

Rick & Denise Burton

LIGHT OF LIFE MISSIONS ROMANIA

*"All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.
In him was life and the life was the light of men."* JOHN 1:3-4

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

First of all, I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support. We appreciate you more than you will ever know. As you know, in August of 2020 we had to return to the States to care for my mother who was diagnosed with cancer. Mom passed away on January 22, 2021. She was ready to meet the Lord and we will see her and Dad again who passed in 2017. As I write this letter, I remember all of those who have went to be with the Lord in the past few years. Denise's father and sister also passed while we were on deputation. We will see them all again, and I believe it will be soon.

We also were here to help my daughter who was dealing with personal issues. Our daughter, among other things, is dealing with a serious mental illness. We are doing our best to help her, but because of situations surrounding the problems our efforts are limited. We continue to help where we can. In the last few months, we have needed to stay close. She has lived with us off and on since we came back. Please continue to pray for her, our grandsons and son-in-law.

We were privileged to help complete the new church building for Marshall Community Baptist Church. We were also privileged to be there for the dedication of the new building. Due to the situations with our daughter, we could not leave the area and felt that it was necessary to move our membership. In June of 2021; after much prayer and discussing the situation with Pastor Green at Riverside Baptist Church, Adam Crabtree at Beacon International Baptist Missions and Pastor Roger Massey at Marshall Community Baptist Church, we decided to move our letter to MCBC.

I am presently filling in at a small mountain church in Pensacola NC, near Burnsville where we are now living. We have been there for three weeks, and the Lord has blessed. The people at Laurel Branch Baptist Church have been very receptive and make us feel at home. LBBC is the church that my mother attended as a child. She grew up less than a ½ mile from the church. It is a blessing to be there, and we hope that we can be a blessing to the people. Please pray that God will help us as we minister to his people.

It was a privilege to be your missionary to Romania. We were blessed to be able to encourage the churches and see God change lives. I was able to preach in several Gypsy villages. I also preached in several Romanian churches. All the churches are Romanian, but the Gypsy villages, due to their own choice, can be very isolated. We have seen the Spirit of the Lord convict and save souls, help the hurting, and encourage the saints. We were able to purchase Fidela Bibles and tracts and handed them out during the lockdown when there were no services. In 2015, the last revision of the Fidela Bible was completed. The Fidela Bible is the first Bible in the Romanian language based on the TR and the Masoretic texts. We were able to hand these Bibles and tracts out to people who have probably never owned a Bible. Please pray for these people, they need the LORD.

We also request your prayers while we wait on God for our next step in the ministry. At this time, it is not possible for us to return to the field of Romania. We don't know what the future holds but we are determined to seek God's will. We have earnestly sought to follow God and have done our best to follow as he has led. We understand that your missions support may be used more efficiently in other ways. Please know that we do not question those who have already decided to discontinue supporting us as missionaries as we are no longer involved with the field that you have been supporting us in. We both believe that God requires good stewardship and encourage you to be good stewards with your missions' resources.

At this time, we will be transitioning into local church ministry here in the states. We do desire your prayers as we make this transition. Thank you again for all your prayers and financial support. Without your support missionaries could not do what they do. Thank you again and please remember to pray for us as we minister to the people at Laurel Branch while we are there.

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