



Hello from Romania!

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***What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses
entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.*** 2 Timothy 2:2

I want to share with you how this verse has been borne out over the past 45 years – pictures of 2 Timothy 2:2 over five “generations.” Everette (below right) discipled me during the years I was studying and



serving in Tallahassee in the early 80’s. He has had a great impact on my life. What a great reunion when he was in Romania a few years ago and visited our *Jubilate* summer event! Also next to me is Darius, a young man whom I’ve helped along the way since he was 6 years old, having grown up in the church where I have served for 27 years.



Here I am with Marius (rt.) whom I discipled in the years when he was a theology student and I was professor at Emanuel Univ. over 20 years ago. We’ve remained very close for 25 years. Marius is married with 3 children, and has been faithfully serving as pastor in a spiritually challenging area in central Romania.



Toni came to know Christ through the ministry of Marius and was baptized by him. Now I have the incredible joy to invest in Toni’s life as he’s a student of theology at Emanuel Univ. here in Oradea. Toni has a tender heart for young men who have not come to know Christ. Here is Toni with Edy (rt.), a youth whom Toni is leading in The Way.



2 Timothy 2:2 lived out over five generations. God is good. He continues to give me beautiful opportunities to meet regularly with several young men who are preparing for ministry – as pastors, as youth leaders, as music leaders and possibly missionaries in other countries. Please pray for the ones I’ve mentioned and for Claudiu, Johnny, Andrei, Dany, Justin, Sebi, Slavic, Fabian, Anton & his family.

***We are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.*** Ephesians 2:10

As most of you know by now, August is one of our busiest months – as we prepare for and lead our *Jubilate* Music and Worship Course. As we gather **Aug. 18-24** we’re expecting 130 from 9 countries!

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Many Romanians living outside of the country plan their summer vacations to come back 'home' in order to attend our *Jubilate* event. Over all these years we are so blessed to have dear friends who come along side the *Jubilate* team and join us in this week as teachers of the various workshops we offer. Several of those teaching with us now have been participants in the early years of our ministry. (2 Tim. 2:2)

Please pray with us that many young people will make important decisions to follow and serve Christ. Pray that God will bring us all together in unity as "one voice and one heart." (front pg. pic is from 2024)

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us . . . Ephesians 3:20



I'm still giving thanks to God for the blessings at our *Jubilate* retreat, April 30-May 4. A huge answer to prayer that we had over 50 people who participated from all over Romania and from other countries. God surely did far beyond all that we asked or imagined. It was one of the highlights of ministry over the past nearly 30 years – especially as the event allowed for special attention to worshipping, resting, reflecting, renewing – *Selah!*



After the retreat many people shared about how God worked powerfully in their lives – in worship, in teaching times about worship and service to others, and the importance of memorizing Scripture. We talked about how often our telephone use and social media can contribute to anxiety and added stress in our lives. Everyone was refreshed during the precious free time each day – hiking, resting, creating art, spending time with new friends. Others were greatly helped by one-on-one counseling sessions in those 4 days offered by Anton, my pastor friend and ministry partner during the retreat. Please pray that we will be able to offer another such retreat next year. Here are just 2 testimonies written at the end of the retreat:

- * *In retrospect, I can see that God was the One who planned and led this retreat. God led me to participate because He wanted to show me new things – things that I probably would not have seen in my life if I had not taken time for this rest, this break from my daily routine.*
- * *I have been thinking for some time that I need to improve my daily Bible reading. At the *Jubilate* retreat I was challenged to begin memorizing Scripture – even a whole book from the Bible!*

Selah: An Invitation to Rest in the Lord

Great news! I've finished the last chapter of my book – "*Selah* and Waiting." Thanks for praying as we approach the final editing and typesetting! I am so grateful for dear friends who are helping me in these final months of work. I am blessed! We're trusting that the book will be published by *Jubilate* in the fall.

Thank you ...

... so much for your faithful support through prayers and gifts. Your partnership is a blessing to so many!

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