



A Christian ministry to the street kids and orphans of Romania.

Where We Are, Where We're Going...

The past year has been quite exciting for this ministry. Many changes have occurred in the last 12 months, so we thought we'd take some time to review and explain how things have developed.



In the latter half of 2007, Ron and Sue Bates, the founders of InAsMuch were called home to glory. In past years, the work of Ron and Sue was largely supported financially by US churches via Christian Missions in Many Lands (CMML). Upon the death of Ron and Sue, there was no longer an InAsMuch worker commended by a CMML participating assembly to this work. In order to keep this work alive, the work was adopted as a project by Concern International.

During that time of grieving and transition, there was some confusion and mixed messages were communicated to the supporters of the ministry. Today, most of the dust has settled and we can report to you more of the ministry's details.

Upon the deaths of Ron and Sue, Dana and his brother Bart Bates went to Bucharest to pick up the pieces and find a way to carry on their parent's ministry. After preliminary arrangements were made with Concern International to serve as a support channel, Dana returned to his home. In December of 2007 a new board and organizational structure ("Jubilee") was put into place to ensure the longevity of the work.

Bart remained with Jubilee serving in many ways, primarily as administrator and director seeing to the day to day operations of the girls home. In May of 2008, Bart spoke with the leaders of Jubilee and let them know that a replacement for his position would be needed as he would be returning to full time employment by the end of 2008.

In July, 2008, a local Christian worker, commended by his assembly near Bucharest, was appointed as administrator of the ministry. Nelu Nica, has moved his family to a location

A Word From Michael Card

Recently well known Bible teacher, writer, and musician, Michael Card, expressed so well how God looks at those so often considered unclean or unreachable. We have graciously been given permission to share this devotional with you

A Soul Earthquake

(Peter) went in and found that many had assembled; and he said to them, "You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean."

|| ACTS 10: 27-28 NRSV ||

Jesus can make anyone clean, even the last person on earth Peter would expect to be clean: a Roman soldier, one of the very ones who had crucified Jesus. What an earthquake in Peter's soul! It was direct assault on his most basic beliefs. But Jesus had come to shatter and redefine everything. Certainly it is a shattered Simon who makes his way, for the first time in his life, into a Gentile dwelling. He will find there men and women like himself who want nothing less than to eat the true bread of heaven. People who, though they live in darkness, have nonetheless seen a great Light!

The crowd Peter would have crossed the street to avoid, would have denied meal fellowship with, seems now bathed in a new light. He sees bright eyes and hungry faces. He looks out at men and women, boys and girls who will suffer every bit as much as he will in the years to come for their allegiance to Jesus. He looks out on brothers and sisters.

APPLY: In your opinion who are the least likely candidates for faith in Christ? What can you and your church do to extend yourselves to them for the Lord?

the ministry. Nelu Nica, has moved his family to a location closer to the Bolintin Deal girls home to serve in this capacity. Bart has since taken a full time teaching job in Bucharest.

The goals for the ministry at the Bolintin Girls Home are clearly evangelical. Jubilee has no organizational ties to any denomination, and is not affiliated, sponsored, or controlled by the Romanian Orthodox Church or any other church.

The leaders of Jubilee are hopeful that missionaries will come to serve the Lord here. It is clear that more than one couple is needed to carry on this work. Jubilee is an open opportunity for Christian service in the Lord's work. Though the ministry itself is "project" of Concern International, there is no limitation on the use of other agencies as tools for financial support like CMML, MSC, etc.... After a recent inquiry to CMML by Jubilee, CMML clearly stated that any missionaries that might be sent by an assembly to Jubilee (in accordance with CMML's guidelines) could be supported using CMML's services in the same manner as missionaries to any other place in the world.

Much has transpired over the past 12 months, but one thing remains the same. ***There are about 40 young ladies in a home near Bucharest that need the Lord.*** They need many things, but primarily they need to come to know Jesus as their Savior. "How shall they hear without a preacher?"

To see a specific list of Christian service needs, see http://jubileeromania.org/ministry_opportunities.html. This ministry needs workers, plain and simple. There is a void for those who have heard the call of God, and are willing to come and minister to "the least of these." Please pray that the Lord's workers would go into the harvest, for the fields are white with fruit.

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The girls you have been praying for and supporting through this ministry are considered by so many as unlikely candidates to receive the message of Christ. Yet we also know that God's love is extended to them as much as anyone else.

In Matthew 22 we read Jesus' parable of the wedding feast. After those "expected" to respond to the invitation rejected it, the king says, "Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. (Matthew 22:9-10 ESV).

Please continue to pray for the Jubilee workers in Romania as they labor for the Lord with the street girls of Bucharest, and for the girls that their hearts would be softened to the Gospel message. Pray also that the Lord would show you what He might have you to do in this ministry or so many others like it.