

2. AUSTRIA & ROMANIA

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After the blessed trip to Panama in January 2017, a situation arose in our church which created a threat in leadership at Golgotha Church considering the senior pastor's transition to a church in Atlanta, GA.; the situation created a void of leadership. During this time of transition, I was given a new assignment by Our Lord which was to consider pasturing Golgotha Pentecostal Romania Church. This was going to slow down my missionary work where the Lord was guiding me thus far and where I felt great fulfillment. I always had in mind that the best place to be is in the Will of God. Thus, I committed myself to whatever the Lord would guide; I would obey. Taking into consideration that the process of transition could take a few months, I planned a mission trip to Romania to minister to the people from there and especially to the elderly house in the village of Satu Mare. I was praying for a mission partner and the Holy Spirit inspired me to call pastor Robinson from Denver, CO. with whom we had a mission trip in Sri Lanka in 2011.

Pastor Robinson was very excited and said despite his busy schedule, he was available and willing to come. When I made the itinerary, our flight stopped in Vien Austria for one day. As I was thinking of how to spend that day in Austria for the Lord, my thoughts went to my friend Mircea Martincu which I haven't seen for a very long time. After I made this plan, I came to Golgotha Church and the Holy Spirit spoke to one brother about this trip and instructed that I should seek for a man that is very discouraged and distressed and take into consideration to insist on meeting him. I had acknowledged at the same time that the person I should insist on meeting was my friend Mircea. However, I did not know that he would later change his mind about meeting me due to a crisis in his family.



The time of departure towards Austria came and together with pastor Robinson, we headed toward O'Hare airport when I received a text message from Mircea saying he would be unavailable to meet. I then realized that that was the reason the Holy Spirit wanted to insist to meet him anyway. When we arrived in Vien, I tried to call my friend from many different phones that borrowed from people but he did not respond. I told pastor Robinson about the prophetic word and he asked me if I prayed about meeting with him and I said "No." He asked that we both unite in prayer and ask God to make a way to meet him.

We hired a taxi to have a tour in the city and I asked the driver if I can make a phone call from his phone and he agreed. As I made a phone call, Mircea responded. He asked the driver to drive us to the place where he was doing some work. When I arrived, I looked at him and I saw a very discouraged and distressed being. Without asking him much, I came along his side and helped him with the work he was doing. I did not ask him anything but offered to assist him with his work.

After some time of no-communication, he opened up and began to speak about some good things that recently happened with his father whom gave his life to the Lord. He then shared about some great things he did to sick and needy people while he visited Romania. After that, he began to discuss the crisis which occurred in his family. When I was on my way to Australia (in the year 2003), I stopped in Austria and met him, his wife and

some of his very young children. They were in a crisis at that time and we tried very hard to reconcile them but it did not last long. Unfortunately, the consequences are manifested in the children in a situation like his (of divorce and separation).

At the end of my time spent together with him, he drove us to the airport and we prayed for him and his situation and he felt very happy. I could see a joy on his face that he met me and my friend. We continued our journey to Romania with confidence and fulfillment of the prophetic Word of God – that we did not ignore Him as God has him in His attention and care. Arriving to Romania was such an excitement to pastor Robinson because he came for the first time.

During the first few days we spent in Suceava, we visited my family and friends in Suceava and established new plans for development and construction which could include the building of a larger center for elderly people because of the great need that are facing those that old, sick and neglected. On Wednesday, we visited Valeanu Ciprean's family from Falticeni City. Ciprean spent a few years in the U.S. with his wife and decided to repatriate to Romania and start a construction business. We had a great fellowship with his family and at night, we went to a Pentecostal church in Falticeni which our mission team helped to construct but I had not visited for about a decade.

During the church service, I was invited to preach and pastor Robinson as well. At the end of the service, a sister from the church approached me and said that she had a few words from the Lord concerning the Golgotha Church where I am member. The words she had were; "The Lord has a plan and a purpose according to His Will to move the church forward but there was a man from the leadership group which diverted God's plan to a normal/human plan and he influenced other people to follow his plan. The requirement from the Lord was that we should pray that the human plan would fail and God's plan would prevail in our church."

"There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand." - Proverbs 19:21

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." - Proverbs 14:12

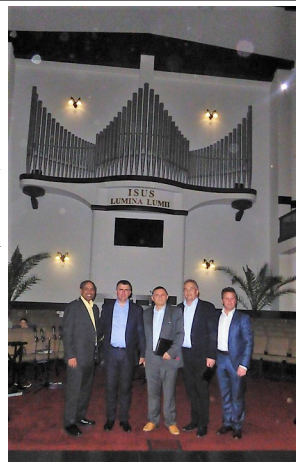
To my surprise, it was proved to be so (as it says in the above verses). The men in charge of leadership influenced the board of the church to bring a pastor from another country to preach and be considered for the next senior pastor position. We continued our mission and journey to the elder house in the village of Satu Mare. On the way, we joined with brother Catalin Carp (who moved from Detroit to Romania) and founded and leads God's Family organization which restores and helps orphaned and/or homeless youth giving them a purpose. One of their team members restored by God's Family organization moved to Satu Mare currently works in the elderly house in Satu Mare. Before

we arrived to the elderly home, we stopped at the home of Grigore Aluculesei who lived in Chicago for over twenty-five years but since his wife passed away, he decided to go back to Romania and remarried. I saw him happy and fulfilled and I remembered a prophetic Word from God that he had twenty years ago – that a time would come when he would move to another land but the Word did not say anything about his wife. At the time of the prophetic word, I was questioning why was it that only he would move to another





er land and not both of them.. Now, I see that God in His omniscience knew that his wife would pass away and he would return back to his land. We had a time of prayer with them and the Lord spoke a prophetic word through him about a new pastor assignment for Golgotha Church in Chicago. The Lord would do a work that everybody would wonder and will not believe how that could be. "Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you." - Acts 13:41



to preach to a church in Dornesti where we had a great night. On the next day, about a hundred people arrived to the house of the elderly to fast, pray and seek the face of God for the purpose of restoration and getting into a deep relationship with the Holy Spirit. We had a great service and the Holy Spirit moved mightily in the hearts of the people there. Most of them did not notice how fast time passed. The mayor of the village also attended and despite that fact that he was tired (coming from a journey where he had a meeting in the capital), he was so blessed to be in God's presence where he confessed in his own words that the service built up his heart and refreshed his soul. At the end, we had a dinner (supported by the mission) with all attendees at a nearby restaurant.



On Sunday morning, we attended the church in Satu Mare where we encouraged people to keep a deep relationship with the Lord. After the service, we went and prayed for the sick people that are in the village. We then visited my uncle Valerian with 92 years of age whom is ill in bed along with his wife. At night, after we visited my father in law's house, we went to the church in Vicov called Sfânta Treime (The Holy Trinity). This church was recently built and inaugurated for the Glory of God. On the next day, we headed towards the airport in Salcea, RO and flew back home praising the Lord for His guidance, protection and mission completion and fulfillment.

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." - Psalm 32:8/ A person standing with God is invincible because God is greater than any circumstance.

