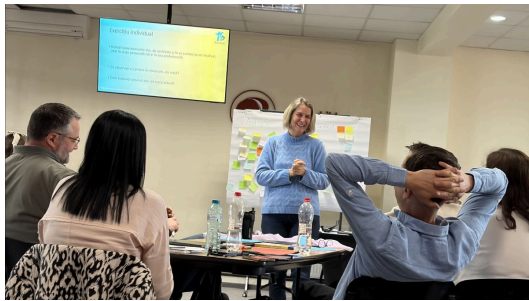
Barnabas Member Care Training Course



Our small team and the first generation of students

The **Member Care Training Course** which took place in **Sibiu** between **14-16 May** was very well received. We are encouraged to see the eagerness of the participants to learn how to shepherd global and national workers. One participant told us: "It is a great answer to prayer, as we prayed for years for a course like this to be launched in Romania, in Romanian." Someone else let us know that "it's a dream come true to be able to participate in a course like this one." We are overwhelmed by the openness and eagerness of the participants. We can say that the 25 people who took part are the cream of the missionary organisations in Romania which offer (or

plan to offer) member care to missionaries. All the international sending agencies of Romania were represented (Baptists, Pentecostals, Brethren), together with some international ones (e.g., Frontiers, Wycliff etc.).



We are overwhelmed with gratitude to read the final evaluation of the course, where many participants told us how much it helped them to understand or discover the loving heart of the Father for them. Studying Psalm 23 was deeply appreciated, while Luke 15:11-32 reminded us of our Father's love for each one of us. Through all of this we saw a hungry nation after the real love of our Heavenly Father, eager to see practical models of how to balance ministry and family. The worship, times of prayer, and development of active listening skills were also widely appreciated by

many participants.

The *Barnabas Course* is also unique because it not only brings together the theory (theology) of Member Care, practical ways of serving missionaries, and guidance for our attitudes and postures as we serve, but it is also the first course (globally) that is completely contextualised for Romanians. We are deeply encouraged to see how the Lord has led us to launch this course, but also the way He led us through each day of teaching it. He deserves all the glory!



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