



## **Why Romania?**

With SO many places in the world needing help, why is CrossTalk Global investing resources in a country that is rarely mentioned in our evening news?

Good question. I just spent two weeks working in Iasi, Romania because of its strategic importance to the kingdom of God.

### **The Romanian Church Needs our Help**

Romania has gone through enormous changes in the past 75 years. Before World War II, Bucharest, the capital, was known as the 'Paris of Eastern Europe.' It was a center of art, culture and intellectual progress. While the church thrived during these days, the changes caused by the war were enormous.

When World War II ended, Romania lost about one third of their land, their king was forced to abdicate, and communists took control. The nation and its churches suffered educationally, financially and spiritually until the dictator revolution of 1989. During this time, the country and the church had to make drastic changes to meet the challenges of poverty, persecution and secret police.

Today Romania is a democracy, a member of the European Union, and has perhaps the best internet access in the world. These changes have had significant impact on the entire country, but consider the significant impact that these social changes pose for Romania's evangelical church.

Few churches in history have been forced to adjust to such drastic social change. And, if they fail to adjust to the new cultural reality, or do so with theological compromise, the church could falter or fail. CrossTalk can help the Romanian church proclaim God's word powerfully and effectively to this generation.

### **The Romanian Church can Help Others**

By strengthening local preachers and building strong relationships in Romania, CrossTalk can utilize Romania's friendly relations with both Western and Eastern Europe. Romanian pastors can do what North Americans cannot do: they can travel and minister easily across both Eastern and Western Europe.

With the help of CrossTalk's graduates in Romania, the doors of ministry are open in Europe. With the rise of Russia, a number of regional countries recently electing pro-soviet leaders, and racial tensions simmering across Western Europe, the evangelical church in Romania has significant strategic importance.

After spending the past two weeks ministering in Romania, it is obvious to me that God has entrusted CrossTalk with some of the finest young Christian leaders of our generation. These are Christian men and women who love God's Word and Christ's church, with the passion and convictions necessary to help the Romanian church thrive in its new social reality.



I thank God for giving CrossTalk the opportunity to strengthen the church in Romania.  
Together we can reach Europe for Christ!



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