



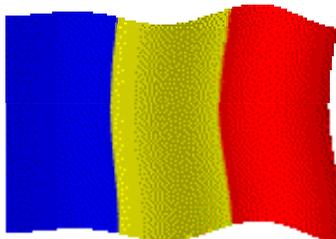
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## Sarata and Beyond . . . by Doug Humphries



“. . .and find out what pleases the Lord” Eph. 5:10 - This verse is written above the door where meetings began.

My grandson, Steven, loves the Disney movie Toy Story. I, too, admit that I really enjoy its story line and characters. He mimics the character Buzz Lightyear and shouts his voice makeover “Infinity and beyond” through each atmosphere of his room.

As God provided, through our relationships with village pastors, we helped to evangelize and minister. God entrusted IHGM with the high and holy church planting in Sarata and now God moves us beyond Sarata to Dudnestii Noi.

We enjoyed a great celebration for the construction completion of our Sarata church planting project and the gracious energies given by so many. Pastor Tica and Elder Victor continue in Sarata’s growth and winning souls to Christ while we remain alongside them, but that does not bring an end to our ministry in Romania.

sions for church planting remain. God’s calling on my life guides to another place to energize our zeal and concerns. This Godly zeal is to plant a church and remedial learning center in the village of Dudnestii Noi. Our financial need to support this new church planting and educational project while continuing our aid to pastors in Bis-trita is \$109,000.00.

Think of it in terms of \$10.00 bricks. First, be a prayer partner and secondly, buy as many bricks as you can. Introduce your Christian friends to our ministry. This may provide them an opportunity to help our ministry. Let us believe by faith that God will provide for this new and continuing ministry work and together we can shout “Sarata and Beyond” to the Glory of God.

### We Are Missionaries by Doug Humphries

side a missionary’s heart, you would see – it is Christ that compels, the Scriptures that command, the passion that drives; the compassion holds; and neither storm nor death ends the work because we are *Missionaries*.

Hungry hearts are waiting upon the hope and truth we bring; that the lost become saved; the impoverished become empowered; the hopeless encouraged; the weak become mighty; the few become forceful; the unfaithful become faithful; and the unfinished becomes finished because we are *Missionaries*.

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” Jim Elliott, Missionary who gave his life with four others to reach the Auca Indians in the Ecuadorian mountains

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Our calling and pas-

If you could see in-



Before we can discuss the Second Coming, help me tell them about the First!

**Danny and Toni whose hospitality I enjoy, sends their greetings and high hopes for our return to the work and vision in Dudnestii Noi.**

Daniel (Danny) Musteata [pictured with me, top center and underneath] is a personal friend to me and our ministry. We have known each other more than seven years and during that time, he has been an invaluable help. Working and helping to facilitate mission teams with our ministry makes him more than a partner, he is a true companion in the faith. With his strength and presence, IHGM has a gentle, faithful man that shares our vision and ministry hopes in the village of Dudnestii Noi.

Likewise, Toni Todenescu [pictured on the top right] who we met in February 2006, openly lives his faith and gives of himself with a servant's heart to help Danny and IHGM. As we combine our hands, hearts and faith to serve and build in Dudnestii Noi, Toni's home is always open to welcome and keep us. Pray for these two precious men who God gave into our life to help.



**Can you see with me the finished church and learning center on this vacant lot that was freely given?**



**Philippian Partners- “. . . I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now” Philippians 1:5**

When considering how to invite churches and / or individuals to financially help IHGM to plant churches and fulfill our ministry and vision in Romania, the life of Paul provided a meaningful, scriptural relationship concerning those who financially helped him. He writes of those at Philippi as being a *“partnership in the gospel from the first day.”* He further writes that those believers at Philippi sent him aid again and again when Paul was in Thessalonica.

It is a blessing that our ministry has the confidence and support of those who help IHGM stay on mission. Standing Springs BC writes a supporting letter in August 08 - The closing paragraph is . . .

“With him [Doug and IHGM], it is our commitment to help sustain God’s call on his life year by year. We have just given his ministry [IHGM] \$10,000.00 to help [in] the 2008 year. In the spirit of Paul’s means of seeking help from those churches of Achaia, we provide this letter and invite you to listen to Doug. He knows the how, where and who; therefore, join with us to do what God has purposed for him and the body of Christ to work together to accomplish. We can trust Doug to constantly lift up Jesus Christ.”



**Fellowship meal after preaching at Home Coming Services- Standing Springs Baptist Church, Simpsonville, SC**

**Eastside Baptist Church Host Pastor's Meeting for IHGM**

**Jerry Smith, Pastor Pontchartrain Baptist Church**



Jerry Smith is my brother in Christ and we have remained close friends since our busy, learning days of seminary life of 1989. He led the church to help our ministry in the earliest beginnings. We have laughed and wept together and witnessed on the streets of New Orleans and prayed often together. For more than ten years he has been the Pastor of Pontchartrain BC located near a levy in the Lakeshore development. Yes, Pontchartrain BC, along with the Lakeshore community was devastated and carved from earth by Katrina. What is grand and holy about Pontchartrain? They rebuilt and renewed their support and partnership with IHGM. In Brother

Pastor and friends J.D. Putnam and Roger Smith have joined their efforts to help our partnership needs to be shared. On January 23rd, brother J D Putnam will host a gathering of pastors from Laurens Baptist Association at Eastside Baptist Church where he pastors . Brother Roger Smith will lead in the program for an evening of fellowship, preaching and sharing our hopes for our ministry work in Dudnestii Noi this year. Pray for God’s blessing and that we have good success on this special evening.

Jerry’s words, “we are going to come alongside him, it is our time to give.” Praise the Lord for Jerry and those precious saints at Pontchartrain BC.

Galatians 2:10b “. . .that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

While home this past year, we learned how we could help meet a local need through our ministry. IHGM became involved through the Second Harvest Program of food distribution. Being part of this program enabled IHGM to help the Greenville County Foster Parents Association. Many children enter the Foster Program food deprived. By IHGM taking care of the essential needs of transportation and warehousing, Foster Parents are able to receive infant and toddler foods in case quantities for the children under their care. We distributed more than 10,000 cases to foster care families. We are grateful to God that IHGM can be part of such a helpful and needed program.

