

Baptist Church of Burlacu
Period: August – Present

The period from September until now has been an intense and meaningful time for the Baptist Church of Burlacu, marked by both blessings and significant challenges. We thank God for His faithfulness and for everything He has accomplished among us.

Activities and Achievements

a) Day Center for Children



With the beginning of the school year in September, the church opened a **Day Center**, attended by **over 50 children**.

Within this center:

- children receive a **hot meal (lunch)**;

- they are helped with **homework and school preparation**;
- they take part in **educational and recreational Christian activities**;
- they hear the **Gospel through Bible lessons**.

This ministry has become a strong blessing for our community and an important outreach to the next generation.

b) Youth Ministry through Sports

One of the most encouraging initiatives was started by **Marius**, a 22-year-old young man from our church.

Through football, he formed **four adolescent teams** in the villages of **Burlacu and Taraclia**. About **90% of these teenagers come from non-Christian families**, yet:

- they have heard the message of the Gospel;
- some have begun attending the **church youth group**.

This ministry clearly shows how God can use simple tools to reach young hearts.

Major Challenges

The Case of Marius

<https://www.facebook.com/speranta.fotbal>





The greatest challenge during this period has been the painful news that **Marius was diagnosed with acute leukaemia.**

This situation:

- temporarily stopped a beautiful and promising ministry;
- deeply affected our church community;
- called us to **prayer, fasting, and spiritual reflection.**

Marius is currently in **Turkey**, undergoing his **second round of chemotherapy.**

The financial cost of treatment is very high, but:

- we continue to pray in faith;
- we trust that **God is sovereign;**
- we believe that although this story is painful now, **it will have a beautiful ending according to God's plan.**

Social Outreach

Our church continues to serve those in need.

During this period:

- **10 socially vulnerable families** in the village were helped with **firewood** for the winter season.



5. Spiritual Life of the Church

Starting in **November**, we have organized:

- **special meetings with the brothers of the church**, focused on:
 - Bible study,
 - fellowship,
 - prayer.

These meetings aim to strengthen spiritual life and unity within the church.

6. Prayer Requests

Please join us in prayer for:

1. **Marius and his family**, for healing, peace, and steadfast faith;
2. **Marius's father**, who attends church every Sunday;
3. **New people** who have begun attending church, that God would work in their hearts;
4. **Children and teenagers** hearing the Gospel through sports and the Day Center;
5. **The pastoral ministry and church leadership**, for new vision, wisdom, faithfulness, and responsibility in the calling God has entrusted to us.

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