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*Dear all,*

*„My beloved brethren, be ... always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord!” (1 Cor. 15:58)*

We praise the Lord again for another two months during which He guided us and provided for us both regarding the PBS work and the two camps we had during these two months. We also praise Him for His promise and the certainty that our work is not in vain, as we do it in and for Him!

July and August were two very busy months, mainly because of the holidays – the children who were on their holidays had plenty of time to fill in the courses much faster than usually and lots of them asked (by phone or letters) to send them courses much often; the students (markers) were on holiday and that made the marking a bit difficult and made the time for sending the lessons back to children longer. During these two months we also had the two camps for which we attached a separate report.

At the moment we print 4300 BibleTime courses per month, out of which 1434 courses are used in the 33 Sunday Schools or children's groups (1034 in Romania and 400 in Moldova) and the rest are being posted to the PBS students. During these two months a number of **651 children** applied to the BibleTime courses, with a total of 2263 children for the year (these are children who send us requests to receive the lessons, and they all receive a first course but unfortunately only part of them will fill in and send the courses back. These are not calculated in the total number of effective students!). A number of **209 new students** started effectively the courses in these two months (meaning a total of **768 for the year**). Now we have a total of 3100 students and some of them need about 3 months to send a lesson back. There are other students who either finished the 3 years of Seniors lessons or either decided to stop doing the lessons once they received their first prizes (I'll provide a full situation of these for the whole year).

I keep on changing the graphics for the lessons into the new layout, month by month until February and I also continue to translate the NewLife courses and prepare them for printing every month.

In our first report for this year I mentioned about the situation in a small village where, after the priest agreed the courses are very good and have a sound teaching for the children, a number of 40 children from non-Christian families started to attend the weekly children's group and do the courses there. Well, we were very sad to find out that the lady who worked with the children there, with her family (the only Christian family in the village) is moving in Italy for jobs and for a better living. Situations like this happened in the past too in other places where big children's groups were broken because the leader left abroad and there was no-one else to continue the work. Please pray for these situations to be reduced to minimum and especially for the children from the mentioned village to be affected by what they learned already from the Word of God.

#### **Our prayer needs for the future period are:**

- **for health, guidance, wisdom and protection in all the activities that we do;**
- **for the resources we need for continuing and developing the PBS work;**
- **for the markers we have at the moment – for Estera who graduated medicine and will have her licence exams in the last two weeks of September, for Marta who is getting married in October, for Daniela who gave birth to a little girl 3 weeks ago, followed by health problems that needed hospitalisation;**
- **for new markers**

Thank you for your involvement in His work! We appreciate your prayers and financial support! May the Lord bless every effort you do for Him!

*Mihaela Vlas*