

The Timisoara Times

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“Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.” (1 Corinthians 4:2)

Dear friends,

Faithfulness in the work entrusted to us continues to drive everything we do at Areopagus. This journey has not been without challenges and hardships, but we know this is God’s work because, for 27 years, He has faithfully provided for this ministry.

As we continue to trust Him and serve where He has called us, we ask you to stand with us in prayer and support. This is one of those investments that does not bring financial return, but yields something far greater—a harvest of souls, lives touched, and hearts transformed in ways that money could never accomplish.

We are overwhelmed by the way God is working through the ministry of Areopagus, and we know this is not only the result of our efforts, but also of your faithful prayers and support. We are deeply grateful and blessed to have you by our side. We would like to share with you some urgent prayer requests:

◆ Our colleague and General Director, Alex Neagoe, recently underwent bypass surgery and is now recovering at home. He is a devoted pastor, colleague, and dear friend, as well as a highly respected professor at the West University of Timisoara.

He has dedicated his life to serving others and advancing God’s work, always with compassion, kindness, and a generous heart. Over the years, he has stood beside many people in their moments of pain and uncertainty — praying with them, encouraging them, comforting them, and reminding them of God’s presence and hope. He has carried many in prayer and has been a source of strength and encouragement to so many.

Now, it is our turn to stand with him. We kindly ask you to keep him in your prayers — for complete healing, full recovery, strength, and peace during this time. We also lift up his family, who have lovingly stood by his side and have been a constant source of support and encouragement.



◆ We urgently need to repair our van, which is now over 15 years old and is the only vehicle our organization owns. Over time, it has become increasingly unreliable, yet it remains essential to our ministry and daily work.

This van enables us to serve more than 30 families in Timisoara and the surrounding villages by collecting food from the Food Bank and delivering it, along with other basic necessities, to families in need. For many of them, this support is a vital source of help, encouragement, and hope.

Without this vehicle, our ability to continue serving these families would be seriously affected.

The total amount needed for the repairs is \$2,500. If you would like to help us keep this ministry moving and continue supporting these families, we would be deeply grateful for your support. You can make a contribution through the

following link: <https://www.areopagus.ro/en/donate/>

Thank you for partnering with us in serving these families and sharing God’s love in practical ways!

◆ This year has begun with a difficult reality: our financial resources are steadily decreasing. At the same time, our staff continues to serve with dedication, commitment, and genuine care for the people we support. Many of them are underpaid, yet they continue this work faithfully and with passion. However, it is becoming increasingly difficult to sustain and encourage them amid ongoing financial pressure. Over the years, God has faithfully carried the work of Areopagus forward, and through His provision we have been able to make a difference in the lives of many individuals, families, and communities. We are deeply grateful for all that has been possible through His guidance and through the support of those who have stood with us in prayer and partnership.

We pray that God will continue to open new doors and provide the resources needed so that we may continue this work and remain faithful to the mission He has entrusted to us. We kindly ask you to keep us in your prayers — for provision, financial stability, and wisdom — so that we can continue our projects and provide fair support for our staff as they faithfully carry out this ministry.

◆ In June, some of the children enrolled in our tutoring program will take their high school admission exams. They have worked hard and prepared for this moment throughout the year with the support of our volunteer tutors. We pray that their efforts will be rewarded and that they will experience God's guidance, peace, and help during this important season of their lives.

◆ We are also in the process of registering children from our social programs for the *Summer Christian Camps*. Please pray that this would be an opportunity for them to encounter God personally, understand the Gospel, and come to salvation. Many of them come from Orthodox backgrounds, where the emphasis is often placed more on rituals and traditions than on a personal relationship with God and the transforming power of His Word.

His plan, our story

God writes each of our stories in a unique way — a tapestry woven with joy and sorrow, smiles and tears, moments of loss, and seasons of suffering.

This is Lydia's story, one of our beneficiaries whom many of you may already know. Lydia is a devoted Christian mother who raised eight children. Until recently, she lovingly cared for her oldest son, Deian, who passed away after living for 23 years with West Syndrome — a condition that left him bedridden, dependent on bottle feeding, confined to a wheelchair, and unable to experience many of the simple things we often take for granted. His parents and siblings cared for him faithfully until his final moments. He was never seen as a burden, but always as their beloved son and brother.

Deian's life was marked by many hardships. There were times when the family lived in abandoned homes, without electricity, a bathroom, or even the most basic comforts. When they did not have a wheelchair, his parents could not take him outside. At times, they carried him in a simple cart used for hauling firewood. Yet through every hardship, they remained together, persevered, and held on to hope.



Along the way, we had the privilege of walking alongside them, and God faithfully provided. Today, the family lives in a small house they can truly call home. Deian also came to know the comfort and security of having a home. And now, he has a new home in heaven.

Please keep Lydia and her family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their son and brother. And may this story remind us to thank God for our loved ones, for the gift of health, and for the blessing of having a place to call home.



Serving together for His Kingdom,
The Areopagus Team

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