Open Doors Foundation July 2012 Report:

Flying at 37,000 feet over the Canadian far north, the scripture comes to me, "He that goes forth with weeping, bearing the precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

It was forty-four days ago that Beti and I began the first leg of our trip to the USA and Canada. I was still quite tender from the double hernia operations and so many concerns were swirling around in our hearts and minds. In the field and cultural groups we work with, the unexpected, disappointment and change are the most predictable factors. Most people can only endure these conditions and personal demands for a short period of time.

Often we have been asked why we are wasting our time with this minority group. Then the next thing we hear said is that they will never change and are not worth all the effort we are putting into helping them.

If we were to heed to these voices we would have thrown up our hands a long time ago. The voices we are paying attention to, are the precious brothers and sister who are urging us forward in this crusade for souls.

We want to dedicate this report to the many of you who prayed with us and cheered us on during our recent tour. You opened your hearts, homes and shared of your financial resources as the Lord made it possible. Your overwhelming response to the Good Shepherd's voice is an unquestionable confirmation that we are doing just what the Lord is asking of us.

Tour Highlights:

Our first stop was in *Washington, DC* for five hours, we were blessed with a precious time of fellowship with Annie Glenn. Annie has such a big heart for the Roma and has spent considerable time showing the love of Jesus in Medgidia.



Our friends from *Zionsville Presbyterian Church*, in Indiana blessed us with their love and hospitality while giving us the opportunity to share with others about the work we have been called to do.



Jack and Karen our hosts with Beti

The weekend in the *Covert/South Haven, Michigan* area was indeed interesting and a wonderful opportunity to meet new brothers and sisters through my brother Frank and his wife Linda.

Frank is the president of the local Christian Motorcycle Association that had a camp out planned for the Memorial Day weekend. We shared the workings of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the impoverished as we enjoyed the BBQ, the evening campfire and spoke in their church Sunday morning.









In the wee hours of the morning we arrived by bus in *London, Ontario*. We waited a few freezing hour in the depot before calling our friends Steven and Megan to pick us up. Steven will be able to forward supplies that we will share with the doctors who are so kind to treat the children we bring to them. The Ontario Christian Gleaners who supply us with the wonderful dehydrated soup and apples gave us an exceptionally warm welcome. Keep up the good work!





Family and friends alike warmly welcomed us and sent us on our way blessed and reassured that they were standing squarely behind us. I would like to especially point out two visits. One was with Dale Greatorex, her dear husband Kenneth went home to be with the Lord after my visit with him last year. Also one sunny morning we had the privilege to visit Iris, whom we learned to love while she worked as secretary at Eurovangelism. We ask that you add your prayers to the ones we spoke over her as she is fighting cancer.

Manitoba support groups had been hard at work and the outcomes were beyond all expectations, even for the organizers. The Crystal City Cornerstone Church opened its doors for a concert organized by the Windy Bay young ladies, who had worked with us in Romania. People's hearts were touched and set ablaze. The 300 people who attended were blessed again and again by the anointing of the Holy Spirit.





At the *Royal Crescent Christian Fellowship* we were blessed with the opportunity to share a presentation of sides and speak about the great things the Lord has done. Those who attended brought desserts that went well with the following fellowship. Acadia Colony also welcomed us again this year and we were able to share the PowerPoint with them as well.

The Pro/Am charity golf tournament with the following auction of authentic game played and signed items like hockey sticks, jerseys and player signed prints created quite a stir. Bids went beyond our wildest dreams as Glen Chico Resch who collected many of the items detailed their history and that of the players. Finally Chico was interviewed and he shared so freely about his faith in Jesus Christ. The manager of the club really wants us to do this again next year.







Brian and Rita welcomed us to stay with them in their new home at *Warren Saskatchewan*. We were introduced to many of their friends with whom we shared about our ministry and also had nice visits in *Saskatoon*, with my nephew Jim Mitchell and his wife Gloria.





Edmonton and area's faithful gathered at Donnas' home where we were blessed again with warm hospitality and funds to move forward with ministry in Medgidia.



The Calgary support group got the word out that we were coming and organized a Saturday morning brunch, that was attended by 20-25 brothers and sister who whole heartedly showed their support.





Our final days were spent in *British Columbia*, and how wonderfully we were accommodated and cared for by the Stokes and their families. Several visits with family and long time friends along with new contacts and a church visit quickly filled our days.



Tom and Joyce Stokes, celebrating 65 years of being in Love!

There are so many more name we could mention and blessings to count but this update is already too long. We thank all of you most sincerely and beg you to pray earnestly for us as we face the hot and very busy summer ahead of us. Teams are coming and need to be accommodated, four weeks of camps are booked and children need to be prepared. The overload waiting us is like a mountain, but by his grace and your support we will climb it to the very top! Blessings Hardi and Beti



Your love, prayers and encouragement put smiles on our faces, thank you again and again.

"He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done. Prov. 19:17"

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"He that wins souls in wise."