

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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### MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM BOB

It's Christmas time in Romania. I'm sitting in my office, in a city I've only lived in for 4 months. All around people are busy doing the things they do everyday, and nothing has really changed that much.

People struggle to stay warm, it 27 degrees this morning, you can see them as they walk. They wrap their coats around themselves; pull their hats down over their heads. The homeless, and the needy don't come out in the morning, usually not until it warms up. But you can see their small shacks in the fields all around. They are made of sheets of plastic, old pieces of wood, even some pieces of metal. They have fires burning to stay warm, and the smoke is everywhere.

For Christians in Romania, Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. For them it is just the same as it is for Christians in the states. They celebrate the birth of their savior, and the gift of salvation. But in Romania, evangelical Christians only make up around 6 percent of the population. There is a lot of work to be done.

As a matter of fact, a time of evangelization has just begun. Every year, for 4 months they have what we would call revivals in their churches. Pastors are mobilized into groups of men with a mission, and I am blessed to be a part of it. They travel all over the region preaching every night of the week. Reaching the lost and seeing souls saved. They get no extra money, no honorarium from the churches. For many it is a financially difficult time. But the Gospel is preached; the lost hear it and lives are changed.

It's Christmas in Romania, and we miss our daughter in Texas, and our son in Florida so much. We miss our friends, and our brothers and sisters in the Lord. But we are where the Lord wants us to be, and that is the most important thing to us. Doing His work, seeing His will accomplished!

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14*

**Merry Christmas to all of you, God bless you, and thank you!**

### MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM CAROLINE

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everyone, I would like to thank you for your support during this year, it has meant a great deal to me to know that you have been praying for us during this time. God has been faithful in all aspects, always on time and ever merciful in all situations. Has this been an easy year? I would like to say it has been a breeze but that would not be the truth. Has it been difficult, at times yes! Has it been a blessing? ABSOUTLEY! Have I learned anything; I sure hope so. Where did the time go? The first 6 months seemed to go so slowly then the next 6 months went by to fast, is that how it seems to you? I am forever learning new things here in Romania, the people here are a blessing. I

received a Christmas gift today my first one, a Romanian English parallel new testament, now that is something I can really use, and I was pretty excited to get it. Oh by the way, I am also a Christmas gift this year, my family live in England so my father is having Matthew and myself fly to England as a gift for my mum, (Bob stayed in Romania) she is so excited. I have not been home to share Christmas with my extended family for 20years so everyone is happy. Our prayer for you is as always God's blessings in all areas of your lives, enjoy this time of our Lord and Saviors birth, eat lots of turkey and stuffing and have some fun with your family, serving together  
Caroline