

# Romania and Poland Report October 2014

[For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope]

—Philippians 3:10 AMP

In this report we will refer to an unnamed country and an unnamed disciple-maker from that country. The country and man will not be named because this report will appear on our website, and we do not want to put this strong disciple-maker at unnecessary risk.

# Dear faithful prayer partners:

We left home on Friday, August 26, and arrived back home on Monday, October 6, 2014.

- Our team in Romania consisted of Jerry and Marilyn.
- Our team in Poland consisted of Glenn Underhill and Ben Borgman from First Colleyville; Jerry and Marilyn from OKC; Sergey Sologub, a strong disciple-maker from Ukraine; and another strong disciple-maker from an unnamed country.

#### Our mission/goal for and while in Romania:

- Follow up on disciples and disciple-makers from our previous trips to Romania.
- Encourage and challenge pastors and church leaders in the Bucharest area to adopt *One on One with God* as the personal growth and disciple-making tool for themselves and their people.
- Get started on a final revision and edit of the Romanian workbook and leader's guide.



Some of the Romanian home group leaders

## How God is at work in Romania:

- Some of the Bucharest pastors and churches were already successfully using One on One with God.
- A relatively new church with a well-known pastor has thirty home groups and has adopted *One on One with God* as the personal growth and disciple-making tool for its home group leaders.
  - The discipling of the present home group leaders will begin about November 1, and future home groups will be led by leaders who have been discipled through *One on One with God*.
- One of the pastors in our group was a qualified editor of about forty English books. He agreed to revise and
  edit the Romanian workbook and leader's guide and committed to complete the work in approximately sixty
  days.
- Most of the sixteen pastors in Jerry's group agreed to meet together weekly after we left and go through all fifteen sessions of *One on One with God*.
- The women Marilyn worked with were very excited about making disciples who make disciples.
- In addition to the two-hour training sessions almost every morning, we spoke in churches almost every night to encourage and challenge the people to catch the vision Jesus was casting in Matthew 28:18-20 and make disciples who make disciples as a way of life.

One of the most exciting things we experienced in Romania was to watch God totally change the attitude of the influential pastor we mentioned above who wanted to increase the number of his home groups but lacked the qualified leaders needed to start more groups. He began to see that the tool he had in his hand, One on One with God, was exactly what he needed to train present and future leaders to develop a lifestyle of walking daily in intimate fellowship with Jesus and then show these leaders how to train others to do the same. It sounds a lot like the emphasis of Paul and Barnabas in Acts 14:21 where they preached the gospel and made many disciples.

#### Our mission/goal for and while in Poland:

- Bring Sergey from Ukraine and an unnamed person from an unnamed country to meet with our team in Poland. Both of these men are strong *One on One with God* disciple-makers, and we wanted to take advantage of this opportunity to share, challenge, and encourage each other as well as the Polish disciples and disciple-makers.
- Our first visit to Poland was in 2013, and as in every country, a follow-up visit was much needed.
  - Progress on the revision of the Polish One on One with God workbook and leader's guide had stopped, and this revision is extremely important to the multiplication of One on One with God disciples who make disciples in Poland.
  - Several churches had *One on One with God* disciple-makers who had made one generation of disciples but were struggling with how to continue.
  - We needed to encourage and challenge more pastors and church leaders in Poland to adopt the principles shared in *One on One with God* as the personal growth and disciple-making tool for themselves and their people.

#### How God is at work in Poland:

- After a follow-up visit by Glenn, a strong Christian disciplemaker in Krakow who makes her living as a proofreader and editor expressed her desire to proof and edit the One on One with God workbook and leader's guide in Polish. We are waiting to see if her husband will approve of her accepting this assignment.
- After praying together, challenging, and sharing some tips on how to start a new One on One with God group, several of the disciple-makers in Tarnow selected at least one person to disciple. When we left, dates and times for their meetings were being scheduled.



Disciples in Chelm, Poland

- We had the opportunity to start *One on One with God* in the city of Chelm (pronounced "Helm") in Poland. This turned out to be a great experience.
  - Chelm is very close to the Ukraine border.
  - We stayed in the pastor's home. He and his wife have ten children, seven of whom were at home.
  - Two of the older children still at home left for college the same day we left Chelm to return to Tarnow.
  - Three of their five youngest children are adopted children with Down syndrome. We watched the overflowing love of this pastor, his wife, and their other children for these adopted children.
  - In Chelm, we started twenty-eight people through One on One with God in four classes.
    - Pastor Henrick is committed to follow a detailed plan to see that all twenty-eight people complete all
      fifteen sessions of One on One with God over the next five months and encourage these new disciples
      to become disciple-makers in their church and community.

## Please pray for Romania:

- 1. For continued excitement about *One on One with God* as a path, a lifestyle, and a tool among the pastors and their people.
- 2. For the discipling of thirty home group leaders in Bucharest.
- 3. For about ten pastors using One on One with God for the first time to make disciples in their churches.
- 4. That the pastors in our group would continue to meet together weekly and complete all fifteen sessions of *One on One with God*.
- 5. For great success in the completion of the proofing and editing of a great translation of the Romanian *One on One with God* workbook and leader's guide.
- 6. That God will capture the hearts and anoint in a special way the pastors who are using *One on One with God* to make disciples and produce disciple-makers.

# Please pray for Poland:

- 1. That God will bless Pastor Irek with the fulfillment of his vision and passion to see the churches in Poland become strong disciple-making churches.
- 2. That God will stir the hearts of our disciple-makers in Poland to see the opportunities rather than the obstacles and produce multiple generations of disciple-makers.
- 3. That the church in Chelm will become a model One on One with God disciple-making church.
- 4. That the experienced Polish proofreader and editor's husband will fully support and encourage her to accept the job of editing and proofing the Polish *One on One with God* workbook and leader's guide.
- 5. For great success in the completion of the proofing and editing of a great translation of the Polish *One on One with God* workbook and leader's guide.

#### Please pray:

- 1. For Sergey and his disciple-making ministry in Ukraine.
- 2. For our unnamed disciple-maker, "E," and his disciple-making ministry in an unnamed country.

We are so grateful for you and thank you for being our faithful prayer partners! Remember:

For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Hebrews 6:10 NKJV

I [we] thank my [our] God upon every remembrance of you.

Philippians 1:3 NKJV

Please let us know how we may pray for you.

With much love,

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