

HEALING HEARTS!



CHRISTIAN EMERGENCY RELIEF TEAMS
Saving Lives and Healing Hearts Since 1974

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Dear Friend(s) of CERT,

Romania is not the only place in the world where the Holy Spirit is at work! Nor is it the only place in the world where God is using CERT to minister to lost and hurting people ... although I realize that from reading recent CERT newsletters a person could get that impression.

I know that in recent months we have focused a lot on Romania, but that is because God is truly doing a special work in that country and He has graciously chosen to allow CERT to be a part of what He is doing there. So this month I would like to tell you one more story about something very special that happened on a recent CERT mission trip to Romania. In the months to come I will tell you about how God has been using CERT in places like India, the Amazon jungle, and the Andes mountains of Peru. But for now, let me tell you about a special night in Romania ...

One night in the village of Cucerdea the little church was packed to overflowing. Every seat was taken and the crowd was standing outside the door and into the foyer.

As the American pastor, a CERT team member, got up to preach he looked out from the pulpit into a sea of faces, most of which were old peasant women clothed in black frocks and black head scarves.

Their faces were weather worn and tired, but in their eyes was a look of eagerness and expectation as they waited to hear a word from God. At the end of the sermon the pastor wanted to extend an altar call but he could not because the place was so crowded that people were sitting on the altar. So he led the people in a simple prayer asking Christ to forgive them of their sins and to invite Him into their hearts. After the prayer of salvation, he asked how many of them had truly invited Christ into their hearts. Over 25 people, many of them little old ladies in black scarves, professed their newfound faith in Jesus Christ.



That night in Cucerdea, Romania, souls were saved, eternal destinies were changed, and hurting hearts were healed. This is the mission God has given to CERT: To bring **HEALING TO HURTING AND LONELY HEARTS** by introducing them to the **HEALER OF HEARTS – Jesus Christ!**

Many times each year teams of dedicated and talented professionals give of their time, talents and finances to participate in a CERT mission. They bring medical help, dental care, build and repair facilities and equipment, and much, much more. Our teams go to many places to perform many types of ministry but always with the same purpose – *to tell people the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

The names, locations, and details change but the basic story is always the same. Physical needs are met, burdens are lifted, and hearts are set free from the guilt of sin and condemnation. Oh, what rejoicing there is in their newfound freedom in Christ.

I want to **THANK YOU** for helping to make all of this possible. That fact is that God's work on this earth is accomplished, and His Kingdom grows, through the passionate prayers and faithful giving of His people. But there is so much more to do – so many physical needs still to be met, so many lost souls to be saved, so many hurting hearts that need to be healed.

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HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

I URGE YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH CERT TODAY. Will you pray for CERT everyday? Will you tell your friends about CERT and encourage them to partner with us too? Will you give as generously as possible each month? Here are some specific ministry needs that, with your help, can be met in the months to come:



1. We currently have a CERT team in India ministering to the victims of the tsunami in small villages. Unexpectedly, our team was not allowed to bring medical supplies into the country and therefore had to purchase all the needed supplies in India for treating an estimated 5,000 patients. The additional cost was significant and unless we can make this deficit up quickly, it will negatively impact our ability to ensure sufficient supplies for upcoming trips to Albania the Amazon jungle and the Andes mountains of Peru. (Photo Left)

2. We are prepared to ship a 40 foot shipping container to a hospital for the mentally handicapped in Romania. It is filled with desperately needed hospital beds, equipment, supplies and clothes. All that is needed now are the funds to ship it.

3. We have committed to pay for reconstructive facial surgery for a child in a Romanian village. However we now know that the child needs more than one surgery and that it will cost much more than we first thought. We are praying for the funds to pay for the surgeries.

4. We now have our own boat to transport CERT teams up the Amazon river to minister to the Machinguenga and Ticuna Indians. However we are still in need of a second motor for it. (Photo Right)

5. We continue to pray for additional sponsors for the Pastoral Support program in Romania.

The list goes on and on but the above are pressing needs at this time. Thank you for responding today. Your gift of \$25, \$50, or even \$100 or more will really help. Whatever amount God puts on your heart will be all that I would ever ask.

Thank you for being a caring partner. God promises to bless a cheerful giver. And indeed I pray that He will richly bless you for caring.

Prayerfully,

Dr. Ken Daugherty
President

P.S. When you respond it will allow us to reach out to even more who desperately have ...
...HEARTS THAT NEED HEALING! I thank you from the depth of my heart.

