

I Caught His Passion That Afternoon

by Jack Mount

In Romania while eating with Pastor Viorel and his wife, whose English was not so good, I learned that his wife goes every summer to another country on a guest-worker program to help earn enough to continue their ministry. That leaves Viorel alone for several months with their young son. Now that is passion for ministry! Two members of our team have helped them with a monthly gift so that they would not have to be separated and face risks that so often accompany those who leave their own country to earn more money.

In another place in Romania, the mid-week Easter evening service was filling up with youth. I discovered that the pastor's music program had influenced this. Finding so many young people involved in a mid-week meeting was refreshing. The young pastor's vision for youth and his gift for music were most effective.

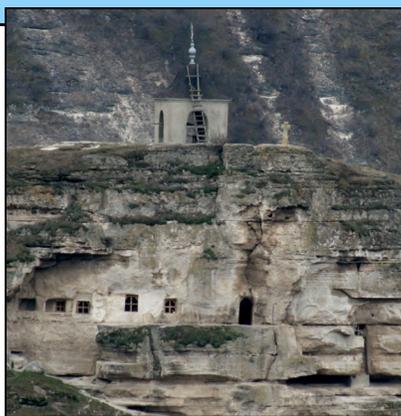
Elsewhere in Romania, I met Andy and Anca at a harvest celebration church service. They appeared to be barely out of their teens, but they turned out to be the Pastor and his wife. Later I visited them in their one-room 8 X 10ft home. There was no running water or indoor sanitation facilities. With the help from Praise International, their situation is much improved.



Pastor Roman & Liliana Malancea

I'm told it takes over \$200/month for a couple to subsist. Consequently, churches out in the villages cannot support pastors even to subsistent levels. The \$35/month that Praise provides is tremendously encouraging to these pastors, helping them provide for their family and still fulfill their passion to serve the Lord.

Pastor Roman's eyes sparkled. His face and his demeanor told me far more than his description of the camp planned for that property (red dot on map). we were standing in a vacant field in southern Moldova, listening to Roman tell us his vision. His exuberance and effervescent personality communicated far more of his vision than his speaking. I had preached in the church he pastored that morning, *but I caught his passion for ministry that afternoon.*



13th century monastery carved out of a limestone cliff by monks

Country Focus : Moldova

Population: 3.6 million

Religious Affiliation:

- Eastern Orthodox - 64%
- Non-Religious - 20.9%
- Islam - 3.6%
- Jewish - 1.5%
- Evangelical - 0.5%
- Roman Catholic - 0.5%

Highlight in Moldova:

Orheiul Vechi - Archeological finds, some dating back before Christ.

Capital: Chisinau

Languages: 30

Ethnic Groups - 31:

- Moldavian - 72%
- Ukrainian - 8%
- Russian - 5%
- Turks - 3%
- Romanian - 2%
- Bulgarian - 2%
- Romani - 1%
- Other - 7%



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Romanian Pastor Andy and Anca Nistoroiu



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Praise International exists to nurture the transformation of communities through effective, vibrant, growing churches led by mature national pastors and church leaders. We accomplish this purpose through supporting pastors such as Andy and his wife Anca, encouraging and challenging them, and facilitating their ministries.

Praise International cannot do this without people like you, who partner with us, by praying for and sponsoring national pastors and by making special donations which allows Praise to make it happen.

Thank you!

September 28 to October 28

*Fall Ministry Trip!
Visiting national pastors
in Eastern Europe!*

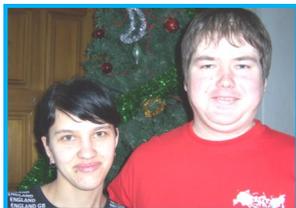
The Waiting List

Sergui and Nadia Shopin

need a sponsor. This is an energetic young pastoral couple. He received a degree from Dallas Theological Seminary by the school's distance learning program. They have a fruitful ministry in the Tambov region of Russia.

Would you be interested in partnering with the Shopins?

Become their sponsor today. Your gift of \$35/month will play key role in their work of evangelism and church-planting in Russia? Please send your first donation in the enclosed envelope, and indicate your desire to sponsor the **Shopins**. Thank you in advance.



Ministry Trip to Eastern Europe

September 28 to October 28

Praise Board Member Pastor Jim Harris and Executive Director Freddie Harris with his wife Kandee will do an important Ministry Trip to Eastern Europe!

They will visit numerous national pastors in Romania, Moldova, Serbia and Russia, providing encouragement, teaching and training and facilitating their ministries.

Funds necessary for this trip: \$6600.

Would you like to contribute towards this ministry? Designate your gift, "Fall Ministry Trip." Thank you.

Praise International would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Thomas Foundation, who recently awarded Praise International with a \$15,000 grant. The Thomas Foundation provides financial assistance to individuals and organization actively involved in evangelism, disciple and church-planting. This generous gift allows us to sponsor 30 national pastors for one year. Thank you sincerely.

Meet Jack Mount



Jack Mount is a new member on the Praise International Board of Directors. He brings with him a vast reservoir of ministry experience. Pilot, Pastor, Missionary, Camp Director, EMT, Volunteer Fireman, Chaplain, Crisis Response Counselor. These are Jack's titles. Attending Moody Bible Institute, he became a pilot. "I had a motorcycle and plane before I had a car."

Jack and his wife, Linda, were missionaries in Iran for over 8 years with International Missions (today called Charstar) until the Islamic revolution in 1979 and they couldn't return. He was a pastor with American Missionary Fellowship (today called InFaith mission) for over 20 years. Trained in Crisis Intervention, in the aftermath of 9/11 and Hurricanes Andrew and Katrina, F.E.M.A. called upon him to help trauma victims.

After Linda died of cancer, Jack married Dottie, a full-time children's worker with InFaith mission. For their honeymoon, they took a romantic Rhine River Cruise in Germany. Jack and Dottie together did several mission trips to Romania and Moldova to minister to national pastors. They recently celebrated their 10th anniversary. Jack and Dottie have hosted Freddie and Kandee in their home in beautiful Garden Valley, Idaho. Still influenced by his years in Iran, he cooked them a delicious Iranian dish. He loves to put dates and spinach in his scrambled eggs! Is that Iranian, Jack?

With the wisdom gained from so many years in the ministry, Jack is a valuable asset to the Praise International Board.

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