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27th. .April.

Our Journey begins…….

00.10 am. Left home. After several diversions we reached Dover at 4 am and sailed for Dunkirk at 6am.

Set off in sunshine in direction of Brussels. Good progress, then the weather changed to torrential rain and hail storm. Made good progress to Frankfurt a local strike caused every road to be at a standstill. Found our way off motorway and stay at very expensive (only available) hotel.

28th. April.

Set off about 9.30 a.m. Quickly complete German part of journey via Nuremberg into Austria, direction Vienna. Arrived near Vienna for another very expensive night's sleep.

29th.April.

Headed toward Budapest. Sat Nav completely ignored our route leading us to Bratislava! Had to re-direct to Budapest and head toward Oradea for Romania. Went through customs control at border before heading toward Cluj Napuca. Weather closed in with torrential rain.

30th April

A bright sunny morning saw us drive to Cluj Napuca with a protesting Sat Nav! Reached Reghin at 12.30.p.m. Met Ilja in Lidl car park. We did some essential shopping then followed them to the "Blue House" and settled in. About 8.30 in the evening Delbert and Becky came to see us. We had a delightful couple of hours getting to know one another. We arranged to go with them to Gypsy house church Sunday morning.

1stMay (Easter Day)

At 9.30 we met and followed D&B to Peris, the village beyond Patelea. We met the small house group along with Alex and Anda in a gypsy home. It was a very positive time at this pioneering church plant. A couple of hours sleep early afternoon before another drive to a different village for social gathering and ministry with gypsy church leaders. Great fellowship, worship and food. Home at 8 p.m.

2nd. May

A day of relaxation, reading and soaking.

3rd. May

Relaxing, reading and shopping. Going for walk after dinner, D&B arrived. Had a very precious time of sharing and fellowship. Prophetic prayer together.

4th. May Wednesday.

8 a.m. Prayer meeting with Bible School students. Amazing time of worship, prayer and ministry till 10 a.m. 10-12 teaching time with Yani from Holland. We had to leave early to meet Ilja and Paulina at office. Went with Ilja to Patelea gypsy village to fetch children to "Casa Ana" where they are fed, bathed and play in socialising environment. Had a great afternoon. Home about 6 p.m. Had a quiet evening.

5th. May.

At Bible School for 8 a.m. Ilja teaching. It was interesting and fun. 10am-12pm Yani, again. Powerful teaching followed by intercession for Europe, revival, and ministry. A quiet afternoon, made a trip to the bank.

6th. May Friday.

9.30am office and prayer meeting. We met a Dutch team which was just returning to Holland. Had a great time together. Went to Casa Ana in afternoon Took Pizza for a treat for the young teens group. Went with D&B in early evening for a meal in the countryside. A most delightful restaurant, with a stream running through it and beautiful wooden stairs. Another meaningful, tremendous evening.

7th. May.

Went to office to collect mini-bus to drive to Cluj to meet team from Canford parish churches coming for a week's work on new school. Could not find van. Ilja came and eventually we found it locked in office grounds! Received message they had missed flight, so saved a meaningless 2 hours each way journey. We went with Ilja to a birthday party at home of Marie-Elena, who works for Phoneo. Later went for a meal with Boaz and Sondra, a great Dutch couple who are students from Holland. Had a really worthwhile time together. Set off at midnight to Muras to collect team which missed earlier flight. Back at 2.30 a.m. Team safe and well in B&B. Thank You Father.

8th. May.

Sunday service in Reghin. Pre service awesome prayer time. Great spiritual worship, much freedom. Tremendous word from Ronald. Went for lunch with Ilja, Angela and UK team to pizza place. Good to enjoy fellowship and get to know people. Met D&B at 4 p.m to visit Peris church with Alex and Anda. Great time with much prayer and ministry. Home 18.45.

9th. May Monday

Bible School for Ronald teaching on the Mind. Tremendous relevant teaching. Afternoon free before evening at office for staff Bible study night. Great prayer time.

10th. May

Jurit teaching Bible school, Afternoon free then house group with Ramona in evening. I was speaker. There was also filming for promo video. Tremendous time of worship, prayer and ministry. These gypsy believers have a great faith and passion for God.

11th. May

Bill teaching at Bible School. “Who is God?” and “Who am I?” Second session “Intimacy”. Afternoon free then men’s group at Delbert’s home. Spoke about Caleb. Good ministry time with much prayer. Met Ishti and Chistina. Stayed for coffee. Home at 21.30.

12th. May Thursday.

Bible School Delbert first session on Tabernacle of David. Me 2nd. Session. Shared my story highlighting points of instruction and encouragement from my walk with God. Afternoon at Apalina children’s work. Great stuff. In Evening Radou, a student cooked dinner. Ilja called round and we all had an enjoyable evening, including ministry to Radou. They left about 21.30.

13th. May.

Ronald teaching at Bible School, continuing series on the mind. Brilliant. In afternoon went to Patelea to see UK team work and catch up with them. Cooked dinner for Boaz and Sondra. Had another precious time with them. They commit themselves to taking everything they can from visitors who attract their hearts and minds in God. They went about 21.30.

14th. May Saturday.

A very relaxed morning. We took Delbert and Becky to Targu Mures to meet with Ishit and Christina for a Chinese meal together. Visited the “Big Church”. Orthodox. Magnificent building full of incredible art and icons. We visited the Citadel. We also visited the cultural market in the town centre. Once home D&B came in for coffee.

15th.May. One week left!!

At Church for 10.30am pre-meeting prayer time. A true Holy Spirit powerhouse! Great service, most notable for the setting apart and commissioning of Delbert and Becky as

church pastors. Ronald released to pursue fresh areas of ministry. Afternoon went to Peris with Alex and Anda for house church. I spoke about Naaman, the leper, from 2 Kings 5. Spent the evening with Alex and Anda. A much blessed time.

16th. May

Bible School for 10 a.m. Dutch speaker. Tremendous breakthrough in ministry and prayer in lives of students. Relaxing afternoon before visiting D&B at 17.30. Had great fellowship and sharing of hearts and vision. They took us to local restaurant for supper, then worship and prayer time. Home 22.30. A truly anointed time.

17th. May

Bible School for 8 a.m. prayer and worship time. Wow! Really powerful spiritual breakthrough. Went to office later for fellowship with staff. Susie went to Selah and Casa Ana and Bill to Adapost in afternoon. Adapost (shelter) is the homeless drop in shelter run by Peter. Had a great time mixing with the people there. A quiet evening together at the Blue House.

18th. May Wednesday.

Bible School Delbert first session with ministry. Bill second teaching from Haggai, with ministry. This was followed by preaching at Adapost with many being prayed for. Susie at the Women's house group at D&B's home. I joined later. Very strong and passionate women leaders. Very inspirational. Christina and Ishti arrived. We had a tremendous evening of fellowship, worship, prayer and ministry.

19th. May.

Ronald teaching at Bible School another tremendous session on the mind. Had lunch with him and Paulina. He wanted to take us to Cugir to see and witness the new ministry. That will have to wait till next time. An hour of rest before going with them to Cluj Napuca where Ronald was to speak at church. All students went along as well as the ministry team. Ronald preached there was great ministry breakthrough. The students did well as ministry team. Home about half past midnight.

20th. May.

No Bible School. Did most of packing and cleaning. Then took D&B to Boaz home for BBQ with some students, as a farewell evening for us. Great fun together, including Sondra playing her bagpipes! They prayed and ministered to us in a very powerful time. D&B shared ice cream with us before bed, very late!

21st. May. Saturday

Left at 9.40am with key drop at office. Had a wonderful drive to the border through the mountains. Romania is a most beautiful country. Held up for ½ hour at border before heading toward Budapest. As usual, the Sat Nav got us confused with roads around cities, and we ended up seeing some of the sights of Budapest. We headed west for Bratislava and spent the night in Gyor, a pretty little town. Cheap hotel also! Ate at "John Bull Pub," (I kid you not) with hotel discount card.

22nd. May.

On our way at 8.30. a.m. Great motorway progress past Bratislava to Brno then to Prague. Direction Dresden. Stopped by Customs officers on motorway. We did not have a permit to drive on Czech motorways! Ignorant of this fact cost us a fine (37 euros) plus purchase of said permit for a few hours of motorway travel. From Dresden to Leipzig and then to Cyriagskins. Spent a lovely evening together with an old friend in her new home.

23rd. May.

Set off just after 7 a.m. heading to Hanover for Antwerp then via Gent to Dunkirk. All well until we arrived at Dunkirk. It took between 1-2 hours to find the ferry port. Very bad signage. We even ended up in Calais. Eventually arrived in time to miss the 4 pm sailing. Left at six having paid over the odds for fresh ticket since we were 2 days early. Arrived home 22.30.

A most inspirational, challenging, exciting fulfilling time. Life long memories and relationships to be renewed as Father God opens the way.