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HELP FOR THE PENTICOSTAL CHURCH IN MANGALIA

The Penticostal Christians in Mangalia are suffering after a fire burnt a large part of their church, “Hope Penticostal Church”, on the night of 9th November 2011. This tragedy is added to the series of problems they’ve been having over recent years: a long and costly court case with a neighbour (in 2002), then the fire that destroyed the home of one of the church’s leaders for the Turkish population (in 2006). It is evident that the enemy hasn’t looked favourably on the tenacity with which “Hope Church” in Mangalia has strived to fulfil its vision.



An image from TV NEPTUN

The Constanta County has over 100 villages where there is no evangelical believer, and where they do exist, they are mostly only in the beginning stages, communities that are just forming. Pastor Dorel Toma, originally from Bihor County (West Romania), came to the Dobrogea region in 1996, and since then he has helped plant several churches in other localities in the county. Although the members have made a huge effort to build a church, their resources are limited, and after 15 years in which they have constructed the church building, the church had arrived at the stage where it was 90% completed. All were eagerly awaiting the day in early 2012 when they could move into the main room of their Sanctuary.

The cause of the fire cannot be established. Nothing electrical was in use, the firemen can’t decide what started the fire, which began after midnight. What is strange is that the fire started in the roof, a large, open space, and it spread from there to the offices on the upper level after the arrival of the firebrigade. Under these conditions, a criminal hand cannot be excluded, but without proof, speculation helps no-one. Whatever the cause which led to the fire, we know that the enemy intended to hit the developing ministry in Mangalia.

The Constanta Regional Penticostal Community (CRPC) is asking churches and individuals who wish, to come to the aid of the church in Mangalia. We cannot allow this attack of the Devil to have the last word. The church has an important ministry among the population of Mangalia, as well as among the Turkish people of the district. Although we don’t have the financial resources necessary, we believe that God will have the last word! He will help the church to have its opening ceremony in the shortest time possible. Therefore, right from the first day we have begun to look at the cost of each stage of the reconstruction, and we are ready, as soon as the resources arrive, to begin the work. The list of things needed is long: a new roof, windows (70% were destroyed), replastering of the interior walls, new offices, new electrical installations, furniture, heating system, amplification system, etc. Any help is more than welcome.



Details of the situation can be obtained from Pastor Dorel Toma (tel. 40 (0)744 320006, doreltoma@yahoo.com) or Pastor Mihai Dumitrascu (40 (0)744 760064, mihaid@big-impact.ro).

So that the assistance is well co-ordinated, CRPC (Constanta Regional Penticostal Community) has organised a crisis group at the county level, made up of Vasilica Croitor, Nicu Marcu and Ben Kubassek. The team will create a detailed list of the costs for each phase of the reconstruction by the beginning of next week. We ask you to contact the members of this group (contact person, Pastor Vasilica Croitor, telefon 40 (0)744 320005) to communicate the way you can help (materials, labour, money, transport etc.).



“Hope” Church Mangalia’s bank account details are:

- for Lei: RO26 BTRL 0140 1205 5660 68XX
- for USD: RO26 BTRL 0140 2205 5660 68XX
- for EURO: RO72 BTRL 0140 4205 5660 68XX

Bank: Banca Transilvania,
Branch Mangalia

SWIFT: BTRLRO22CTA

Bank’s address: Str. Stefan cel Mare, Nr.6, Mangalia (town), Constanța (County).

With our combined efforts, we believe that the Christians in Mangalia will soon be able to say: *“You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy” (Psalm 30:11).*

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