



# Better Life Mission

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## Newsletter - May 2011 - part 1

Dear friends and sponsors of Better Life Mission

We are so happy to bring you very encouraging news from Romania. Marika called me about 3 weeks ago and told me that she was at the Black Sea.

### Evangelism at the Black Sea

They had organised to do evangelism in a bigger city. Marika was getting up at four o'clock in the morning. She was then going to meet the others at the city hall. There they were cooking and preparing food samples for the people to taste during the day's programme. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. they had a programme about healthful living. Marika did not just teach them how to cook healthy food but also why it is necessary for us to change our eating habits. She also taught simple natural remedies which can be used at home in case of sickness. From 1 to 3 p.m. they had a break. From 3 to 5 p.m. they had question hour. Starting at 5 p.m. they had evangelism.

Daily they had about 800 visitors at the meetings. Even at the question hour in the afternoon they had from 100 to 150 people. Many came to ask personal questions and to get counsel. Marika also got pieces of paper with phone numbers written on them which she had to call. Some questions were too personal so that people did not want to ask them in public.

Simultaneous with the meetings they formed different small groups who visited the schools and libraries in the city to bring the message there.

The biggest trial during the programme was when five Satanists showed up every morning at seven o'clock and stayed there all day. Marika told me that she was very afraid in the beginning. She did not even dare to tell me the details and explain the problems around them. She just asked for prayer. However, they did not come to disturb the meetings. They had an earnest desire to cut their connection with the devil and to be free. This requires divine power, because Satan will not let his servants go easily.

In the middle of the campaign they met another challenge. Several other groups came and wanted to rent the city hall as well. They offered to pay more money than Marika and her group were paying. Marika asked her co-workers to get on their knees and pray. God's intervention was necessary if the campaign was to continue. Then the mayor called for a meeting. Marika expected that they would have to defend their case. But to her surprise she heard the mayor tell everybody that Marika and her group had rented the hall and that he was not going to send them away. The others had to leave although they were willing to pay more. Marika and her co-workers were then told that they had a good message and that the city needed this message. He wanted them to teach the people in the city how to eat. Marika and her group could only thank God and praise His Name for solving this problem for them.

Today Marika called me again. She is now at home. She says that the experience at the Black Sea is the best experience she has had for years. For a long time she has not experienced such a hunger and readiness to hear both the health message and the spiritual lessons. Two bible workers stayed in the area to keep studying with the interested people. They meet every Sunday afternoon for bible study. The mother of the mayor is also attending the bible studies.

They are also studying with the Satanists. These people require more intensive and personal help. The lady who was the strongest Satanist now has the strongest faith in God. She still hears voices in the night and the spirits attack her. Neither do they leave her in peace on the street. They are used to control her life and do not want to let her go. But the lady has decided to follow God. She therefore carries her Bible all the time where ever she goes. It has become her "weapon" against the evil spirits.

Marika is very happy that she got acquainted with an African man by the name of Gottfried. He is a mission-

ary in Romania. He helped Marika with the campaign at the Black Sea. He has learned to speak the Romanian language and preached in the evenings. He is a man who is not afraid to give a clear message. He preaches the Word of God with power and encourages people to true repentance. In his preaching he includes the important three angels' messages from the book of Revelation. Gottfried has become a great help for Marika, when she is working in the Romanian speaking areas.

## Literature Work in Romania

They are still following their plan to visit every home in Romania and offer Christian literature. Sometimes Marika is confronted with the question if it is right to give so many books away for free. Some people receive the books, but they will never read them. The books might stay on the shelf and collect dust over the years. In spite of this there will also be many who will read and accept the message of salvation. Jesus also died for all, whether they would receive Him as their Saviour or not.

Marika told me a few experiences which should be an encouragement for us to understand that it is our duty to continue the work. It is our part to sow the seed. The springing up of the fruits we have to leave in the Lord's hands.

A Romanian couple received the book *The Great Controversy*, but they did not understand the value of the book. It was placed on the shelf together with other books. Later as their grandchild was getting older she saw the book on the shelf. She got interested and started to read it. As a result she gave her life to Jesus.

Last week a lady called Marika. She lives in the same city as Marika. She said that she was reading the books *The Great Controversy* and *Desire of Ages*. She had found the books in the home of an elderly lady in Hungary who she took care of. As she was cleaning her house she saw the books. The books were written in the Romanian language so the elderly lady was not able to read them. Another lady, who had taken care of the elderly lady in the past, had forgotten the books in the house. The lady, who called Marika, thought that these books belonged to this kind of Christians as Marika. When Marika confirmed that this was true the lady cried for joy. She said that she had found such peace through reading these books.

## We urgently need EUR 13.500 to print *The Great Controversy*

In the Newsletter of February 2011 I wrote that we had sent money to get 10.000 copies of the *Great Controversy* printed in the Hungarian language. As they in Romania calculated once again their stock of books and studied the area they were going to work in this winter they realized that they needed more Romanian than Hungarian books at the moment. Therefore they got *The Great Controversy* printed in the Romanian language instead. That means that we still need to **print *The Great Controversy* in the Hungarian language**. We want to print 10.000 copies. Marika expects the storage of these books to be finished in about two months.

We are confronted with a special situation. The print shop where Marika is used to get the books printed is about to be closed down. It is owned by the state who is selling one company after another to private people. But the local mayor is trying his best to keep the print shop going. They have quite some paper in stock which they have offered to Marika for the same price as last year if she will just place an order with them immediately for more books. The mayor hopes that he can avoid that the print shop will be closed down. It is not only the mayor who wants the print shop to continue - we want it too. It is the last print shop in Romania where we can get things printed at reasonable prices. If the print shop will be closed down it will afterwards be bought by private people and then the prices will be raised.

**Therefore we ask those who would like to donate to the printing of 10.000 *Great Controversy* in the Hungarian language to act quickly. We appreciate to get an email or a phone call informing us about how much you would like to donate and when you will be able to pay the donation. We will also accept donations even if they will not be paid until later since the mayor has accepted that we can also pay in instalments. The print shop is in danger of being closed down any time. Therefore we kindly ask you to act as quickly as possible.**

This past winter they also got *Steps to Christ* and *The Marked Bible* printed in Romania. They managed to collect the money for these books among the people in Romania.

"Tracts, papers, and books, as the case demands, should be circulated in all the cities and villages in the land. Here is missionary work for all to engage in." *Counsels on Health*, 466

If you know somebody who does not have an internet connection and receives the newsletters through the mail then please print this newsletter for them. They might not get it until it is too late to support this project. And last but not least: Pray for the work of the Lord. There is power in prayer.

May God bless you all for your willingness to sacrifice for Him.

Lena Clerc