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Dear Ministry Partners,

Since 1999, Daniel Popa and his wife, Neli, have served with TMM in Romania. Daniel writes:

When I returned with my family in 1999 to serve the Lord in Romania, with the help of the Master's Mission we were able to buy about 50 acres of land near Hunedoara, to be used to honor God by serving the local people. We built a farm house and a ministry building with funds provided by a generous donor, whom the Lord called home shortly thereafter. At the time we were able to get electricity from an industrial source nearby. We bored a 300 feet deep well in order to get an adequate supply of water, and things were very nice. It was like a garden of the Lord. We held youth meetings, picnics, sports activities, Bible studies for young people from the church and their friends. We created a beach volleyball court with floodlights, so after church services or choir practice we would go and play volleyball in the cool of the evening. However, in 2008 the steel mill closed for good and the electric power was cut off. Gone was also our water supply, since we could no longer run the deep well.

I work at the farm to support my family, since the small churches I pastor are not able to pay me a salary. I am employed at Radio Voice of the Gospel Hunedoara, but the funds are so scarce that every month I have to donate my salary back to the radio station so that we have the necessary funds for the next month. I do get, however, health insurance and a pension plan, and of course, I pay my income tax for the money I return in fact to the radio. So I had to raise chicken, pigs, a few sheep, a couple cows, to keep my family fed and bills paid. In 2010 I went to one of the poorest regions of Romania and invited a young couple with four kids to leave their village and come live at the farm. The man and the lady had both been abandoned by their parents, they were raised by relatives, and had nothing to their name but the clothes on their back. He started working at the farm, while his wife took care of the children and the garden, and after a couple of years they became believers and were baptized at Maranatha Baptist church. Their children grow together with mine, they share the same experiences in church, and we pray for them that they would also come to love and serve the Lord.

As the cost of solar and wind energy keeps coming down, it seems the right time has come to install an adequate power source on the property so that we may use it more efficiently for God's glory. The property is only 3 miles from town, but it is secluded so we don't bother any neighbors, and it has great potential for all kinds of ministry activities once electrical power is installed. I plan to restart mentoring young men at my apartment this fall, but what a resource the property could be to help the local church in fulfilling its God given mission to make disciples of all nations!

Daniel Popa

TMM Missionary Partner serving in Romania