

HAPPY 2017 NEW YEAR!!!

OK, I know long time no news...what can I say, Life is moving VERY quickly these days!! And no matter how much I want to sit right down and write a letter, that old thing called life just seems to get in the way! :o).

So here goes, a quick update of 2016:

Mid January left for Timisoara, Romania to try and help begin a Day Care Center for Children with Disabilities. Traveled with my right knee in poor shape. Arrived and proceeded to get sick with severe bronchitis. Thus physical movement was limited due to health issues. I was able to assist a full time Missionary (once I was mobile again) who works with children who have disabilities and live in a Center run by the Government. We took the children to horse therapy, walks, swimming, movies and of course Mac Donald's :o). Some work was completed on the original proposal and an Advisory Board was established.

Throughout the winter months work was slow (or should I say, I was slow) In May, I blew my knee completely out and was on crutches for a couple of weeks and then very limited movement. Still, I was able to help in a small way with horse therapy, and some other activities. On my own I did try a park bench ministry,

talking with retired folks in the City Center about the love of Christ. We all moved rather slowly :o). While at therapy for my knee I did make a new friend, Violeta, with whom I was able to share about the love of our Lord.

Action with the Day Care Center was slow but never came to a full stop. We continue to meet as a Board, the proposal has been "professionally" written and looks much better. I believe 2017 holds great promise for the Center to open.

I remained in Romania until Mid October. Then I returned to the States. I moved in with my sister in Florida and then began to gather my belongings from across the States (Oregon, Wyoming and Florida). This included flying from Florida to Oregon, renting a UHAUL and driving back to Florida with a friend. We took a small pause to visit Epcot, then the work began.

I have now gone through all I own, threw out, gave away and sold almost everything I had. My sole worth now fits in a 5x10 trailer :o).

As I move into 2017 I am once again seeking God's will in my life and believe I need to remain open to all He has for me in this new chapter of my life. I will stay in the States for 2017 and hope to return to Eastern

Europe for part, if not all of 2018.

For those who know my sister I thank you for your prayers, final decisions in regards to her surgery will occur next week. She has the Drs stumped on how to proceed because of her rare reaction to man made medicines.

There are so many amazing stories from this year, just crazy things that happened where I saw God Bless in extraordinary ways. Everything from me loosing my passport 2 weeks after arriving and it being replaced, to my loosing ALL of my documentation in the Center of Timisoara less than 24 hours before leaving and finding everything in a most amazing way! Also stories from the park bench ministry, traveling through the country, and to surrounding countries with God as our guide and seeing first hand how He provided for us! AMAZING! But all stories for another time.

May God watch over you and bless you throughout 2017. And so The ADVENTURE Continues!!

Because HE Lives!

BLESSINGS!

S. Burton (Burt, PE)

PS: *GOAL* for 2017....to get my email addresses figured out! I know I missed some folks, please forward, and I have old addresses that need to be deleted. So look for that common email sent out now and again asking if you are still there :o)

Blessings

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