

Adopt-a-Club



Connecting kids, changing lives

From the Heart of Awana Romania, 2007 ~



Greetings:

Dear friend and partner, Greetings in the Precious Name of Our Lord and in the Love of our heavenly father!

It is my joy to be able to write you again after such a long time of “absence” about the happenings in the Awana ministry from Romania since our last update you received from us.

Looking back at the last few years our hearts are full of gratitude when we see how God has worked in and through our lives. Even though this has been the most difficult 2 years of our lives, we have seen God’s faithfulness in so many ways and areas. Our communication with you was very shallow, so we would like to give you a short update about some of the TRANSITIONS we have experienced this year.

First of all, it is a reason to give praise that this season we are celebrating 15 years since the first Awana Club has started. In autumn 1991 in a village called Mierlau, Bihor County in the North-West part of the country, when John Deck and David Genn did the first Awana meeting. Beginning with 50 kids, now we’ve reached over 112 clubs with more than 4300 children.

Praise:

We are grateful to our Lord for His grace and help to reach this turning point and “we stop and know that He is God” We want to set a “**piatra de aducere aminte**” (=“reminding stones”) with praise and worship for all the ways He opened the doors for us and reach all the peoples hearts:

- Pastors and team members, regional coordinators and church members who had a open mind and who understood the use and value of this tool: Awana Ministry to reach as many people as possible with the Love of Christ
- Commander, Game directors and Leaders and all involved directly with the children in all this Awana clubs and who have a loving heart for children and with dedication and perseverance they invest in children’s lives to learn and help them get to know Christ as personal Father and Savior
- parents who allowed their kids to attend club in spied of the orthodox priest’s threats
- Other people involved in the ministry (either in the staff, administrative side,) in material supplies,...
- Not the least, all of you, our friends and partners through prayer and support

Missionary Update:

At administrative level the transition is about to start and it implies changing the location of the National Office from Oradea to Brasov and making some paper work and changes. Please pray for all this process to be quick, smooth an in a very Godly attitude.



Another change, not so good for us, but we don't always understand Gods mysterious ways, is that David & Felicia Zerghe are not Awana Missionary anymore, but we are sure that God makes all things work for the best of those who love Him. David is still the Awana Commander for the Awana Club in Cihei and we know God will continue to use him in various ways for Hid Glory

Pictures:

Here are a few pictures that maybe will help you get a better image of Romanian Awana clubs in different periods of the year, from areas of the country.



Flag ceremony with the entire club

Handbook time (where kids learn the verses)



Your generous donation is greatly appreciated

To better use the Lord's provision, we have begun to email international news **and** post the newsletters on the Awana website: www.Awana.org - International.

If you would like to participate in email, **church sponsors** should send us the name and address of your church, your sponsor ID # if you know it, the country you sponsor and an email address. If you are an **individual sponsor**, please send your name and physical address, your sponsor ID # and the country you sponsor.

A sponsor ID # is usually 6 digits and it is the number you use to order Awana materials.

We will anticipate receiving corrections should your email address change. Thank you.



The Flames club waiting to get on the sports gym for game time



Playing the "Beanbag on the head" game



Awana Basic Training meeting for new leaders done by Missionary Nelu Paul



Prayer requests:

I am sharing also some of our needs and prayers, on different aspects of the ministry:

- ***Facilities:***
 - Guidance and wisdom in the decisions that need to be taken for the National Office regarding the papers and moving the Entire structure to Brasov. Pray to be a smooth and quick move so the clubs will not be affected.

- ***Field:***
 - The clubs need assistance which is hard to be assured by only one fulltime missionary, so please pray that God will bring more people with the vision and burden, desire for all the kids in Romania
 - Starting this year, there are more Pentecostal churches that will start this year Awana clubs. Pray for dedicated leaders, for churches to understand and support the clubs in prayer and help.
 - Regarding the new Law of cults that the government is preparing to promulgate and which restricts very much the freedom of talking in public spaces about Jesus Christ. Pray that it will not pass or that it will be modified.

- ***Family:***
 - Nelu & Corina Paul's safe trip to USA for the training Conference they will attend at the Awana HQ in Spring 2007
 - Dora Paul is preparing for a scholarship in Germany for 6 month. Pray for her as she'll have lots of changes to go through and that this period will be a blessing experience for her.

- ***Financial:***
 - Starting from December, we have to start self support ourselves, now just partially and from April 2007 completely, without the funds from HQ which in our minds seem close to impossible, but we are assured that all resources are in God's hands!

We would like to send you a periodical updated in order to give you a better understanding of the ministry in Romania. We prepare more specifically information like testimonies, interesting things about Romania and about the Awana clubs... We want to share with you our excitement of how awesome God is raising His ministry works in many unknown ways.

We are very thankful for our partnership through your support in prayers and gifts. As the Lord enables you, may He bless the entire Awana ministry in Romania through your continual support and may He continue to reward your dedicated heart!

Gladly serving together in the big Awana family:

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