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## THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for your partnership with me in His work that God has called me to do here in Romania! It was a joy to see some of you while I was home. I wish I had the opportunity to see more of you, but due to circumstances out of my control, I was unable to do so. **But I want you all to know that I thank the Lord for each of you and for your support and for your prayers!** You are all very much appreciated and I am grateful for each of you.

## THE BOOK OF MARK IN ROMANIAN SIGN LANGUAGE

As a staff member serving with SIL's Global Sign Languages Team (GSLT), I had the privilege and the opportunity to attend the celebration of the completion of the translated Gospel of Mark into Romanian Sign Language (LSR). It was an exciting time!

*For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things, to Him be the glory forever! Amen.*

Romans 11:36

After several setbacks due to COVID and other struggles, we were finally able to publish the book of Mark in video format. I've been assisting the team by writing their quarterly narrative progress reports in English for the past three years. I really enjoyed doing this, giving them support and encouragement along the way.

During the dedication, the Romanian Sign Language Bible translation team (TBSR) were able to distribute the book of Mark in LSR on USB flash drives to Deaf church leaders and pastors here in Romania. **Many of these leaders had been waiting expectantly for this translation.** We were also able to give some flash drives to those who supported the work and were invited to the celebration. **Pray that the Lord will bless this work and draw many Deaf Romanians to Christ.**



One of the testimonies that stood out to me was shared by one of the Deaf leaders from Piatra Neamt. He is a Deaf pastor of a Deaf church there. **He said that he had been waiting for this for a long time and had been asking when it would be completed.** At the dedication, he was one of the first leaders to receive the USB flash drive containing the Gospel of Mark. **He appreciated this so much and said it would assist him in sharing God's Word with the Deaf in his city.**

Please pray for the TBSR as they now begin translating parts of the Gospels of Matthew and John.

## BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA

While I was in the United States, I missed an opportunity to attend a SIL GSLT Mental Models Training workshop in Oradea, Romania for Europe. But I am very grateful that an opportunity opened up for me to attend one in Bogotá, Colombia at the last minute. I was thrilled to attend this workshop for five days. This was a rich time of sharing our experiences, thoughts, and the assumptions we make because of our culture. **It helped us understand why we do what we do. We discussed our assumptions with each other and what we could change or improve while we are doing ministry or providing support to others involved in ministry.** It was a quick trip but very enjoyable with brief outings, eating Colombian foods with colleagues, and interacting with and meeting new friends! One highlight I had while in Bogotá was enjoying the fruit native to the country by eating them for breakfast every morning. I also loved the mountains that surrounded the city as well as the weather there. I learned a lot and appreciated the time I had there!



I am looking forward to another opportunity to return to Colombia this fall! We will have a Global Sign Languages Team All Staff Meeting in October 2023. We are very much looking forward to seeing one another in person to encourage one another and be together! We appreciate prayers as we continue to plan for this. I am on the planning committee for this event. **Pray for all of the logistics and that everything related to this would fall in place as the time gets closer. Pray for safe travels and flights for everyone.**



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