

## WORLD MISSIONS COUNCIL REPORT

### EURASIA & the MIDDLE EAST

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Greetings to everyone at this “different” time. I pray that you are well and you can be assured that this situation is in the Lord’s Hands. This last few months, trips and scheduled events have been postponed and we’re doing a lot of long distance “virtual” meetings. Of course, everything changes EXCEPT reaching the lost for Christ. This is the time more than any other that we pray that men and women’s hearts will be drawn to Christ. In the midst of all this is about 4 Countries in my Region that need immediate help. Most countries don’t have multi billion dollar relief funds, so when a job is lost and a business is ordered closed, it doesn’t take long before there is desperation. The needs in Ukraine, Israel, Bethlehem Palestinian Territories, Romania, are the main highlights of this report.

#### MISSIONARIES:

Miriam Presley; has been seconded to Jesus Revolution Ministries and is working in Bulgaria up to two weeks ago. The team she is with had a full summer of evangelistic outreaches planned throughout Europe. I have attended their street evangelism outreaches and can attest to their effect. Many outreaches are in local Churches as well. Miriam is back in London for now and is engaged to be married in October to Trevor Clowers.

Ben and Marianne Janssen: Have has a hectic pace for years, all over Eastern Europe, Mauritius, Reunion, South Africa, Asia are some of the places they teach DCPI and ISOM through our CICM program in London. Ben and Marianne were planning to be in Canada at this time to secure her Canadian Citizenship and so they are stuck there until the world reopens. Two weeks ago Ben’s oldest sister died of COVID-19 after being sick for 10 days. They are in Halifax Nova Scotia and their grown children are in Ontario so again they are isolated.

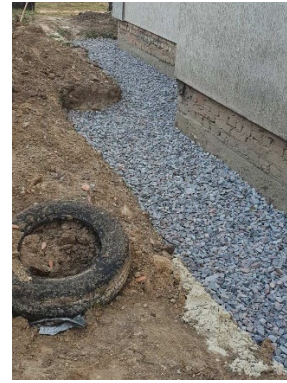
Dan and Noomi Gutierrez: are in Antalya, Turkey and getting used to the first year of marriage. Noomi is from Sweden and spent many years in Turkey where her father was stationed. They are active in leading home bible studies, outreach evangelism and assisting in a local evangelical Church. Dan was part of Jonathan and Corrie Shirey’s Discipleship Beyond Ministry until the Shirey’s left last year.

#### COUNTRIES:

UKRAINE: The 28 year old work in Ukraine has been planting Churches since it started and is now over 220 Churches. Even this year, with all that is going on, Bishop Valery Reshetinsky declares their goal is to plant 20 new Churches. In the last few months there has been an outreach by Bishop Reshetinsky to Azerbaijan to plant 2 more Churches there and one in Bulgaria and Portugal. Bulgaria is an additional country to add to the IPHC list.

Currently the mother Church of 1500 persons has No income as they have NO on-line giving system there and all public transportation is halted for people to come to the Church building. Our Humanitarian arm (Barnabas Ministries) has a number of Drug Rehab Centers with 120 patients and staff. They are usually self-sufficient, but all jobs are on hold for now so we have said we will help Barnabas at \$3,000 a month just to feed and keep their staff. We have donations to cover the next 4 months Their feeding for the homeless has greatly expanded, so they are on the streets 3 days a week and look for help with this outreach.

Krushenka, Ukraine: Drug Rehab Center building project is still building although there is country wide shutdown as they have materials and labor ( the ex-addicts that live of the premises)



**ISRAEL:** What a happening place. My travels to there in November gave me an even better overview of this great ministry of IPHC Living Israel. It is the fastest growing network of Churches with 32 locations, throughout the country. In November we had just acquired a super location in Haifa to facilitate all the house Churches in that region. The building “was” going to be a high-end Gentlemen’s club and the government shut it down before it even opened. It is now a Church that can hold 450-500 persons. All the sound and expensive lighting was already installed, and Living Israel negotiated for all those items in their lease. So just as they were ready to open, Israel closed all places of public gathering.



**One of the Rehab Centers in Haifa**



**Finishing new Church in Haifa**

**Right now,** over the Easter and Passover weekend the country is on total lockdown. Their main outreach is built on Rehab Centers and new arrived Immigrants. The Coffee House/feeding Center in Tel Aviv is closed as is most everything else. There are 138 persons in Rehab including staff in all our Centers and this was a self-supporting ministry until all the patients lost their jobs( all go to work after the first 6 weeks of rehab) So we’re trying to help them over the next 3-4 months, \$3.00 a day X 138 is still \$12,000 a month.

We also care for 300 of the Holocaust Survivors and Elderly in addition to all this so the ideal program for all this ministry until they become financially independent is to ask churches to give to Israel at \$100 plus a month to project # 26003P.



**Food Delivery to the needy:**

**BETHLEHEM**, Palestinian Territories: What can a small Church do? Well, pastor Khader Khouri Khoury's Church is 35-45 persons and they set out to deliver food packages and get prescription meds for as many of their Muslim neighbors as they can. Over the last month of lockdown, Pastor Khader has got the Mayor and local police to give him permission to move all around their neighborhood to deliver to 150 families. He reports, he is getting enthusiastic appreciation and impacting the community for Christ.

**ROMANIA**: Out of our 80 Churches the Gypsy communities suffer the most. Plus, we have two elderly homes started by a caring pastor in two villages with about 90 very poor elderly, many he found that were homeless. They were a "shoe string" operations before the Virus and now have needed a bigger helping hand, so we've been able to send some help and the local conference has helped. It is our aim to help them through the current crisis and hopefully we can find long term sponsors for this ministry.

## Peniel Elderly Nursing Home



- we started in 2008, after a painful experience with not being able to help one of our friend who died of cancer.
- we started with 3 rooms in Tinca. Now we have 14 rooms and 54 people. We also started in another village - Cociuba Mare where we have 14 rooms and 32 people.
- we serve those in serious health conditions, 35 out of them from a total of 86 are stuck in their beds.
- we offer accomodation, food, medical care, counseling
- since we started till this year (2020) we took care of a total of 600 people.
- our vision is to develop a palliative center in Cociuba Mare in order to offer the people the pain control and a honorable end of their life.



• we have 2 green houses to supply some of the food needed

### Needs:

- improve the conditions: washing machines, clothes dryers, beds, blankets, pillows, bed linen etc.
- new roof and insulation in Tinca
- care materials: pampers, bores, wet towels, dressings, disifectant solutions
- build a chapel in Tinca and a new module in Cociuba Mare



Peniel Elderly Nursing Home is part of PH Romania

As we have seen that this Global shutdown has also brought innovation on how we do Church, and we've become aware that there is an even larger audience outside the walls then we realized. Ismail Serinken in Turkey has a small Church in the capital of Ankara. There are 10 Churches in that city but he is the only one to do live streaming. His on-line audience is growing, even though he is just using a smart phone, and Easter weekend he reported 1,000 on-line participants. He also has on-line teaching classes and archived sermons and teachings.

Bishop Valery Reshetinsky does an on-line on Sundays, plus a one hour teaching each day of the week, and this is being repeated all around my Region.

I'll keep you informed in timely updates as we continue forward.

Blessings.....Bob Cave