

ROMANIA – JUNE 2025 UPDATE

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Greetings from the Vatrans,

Below are some updates that we would like to share with you to pray for:

TRAINING AND EQUIPPING NATIONAL PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS

The 2024-2025 Academic year at the Theological Seminary is about over. John finished his teaching for the last semester of the year and is in the middle of the final exams, grading term papers, etc.

Most of the fourth-year graduating students have already been assigned a church or a ministry where they will be serving. **Please pray** for them, for wisdom and strength as they start a new chapter in their lives. Please continue to pray for the overall ministry of training and equipping, because there is a great shortage of spiritual leaders in Romania and across Europe.

THE YOUTH OUTREACH MINISTRY

Weekly on Fridays we concentrate on youth outreach. We have sports activities, games, worship through songs and teaching the Word. We are very much aware of the evil influence of the world and the temptations they are exposed to, therefore, we concentrate on sharing God's Truth to them. We want to make sure they know about God's view and His will regarding their mind, body, soul, life, relationships, pleasure, etc. We thank the Lord for the special people who come alongside us to help with the youth outreach ministry.

We are grateful and we thank the Lord, especially when we see many unsaved youth come. Our heart's desire is to see youth come to know Jesus Christ, and by God's grace many of them did. This month, two weekends in a row on Saturdays afternoon we had open air baptisms, both at the river with candidates from our youth meetings. John shared from the Word and also officiated the baptism, but before that, they publicly shared their personal testimony. We were very happy to see many of their friends and family members who are not yet saved attend, around 130 altogether. We had a short worship service at the river, than afterwards with everybody we had a special time of fellowship and dinner at our Camp and Conference Center. **Please pray** for those that were baptized and also for those that heard the Word and did not yet make a decision to follow Christ.

SUMMER MINISTRY AND CAMPS

We are looking forward to the summer ministries and camps where we will have the opportunity again to share from God's Word to many people. In the week of June 16-22 we had a camp with a youth group that came from the Republic of Moldova at our Camp and Conference Center. Their pastor is one of John's Seminary students. This summer we will also have a few classes of students from the Theological Seminary come here at our Camp and Conference Center. We look forward to these camps. Please pray that the Lord will bless with much "fruit", especially the ministry of this week.

COUNSELING MINISTRY

There seems to be a rise in psychological struggles and spiritual battles. We see more people struggle in their relationships experiencing conflicts, failure, depression, etc. Lately John has been meeting for counseling with a few young couples, who are considering divorce. Without a doubt, we need the wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to be able to help. We really need your prayers because we know that the healing and freedom can only come from the Lord.

Prayer requests:

- Please pray for the summer youth camps.
- Please pray for our health and physical strength.
- Please continue to pray for John's preaching and teaching ministry.
- Please continue to pray for our ministry to the Ukrainian refugees.
- Please continue to pray for protection in our travels.

In His grace, John and Estera Vatan



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