



EUROPE

December Prayer Letter 2024

Dear Friends,

First, Carole and I wish you a very Merry Christmas!

For us, this will be our 54th Christmas to spend together! Our wedding anniversary was December 12. When we look back at our lives, we praise the Lord for His grace and guidance! When we think what could have happened had the Lord not seen fit to seek and save us, we are so very thankful for His eternal love.

Soon after my salvation, the Lord called me to preach, and after being trained, I was a pastor Stateside for many years. The day came in 1990 when God called us to leave the church where I was pastor and go to Romania as missionaries. So, in 1991, Carole and I were approved as missionaries to Romania with Baptist International Missions, Inc. That's over 33 years ago, and we praise the Lord for His presence, provision, and protection. Many of you have partnered with us for this entire time! We thank you so much for your confidence in us and for the privilege of being part of your ministry for so many years.

As we look to 2025, we are excited about the doors that our Lord will surely open! We pray that we have His clear leading and can continue to be used to be a blessing to others and bring glory to our Savior. As Europe Director for BIMI, I stay involved in our missionaries' ministries in 21 countries in Europe. I can tell you that God is still blessing and souls are being saved and there are still open doors in Europe! However, I must also ask you to pray for laborers for the harvest! We are not seeing as many young couples surrender to missions as we used to see. I don't know why. I truly believe that this is the greatest time to be alive in the history of the Church! There are more than 8 billion people who need the Gospel. We have more technological advantage to get the Gospel out than ever in history. Travel to and from the harvest fields is easier than it has ever been. We can potentially reach more millions with the Gospel of Christ than any generation in Church History. There is only ONE problem – the Laborers are FEW. The prayer request that Jesus shared was that we would pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest.

Carole and I have never regretted answering the call of God. Thank you again for helping us work in His harvest field. It would not be possible without your prayers and support. It continues to be our privilege to serve the Lord Who bought us.

Again, we pray you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Blessed New Year!

Your Friends,

Ed & Carole Hembree

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