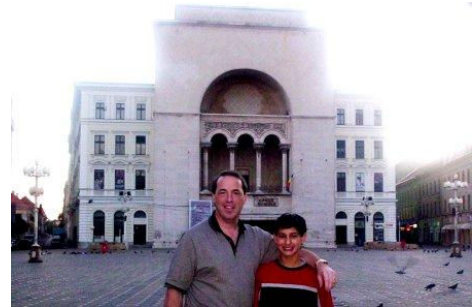


# EASTERN EUROPE MINISTRY REPORT

*Jesus said: "I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." Luke 16:9*



**Brian & Josh in Independence Square where communism fell in Romania**

Dear Prayer Partners and Financial Partners:

Thank you for partnering with Josh and I for our 19 day ministry trip. Through the prayers and support of many people, this ministry trip went very, very well. Everywhere we went, the Biblical preaching and teaching I did on finances and generosity was very well received. Many indicated they had never before been taught what the Bible teaches in these important areas of life.

Here's some highlights from this ministry trip that I trust will bless you. Without your help, this ministry would not have been possible.

Gratefully yours in Christ, Brian & Josh

## COMMENTS ABOUT MY MESSAGES:

*"Under communism, we believed that the government owned everything and it was the government's job to provide for us. Under capitalism, we have been believing that we owned everything and that is was our job to provide for ourselves. But with your teaching from the Bible, we now know the truth that God is the Owner and Provider of everything in our lives."*



*"Some of your humor caused me to laugh harder that I have ever laughed in church. But some of your teachings touched me more deeply than I have ever felt. I now know that my problem was that I was not willing to trust the Lord in my life and that is why we have not been giving to God. My wife and I are going to go home and make some major changes in our giving and finances because of what you have taught us."*

*(From an email from one of my translators) "I just wanted to thank you for your message which was really inspirational. Normally when you translate for somebody, not much is left in your brain afterwards, because you are concentrating too hard on translating and you don't have time to think about the deeper spiritual meaning. But from your message, something was left in my heart (about the things you taught). Thank you for sharing with us."*



*"I was struggling with my finances. Your teaching has greatly helped me know God's truth."*

***"Before you came, I would make all the financial decisions by myself (without talking to or listening to my wife) and there was a great deal of arguing about money issues in our home. But I learned from your Bible teaching that it is right for my wife and I to talk about financial matters together and to pray together for the Lord's provision and wisdom in our finances."***

## **HOW DID YOUR SON, JOSH, BENEFIT FROM THIS MINISTRY?**

1. Josh liked EVERY PLACE we visited in Eastern Europe.
2. Everywhere we went he was well received and well liked by other young people and adults.
3. He made wonderful friendships with other Christian young people in Croatia, Romania, Serbia, and Hungary. He has a number of their email addresses so he can stay in touch with these new friends.
4. He learned to run the professional video camera we took along by recording my messages (which will help him begin to do this for my sermons at church).
5. He learned there are many, many ways to serve the Lord and help people. He personally met people that served the Lord as pastors, missionaries, church planters, seminary professors, authors, translators, Christian TV producers, youth leaders, worship leaders, and Christian magazine producers. He learned first hand from people that reached out to the poor, constructed church buildings, prayed for the sick, taught English speaking classes using the Bible, evangelized college students on the beach, housed orphans, took the Jesus film to 500 villages, planted daughter churches, ministered to drug addicts, ran weekly ministry programs for children, conducted Christian concerts, and more.
6. He and I traveled very well together and had a unforgettable time as a father and son.
7. **Josh wants to return for a full summer missions project in Romania in the future!**



## **SUMMARY OF THIS MINISTRY TRIP "BY THE NUMBERS" ...**

- Went to 10 cities in 4 countries (Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Serbia)
- Preached for 7 churches (through translators)
- Taught one 3-HOUR financial seminar (*this was video taped by a 6 person camera crew for later distribution on Romanian Christian TV, DVD's, and streaming online video*)
- Taught one 6-HOUR financial seminar for pastors & church leaders
- Spent 50 hours on the train covering 1700 miles
- Longest train trip: 29 hours (Croatia to Budapest to Bucharest)
- Stayed with 4 U.S. missionary families, 1 Croatian Pastor, 1 Yugoslavian Pastor, 1 hotel
- In Belgrade, Serbia there are only 6 small Bible-preaching churches for a city of 2.5 million souls!
- 25 hours on the plane to cover 11,214 miles in the air
- Time zone change from Colorado to Eastern Europe: 7 and 8 hours
- Some Serbian cities/villages have 60-70% unemployment rate
- \$100-\$600/month is the average monthly income of many of the people in Eastern Europe
- Visited with 7 Yugoslavian Jesus Film leaders who have shown the Jesus Film in 500 villages
- Average temperatures: 80's and 90's (and sunny) - only 1 day of rain
- Expenses for this ministry trip were 100% covered through 17 gifts from financial supporters.



***Please pray that the Lord will bring a great harvest from the Biblical financial teaching that was planted in people's hearts through this ministry trip.***

***Thank you for your support and/or prayers.  
We truly could not have done this without YOU!***

***Remember: "God is not unfair. He will not forget the love you showed for Him by the help you gave and are still giving your fellow Christians." Gal 6:10***