

## Clark Family Chronicles

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Greetings in the Precious Name of Our Savior,

## "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope." (Job 7:6)

The first part of this verse seems truer and truer the older I get and the more active I stay. Of course the last part of the verse does not hold true for the child of God. We understand the context in which Job was speaking at the time. I'll not go into a long explanation of Job's troubles. My point is how quickly the days seem to fly by leaving us looking back at a whirlwind of activity. And that is what this past several months have been - a whirlwind of activity!

On The Road: Let me quickly catch you up on the ministry in the last several months. May found me once again in Romania. This trip was special for two reasons. First, I was able to take my brother, Ted, with me. His first time on a mission field. It was a special blessing for me to have my family with me. He was touched and desires to go again. Second, we held a graduation in the Institute in Stei. This was the completion of about nine years of classes. We awarded 7 Bachelor Degrees and one Associates Certificate. In September I return to begin the process with new students.

In June I stayed fairly close to home with just a few meetings in Florida. This included much needed office work and planning for the future. Not my favorite task, but it needs to be done. I also continued my internet ministry with Indian Gypsy Pastors in India (will explain here later). July was spent in several meetings in Florida and a 10 day trip to Central America. I spoke in a mission conference in Jinotega, Nicaragua and then in a Pastor's Conference in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Both meetings were blessed by our God.

On the Home Front: These last months have been blessed in our family. In May, as mentioned earlier, my brother went with me to Romania, but first we were able to host him for a couple of days in our home. He lives in Nevada and we are not able to see him very often. This was a great time for all of us.

In June Eileen and I celebrated our 50th anniversary! Yes, she has put up with me for that long! We redid our vows in church with the help of our Pastor, Anthony Rister, and slipped away for a week in a beach bungalow. Thank you to our home church, Crossroads Baptist of Jacksonville, for making the day very special.

Yes, there are some health issues that continue to plague us, but we are trusting our God to care for the things of this life while we continue to labor in pointing people to Christ and the next life.

In the Works: The next few months seem to be fairly well planned out. I will be in Romania though the month of September. The plan is to teach in the institute in Tinca and the one in Stei. I will also be with my missionary friend, Tim Tyler in Timisoara and a Romanian Pastor Florin Stanca in Costeiu. October and early November puts me in California and Louisiana. We are looking forward to see what God will do with us in the coming days.

Something To Share: I mentioned Indian Pastors in an earlier paragraph. Allow me to introduce you to Maloth Ravinder. Brother Ravinder is a missionary with ROMA. I have been doing a Bible study every week with Brother Ravinder for almost two years now. Brother Ravinder is the pastor of a village work about four hours from Hyderabad, India. His church reaches into several villages around his. He is a man with some influence in the towns and villages in his area. In January, with his encouragement, we began a ROMA Institute in his





church. We presently have 28 Indian pastors and evangelists (all gypsies) attending the classes that we hold. The classes are held once a month from 10am to 4pm Indian time (1am to 6am my time) via Facebook messenger. These are video calls. We have covered several topics already and



are looking to complete these sessions in December. These classes cost approximately \$300 each month. This covers the cost of translating and printing course material and feeding the men that come to the classes. Any help with the financing of these courses would be greatly appreciated. Anything that you send for the institute can be sent to ROMA marked "India Institute". The plan is to carry these classes through the coming year as we prepare new material. There is also a plan to visit India and minister, in person, to this group of faithful servants.

Brother Ravinder also has the opportunity to purchase a piece of land in another village in order to build another church building. This new church, like his present church, will reach into several smaller villages in that area. Brother Ravinder is a solid, independent Baptist with a desire to touch the lives of those around him. He travels to weekly to several villages preaching and witnessing where ever he goes. He needs \$8000 dollars for the purchase of the land. He has been told that he could make a down payment of \$4000 to secure the land and then pay the rest in payments over the next year. If you could help with this project we would be grateful. Anything that you would wish to give for this project Send it to our ROMA post office box and mark it "India Property", we will see that Brother Ravinder receives it right away, as there is a time element with this project.

From Our Hearts: We continue to be extremely grateful for your faithful prayer and financial support! Our ministries could not continue without your understanding and faithful support. God's blessing to all of you as we our service to the Savior!!

Your servants,

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Missionaries to the Roma People