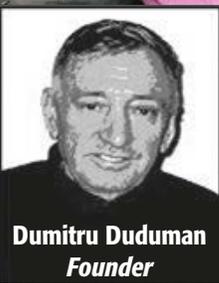




Hand of **HELP**



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The Fingerprints of God

We remember a time in the early 90's when we purchased a small village home to serve as a church for the local community for \$3,000. Building a small church would have cost around \$8,000-\$10,000. Unfortunately, due to the inflation and ever-rising building material and labor costs, gone are those days in Romania.

We look to current day remote Ukraine and are reminded of Romania of the 90's. Yet, we know that this is the time God has ordained for Ukraine. A time when the Gospel message would be boldly proclaimed, and His church would grow.

During our team's latest trip to the area, a couple of church projects were brought to our attention. After praying together and asking the Lord for wisdom, we agreed that only God could provide these opportunities to accommodate the local churches' growth.

In some isolated regions, local missionaries can minister on a one-on-one basis and invite people into their homes to share a cup of tea and the Good News. While this model works in a rural setting, many of the more educated villagers or residents of the nearby cities refuse to attend in-home services. They surmise that a church service needs to be held in a church building, writing off anything less as being illegitimate. Culturally, it is crucial to have a designated worship space to reach even more people for the Lord.

In the city of Bakhmut, our Father has prepared an exceptional gift for a congregation that has been praying for years. The building being offered at an almost too good to be true price has exceeded even their most specific prayers.



It was a blessing for our team to see the building firsthand and encourage the brothers to move forward with agreeing to the purchase, reassuring them that we would help carry the financial load.

The location of the building that could serve as a church, community outreach center, and regional missionary training center is in the middle of the city, right behind the central park area. It is a solid structure, perfectly configured for a church, and services can commence immediately.



The building is in a U shape, with one of the sides making up one massive space that can serve as a sanctuary. There is even a side room with a window overlooking the sanctuary that can serve as a nursery (a typical layout in churches in this region of the world).

Additional spaces within the building will allow for holding meetings and training sessions with the missionaries, temporary housing for visitors and short-term missionaries, community outreach meal programs, children's afterschool programs, and much more. Two ends of the building are even separated from the whole and can be rented as income-producing spaces, which will, in turn, be a financial blessing to the church's outreaches and programs.

The building even has three-phase electric power, a much-needed resource to power a chicken feed pellet machine to produce feed for the drug rehabilitation clinic's farm, and extra to sell, with the potential to generate more money for the church and its projects.

We were all speechless of how perfect this building was, but our biggest surprise came when we heard the asking price. This stunning facility was available for only \$25,000 – being sold by a young widow who wanted to part with all of her assets.

We rejoiced with the brothers, as one does when he sees the fingerprints of God. A building worth over \$200,000, perfectly fitted for the needs of this congregation, being offered for only \$25,000. Only God!

In the village of Serebryanka, the Lord has worked in a different, unexpected way. Vera, a female refugee who fled her home village of Makiivka (an area now occupied by the pro-Russian separatist forces), wants to donate a home in which the local church could one day assemble.

Vera worked at an orphanage in Makiivka, and when the war started, she took whatever she could carry and seven children from the orphanage and fled West, ending up in Serebryanka, their new home. She raised the seven orphans by herself, with very little assistance from anyone, and supported the children through higher education.



During her years in Serebryanka, she carefully watched the local church for years, taking note of their self-sacrificial work among the area refugees. While Vera has not yet surrendered her life to the Lord, please be praying for this. She has decided that the best use for her home would be making it a place where the local brothers and sisters could congregate.

The village was shaken at its core when a two-year-old girl, Nadejda, was killed by a mortar shell while playing in her yard during the bombings. Ever since the incident, many people have been interested in hearing the Gospel.



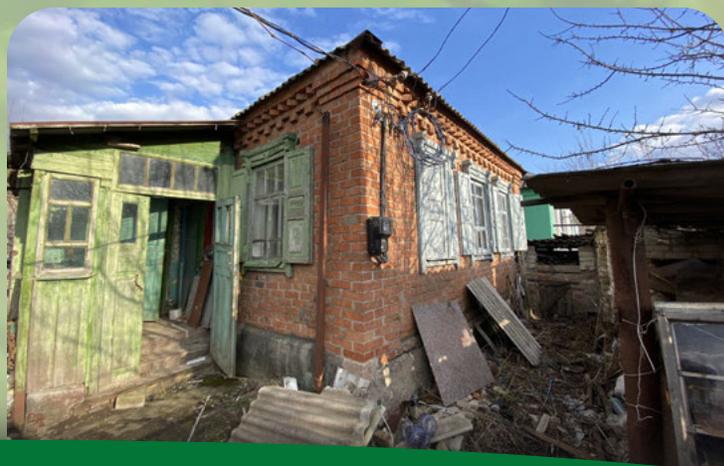
The house needs extensive work, but with the small army of rehabilitated former addicts that now love the Lord and volunteer as area missionaries, the pastor believes he can see this project to completion for \$6,500. The home requires roofing and ceiling repairs, flooring, electrical wiring, doors, windows, plumbing, and more.

While no easy task, we believe this to be a worthwhile project with the property being donated.

We trust that the Lord will use the future Serebryanka congregation and the dedication of area leaders to draw many unto salvation through the Holy Spirit's work.

Thank you for praying for this need!

Daniel Boldea



Answered Prayers



The below home project for Mirela Pojar and her five children was featured in the July/August 2018 of the Hand of Help Newsletter, "A Safe Place." After numerous legal issues, we could finally complete the purchase of the home for Mirela, a safe haven for her children and a shelter away from physical, mental, and emotional spousal abuse. They have been living in the home during this time, and the fact that they now own the property is more than Mirela could have ever hoped.

Thank you to all those who contributed to this project! Please continue to pray for Mirela and her children, as only our Father can bring healing balm to the wounds that still linger from her years of mistreatment.



Dear Brothers in our Lord Jesus,

My name is Mirela Pojar and I am part of the the local church in Tudor Vladimirescu, Albesti, Botosani. With profound gratitude, I write you, brothers at Hand of Help, and all those who contributed such an impressive sum of money that allowed us to purchase the home that I currently live in with my five children.

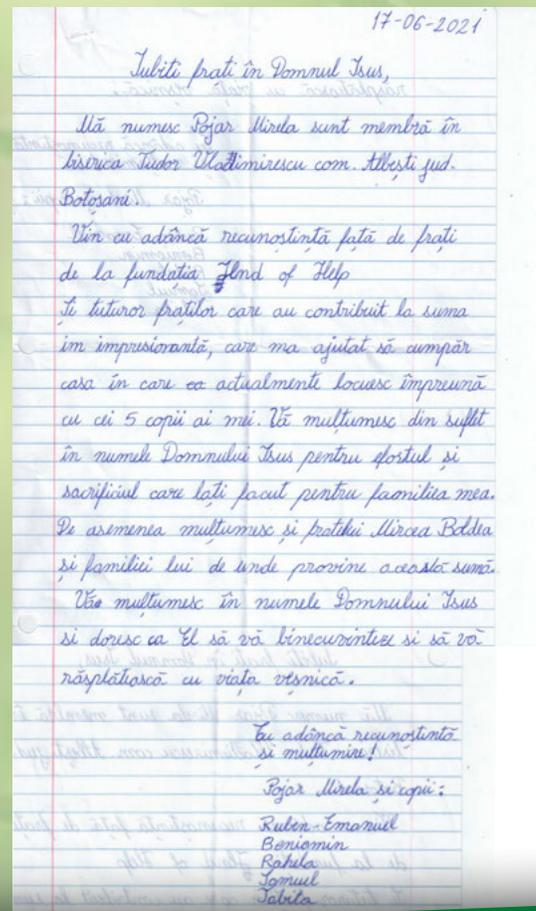
From the bottom of my heart, I thank the Lord for all of your effort and sacrifice in the manner that you blessed my family.

I would also like to thank brother Mircea Boldea and his family for coordinating this project.

Thank you in the Name of our Lord Jesus; may He bless you and reward you with eternal life!

With profound gratitude and thanksgiving!

Mirela Pojar and children: Ruben-Emanuel, Beniamin, Rahela, Samuel and Tabita





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Always Among You

Man will never achieve utopia. Jesus said as much when He warned that the poor will always be among us. There will never be a time when everyone on earth will have a chicken in every pot, a car in every garage, and a large house that goes largely unused except for the kitchen, one-bedroom, and the living room from time to time.

Seeing as Jesus said that the poor would always be among us, the next logical question is what our reaction to them ought to be as His servants and followers. The easy answer is to treat the poor as Jesus did, feeding, comforting, and helping whenever we can, but that just scratches the surface of it all when considering the deeper truths of Christ's ministry.

Many years ago, when Romania first opened up, and we started going back regularly, there was an older gentleman who requested to come on one of the trips. The way he put it, he needed to see something for himself before he could support the ministry. Since we were already putting a team together, we told him he was welcome to come along, and after the first few days in-country, as we were sitting down to breakfast one morning, my grandfather looked him in the eyes and said, "Clark, did you find what you were looking for?"

He stared back at my grandfather, and his face broke into a smile and said, "Yes, I did, and you will have my full support going forward."

Since I was doing the translating and I was utterly confused, I chimed in with the most obvious of all questions, "Well, what was it? What was it you needed to see?"

The man thought about it for a second and said, "Empathy and compassion. I needed to see empathy and compassion because those are things you can't fake for longer than a breath. I needed to see if the giving was coupled with compassion for the plight of these people or if it was just another job."

That man supported the ministry every month until he went home to be with the Lord some years back, all because he saw compassion and empathy in our actions.

When Jesus helped the poor, it wasn't to show off, make a scene, or promote Himself. He did it out of compassion and empathy, and I believe it is one reason the people responded to Him the way they did.

As I look back on the decades this ministry has been operating, I attribute the longevity of it to the selfsame compassion and empathy. Without these two virtues constantly propelling us forward, we would have likely folded long ago. It has not been easy; more often than not, the road has been challenging, and there were moments when we didn't know where our next meal was coming from, but we endured because we knew that there were



men, women, and children, praying and pleading with God for help.

We continue to meet the most desperate needs in our area and in Ukraine through our Father's provision and your generous support, both in prayer and financially. It is a constant struggle trying to find ways of thanking you for your continued support and for feeling compassion for people you've never met and likely never will, yet knowing they are children of God in need of help.



We have been blessed with many gifts designated for cows. The Viorel and Cornelia Istrate family, who have eleven children, and the Marian and Maria Tibel family and their eleven children, want to thank all those who gave and were a part of providing a cow for their families and the many others.



Please pray for the Samuel and Lacramioara Banu family who live in a 130 sq ft room. They are praying for their home addition, seeking to add a bedroom and a small bathroom to the existing space that they currently live in with their five children. Though small, their building project is beyond anything they could ever afford as their income is made up of \$250 per month.



For as long as we can, and for as long as God will have us, we will continue to be a hand of help with hearts full of compassion to those in need, knowing that all we do in His name will be rewarded one day.

With love in Christ,

Michael Boldea, Jr.



Dear Brethren,

Luke 8:17, *“For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.”*

Man is an oddly predictable creature for all his bluster about being cutting edge, innovative, progressive, and forward-thinking. More often than not, humanity falls into foreseeable patterns, because as Solomon once said, there is nothing new under the sun.

Lest we think that this present generation is doing something new and hitherto unseen, it is good to be reminded that human history is littered with nations once blessed who turned their back on God, embraced sin and perversion, and were summarily judged.

There is nothing groundbreaking about our rebellion. The only thing of note is that we ought to have known better given the foundation of our founding, and since to whom much is given, much is required, I tend to believe that our judgment will be that much more severe.

I wanted to write you a softer, more upbeat letter, but my convictions and principles would not allow it. I will not be one of the people playing the violin while the Titanic sinks, trying to calm people as they wrestle with the reality of what is to come. Rather, I hope to be one of those who can get as many as possible to the lifeboats that they might live and not be carried into the deep.

The fat years to which the world has become accustomed are winding down, and the unsuspecting are about to be violently introduced to the lean years. Depending on the level of awareness someone possesses, this descent into the lean years will either be a shock to the system or something taken in stride because it was expected and predictable.

With the lean years will come all the horrors one would expect with a global fight for resources, such as wars, rumors of wars, famines, pestilences, and pretty much everything Jesus warned about when referencing the last days. We knew these days would come. We prayed they would be delayed, but given the choices we've



made as a nation and as a species, the handwriting is on the wall once again, and the only question that remains unanswered is when.

Beyond men's agendas, planned events, managed declines, and other such things we see brought to light, know that God is still on the throne, in control, and sovereign. If ever you begin to feel fear, doubt, or anxiety about what you are seeing, cling to that one singular word and know it to be true: God is sovereign! Not only is He sovereign, but His love for you is also beyond your comprehension, and He knows every hair on your head.

Yes, dark days lay ahead for humanity, but the sons and daughters of God will shine like the sun in those days. We will have hope when others have despair, we will have peace when others have fear, and we will have light when others have darkness.

Luke 21:16-19, *“You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But not a hair on your head shall be lost. By your patience possess your souls.”*

With love in Christ,

Michael Boldea, Jr.