

**Dear Evangelist,**

I want to welcome you! The Lord must be leading you to do something special as He has guided you to the [tmi.adventist.org](http://tmi.adventist.org) website.

**I want to greatly encourage you to quickly scan through the following information and then seriously read it. It is long, but it contains very important and helpful information. If you haven't found the answer you're looking for, never hesitate to contact us.**

**Q. HOW CAN I PREPARE MYSELF FOR THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY OF SHARING THE GOSPEL?**

**A. PRAY!** Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon yourself, upon your translator, upon your church and upon the community around your church. Much prayer, much power! Little prayer, little power. Like Daniel, let's pray three times a day.

**A WONDERFUL QUOTE TO ENCOURAGE YOU:** "Yes, Christ has become the medium of prayer between man and God. He has also become the medium of blessing between God and man. He has united divinity with humanity. Men are to cooperate with Him for the salvation of their own souls, and then make earnest, persevering efforts to save those who are ready to die." *Prayer 66.2*

**Q. WHAT ARE THE PEOPLE LIKE?**

**A.** They are wonderful! Wherever you travel to in this world, our members make you feel at home and.....in the end, you will be very sad to leave.

**Q. WHAT IS BEING DONE TO PREPARE FOR THE MEETINGS?**

**A.** Prayer teams. Elder Jerry and Janet Page as well as Melody Mason from the General Conference are very involved in inspiring the people and teaching them how to pray. ADRA is working in communities. In some areas there will be comprehensive health initiatives. For Romania 1 million GLOW Tracts will be distributed. A website address will be printed on the back of the tracts and that website will list the names of the 2,000 sites and their locations.

**Q. I REALLY WANT TO PARTICIPATE BUT HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I NEED AND IS THERE ANY ASSISTANCE?**

**A.** There are many variables when it comes to the total cost of the trip but I will give you a brief breakdown:

1. Your airfare varies. So much of the cost depends on which country you are flying from and the location within that country and what country you are flying to. Right now the prices are reasonable.

2. Your hotel cost will vary depending on the hotel. You will have a total of 18 nights and we asked that the hotel rooms range around \$50 per night per room and that breakfast is included in that price.

3. Meals. You will be on your own for lunch but for Romania we have asked that the churches provide the evening meal before you speak.

4. The fee speakers are asked to pay is \$600. The fee is for your travel insurance and to help your church with your transportation from your hotel to the church and return. The churches will have additional costs because it is winter and their heat costs will be higher.

5. We would like to but we're sorry that we're unable to assist you with your expenses for your trip. If you're short on funds for the trip, we suggest that you do fundraising through your church, your friends and your family.

#### **Q. WHAT EQUIPMENT DO I NEED?**

**A.** Projector and its power cord; computer and it's power cord; and, a clicker



(such as the one shown), please don't bring a mouse for your clicker. A universal plug adapter such as the one shown below. For those of you living in the U.S., Target and Walmart both carry the travel adapters and usually stores that sell luggage..



Your equipment **MUST BE HAND CARRIED.** NEVER LEAVE YOUR BAGS UNATTENDED IN THE AIRPORT, HOTEL OR YOUR CHURCH OR EVANGELISTIC MEETING SITE.

#### **Q. HOW SHOULD I PACK MY EQUIPMENT?**

**A.** Hand carry your equipment.

#### **Q. HOW DO I KNOW IF THE SIZE AND WEIGHT OF MY LUGGAGE IS ACCEPTABLE FOR MY AIRLINE?**

**A.** Call your travel agent or airline.

**Q. WHAT ELECTRICITY IS USED IN THE COUNTRIES FOR THE 2017 TMI THRUST?**

**A.** The electricity is 220v. Do not bring a surge protector, hair dryer or curling iron that doesn't have a button to change to 220v or any other appliance or charger that is not dual voltage. PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE AN INVERTER because it can fry your equipment.

**Q. WHAT SERMONS WILL I PREACH AND WHEN SHOULD I EXPECT TO RECEIVE THEM?**

**A.** Sermon series is Revelation of Hope II. You should hopefully receive them in December. They are in the process of being translated.

**Q. WHAT IF I'M NOT AN EXPERIENCED PREACHER:**

**A.** These sermon are perfect for you because the sermon notes will appear on your computer and your projector will project graphics on the screen.

**Q. DO I HAVE TO HAVE A SPECIAL PROGRAM SUCH AS KEYNOTE OR POWER POINT?**

**A.** No, the sermons have been put into a new program. The slides will not get out of synch. Sermon notes will appear on the screen of your computer and the graphics will project when connected to a projector on the screen.

**Q. WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE SERMON TOPICS:**

**A.** See the sermon schedule below. Everyone will be preaching the same topic on the same day. Can you imagine 2,017 meetings beginning at the same time? God is going to do an amazing work!

**Q. HOW SHOULD I GO ABOUT PREPARING THE SERMONS:**

**A.** Set up your computer and projector. Begin practicing a sermon with your clicker/advancer in hand as though it was your first night at your meeting. Practice each sermon 3X out loud.

**Q. DO I NEED TO HAVE SOME SERMONS PREPARED BEFORE ARRIVING:**

**A.** Yes, at least the sermons for February 10 and 11, numbers 3, 4, and 5. If you can review the others, that's even better.

**SERMON ORDER – For Romania Only**

DAY	DATE	SERMON NUMBER AND TITLE	TOPIC
Fri	Feb 10	#3 Revelation's Greatest End-Time Signs	Signs
Sab am	Feb 11	#4 Revelation's Star Wars' Battle for the Throne	Devil
Sab pm	Feb 11	#5 Revelation's Peace Maker	Gospel

Sun	Feb 12	#7 Revelation's Final Events	2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming
Mon	Feb 13	#2 Revelation's Biggest Surprise	Dan 2
Tues	Feb 14	#8 Revelation's Most Amazing Prophecy	3 Angels
Wed	Feb 15	#10 Revelation's Answer for Society's Crumbling Values	Law
<b>THURS</b>	<b>FEB 16</b>	<b>DAY OFF FOR SAB PREP</b>	
Fri	Feb 17	#11 Revelation's Eternal Sign in Earth's Last Conflict	Sabbath
Sab am	Feb 18	#12 Revelation Reveals History's Greatest Hoax	Change of Sabbath
Sab pm	Feb 18	#19 Revelation Reveals Life at its Best	Health
Sun	Feb 19	#15 Revelation Reveals Deadly Delusions	Death
Mon	Feb 20	#16 Revelation's Thousand Years of Peace	Millennium
Tues	Feb 21	#18 Revelation's New Life for a New Millennium	Baptism
Wed	Feb 22	#21 Revelation's Last Appeal	Babylon
<b>THURS</b>	<b>FEB 23</b>	<b>DAY OFF FOR SAB PREP</b>	
Fri	Feb 24	#22 Revelation's Movement of Destiny	True Church
Sab am	Feb 25	#26 Revelation's World of Tomorrow	Heaven
Sab pm	Feb 25	#25 Revelation's Prophetic Movement at End-Time	Prophetic Movement

**Extras: #20 Revelation's Four Horsemen (Why So Many Choices?)**

**#14 Revelation's Battle of Armageddon and the Seven Last Plagues (Plagues)**

#### **SERMON ORDER – For the other Eastern European Countries**

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**Q. WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I DON'T HAVE A PASSPORT?**

**A.** Go to Google and ask, "How do I apply for a passport." If you work at the General Conference, contact the passport and visa office on first floor.

**Q. WHAT IF MY PASSPORT IS CLOSE TO EXPIRING AND MY PAGES HAVE ALMOST ALL BEEN USED?**

**A.** Your passport must not expire within six months of your arriving in the country where you're preaching. You must have an ample number of pages for countries to stamp your entrance and exit. The last page and cover are not to be used for stamps.

**Q. DO I NEED A VISA?**

**A.** It depends on which country your passport is from and what country you're traveling to. Check the web.

**Q. WHAT SHOULD I DO TO CARE FOR MY PASSPORT AND ITS INFORMATION?**

**A.** When traveling on the plane, always have your passport on your person or in your carry-on luggage. Make at least two copies of your passport – leave one copy with someone at home and carry the other copy in a different case than where you've put your original document. Also, take a picture with your smartphone. Once you arrive at your hotel, store it in a safe place along with your money and credit cards, i.e. in a safe deposit box or your locked suitcase.

**Q. WHAT WILL WE DO EACH DAY?**

**A.** Eat breakfast. Group morning meeting for 1 ½ hours. **Please let nothing interfere with your attending the morning meeting each day.** Eat lunch, prepare and practice your sermons and then leave for your meeting. The days fly by so quickly!!!

**Q. WHICH DAYS WILL WE HAVE A MORNING MEETING AND WHAT WILL IT BE ABOUT? Do I need to attend?**

**A.** Each day except the two days off and Sabbaths. Each day someone in your group will preach the sermon scheduled for that night. You'll pray together, gain important insights, learn how to make appeals, and, encouraging experiences will be shared and much more. Yes, you will need to attend.

**Q. IS IT OK TO MISS THE MORNING MEETING SO I CAN GO ON AN OUTING WITH SOMEONE FROM MY CHURCH?**

**A.** Please don't. Please respect this special time together with your group. You will have two Thursdays off to go on outings and you can leave the hotel after the meeting is finished.

**Q. HOW DO I GET AIR TICKETS?**

**A.** You can book online or if you live in Canada or the U.S, and don't have a travel agent, you can work with Butler Travel, 503.879.5005. For your safety, please avoid traveling through certain countries even if the air fare is cheaper. If you're a U.S. citizen, check on the U.S. State Department's website for a list of countries to avoid.

**Q. HOW DO I KNOW IF I NEED SPECIAL VACCINATIONS FOR MY TRAVEL?**

**A.** Check with a travel clinic or your local county health department. If you work at the General Conference, see the in-house clinic for vaccinations and health tips.

**Q. I GET MOTION SICKNESS, WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

**A.** Get a prescription from your physician for motion sickness.

**Q. WHAT IF I TAKE SPECIFIC MEDICATIONS ON A DAILY BASIS. CAN I GET REFILLS OVERSEAS?**

**A.** Don't take a chance. Insure that you have an ample supply for the entire length of your trip. Carry your medication in your hand-carry bag. If your medications are liquid and over 3 oz., CARRY YOUR PAPER PRESCRIPTION OR THEY WILL BE CONFISCATED.

**Q. CAN I DRINK THE WATER?**

**A.** Usually in Europe the water is safe to drink; however, before drinking from the tap, check with the hotel. If you're concerned that you'll get sick, bottled water is available most everywhere. If your room has a water pot, you can use it to boil water and refill your water bottle as well.

**Q. IF I'M A MINOR, CAN I COME AND PREACH WITHOUT MY PARENTS?**

**A.** Yes, if you are age 16 or older and both of your parents sign a consent form in the presence of a Notary Public. We will provide the consent form. Be sure and print out two copies of the consent and have each signed and notarized. A copy should be left with your parents and the original should be given to your guardian. **Attention: if we don't receive a copy of the consent at least one month before travel, you will not be allowed to come.**

**Q. HOW MANY OUNCES CAN MY LIQUID BOTTLES BE FOR CARRY ON?**

**A.** They cannot be more than 3 oz. and must be put in a Ziploc bag. If you have larger bottles, put them in Ziploc bags in your checked luggage.

**Q. WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT I SHOULD BRING?**

**A.** If you feel the following list is not comprehensive enough, go to the web, [IndependentTraveler.com/packing](http://IndependentTraveler.com/packing)

Shampoo/Conditioner

Toothpaste/Toothbrush

Travel Hair Dryer or Curling Iron for 220v (most hotels don't have)

Hairbrush/Comb

Deodorant

Bath Soap

Razor

A couple of pens

Hand Sanitizer

Washcloth or whatever you use for washing up (Towels are provided)

Cough drops (Fisherman's Friend are the best)

Antibiotic Cream, a few band aids

Flashlight, very, very important

Snack bars

A warm cap or hat, coat, gloves and warm clothes

Your medications

5-6 lightweight hangers and about 6 clothes pins

Camera

Sewing Kit

**Q. CAN I USE CREDIT CARDS AND HOW MUCH CASH SHOULD I BRING?**

**A.** You can use credit cards. It's always wise to bring at least \$200-\$300 cash. The newer the bills the better. **NO TRAVELER'S CHECKS.**

**NOTE: Never put your money in your checked bags or leave it in the open in your hotel.** If you don't have a safe deposit box in your hotel, put your money and passport in a locked suitcase.

**Q. HOW SHOULD I DRESS IN THE HOTEL AND AT THE MEETINGS?**

**A.** Modest dress for both men and women, i.e., no low-cut tops, no short skirts, no tight pants, no baggy pants that hang below the waist, no pajama pants, and no jewelry of any kind.

**Dress for Meetings: Ladies:** dresses or skirts and tops (Sabbath attire). The longer the skirt the better. No pant suits for preaching or going to meetings at the churches. **CAUTION: If you plan to wear fingernail/toenail polish, it should be clear. If you wear makeup and lipstick, it should be natural looking.** Bring a WARM coat!

**Dress for Meetings: Men:** Dress coat and dress slacks with tie. For Sabbath, suit and tie with dress shoes. Please, no preaching in jeans or without a tie. Please, no long beards and no long hair or dreadlocks. Bring a WARM coat!

**Q. WHAT WILL THE WEATHER BE LIKE?**

**A.** Whichever country you're traveling to, go on the website and ask what the temperatures will be like during your stay. For Romania it said, "The month of February is characterized by *rising* daily high temperatures, with daily highs increasing from 38°F to 45°F over the course of the month, exceeding 60°F or dropping below 26°F only one day in ten".

**Q. IF I NEED TO PURCHASE CLOTHES, HOW CAN I ECONOMIZE?**

**A.** You may want to shop at a thrift store such as Goodwill or one like that.

**Q. HOW CAN I TRAVEL COMFORTABLY ON THE PLANE?**

**A.** Wear comfortable clothes, take slippers so you can take off your shoes, carry healthy snacks, stay hydrated - start your trip with a bottle of water that you've purchased within the airport once you've gone through security. Take an aspirin and try to move around and do some exercises in your seat. For long flights wear compression socks.

**Q. HOW CAN I COMMUNICATE WITH FAMILY?**

**A.** Check with your phone company about an international plan for texting. One can Facetime or Skype, however, sometimes the Wi-Fi is not powerful enough.

**Q. WHAT PRECAUTIONS SHOULD I TAKE TO BE SAFE:**

**A.** Never ever go walking alone and even if you have a partner, **NEVER** go walking at night. After your nightly meeting, return to the hotel. Make sure your leader knows your whereabouts.

**SENSITIVITY: Thank you for being sensitive to the culture you're in.**

**Q. HOW CAN I DO LAUNDRY?**



**A.** Prepare to do it by hand. Bring a Ziploc bag of powdered laundry soap and you're good to go. Bring about 6 lightweight hangers and a few clothes pins. Hotels do laundry but it's expensive. Occasionally church members will do laundry for a price.

**ENCOURAGING QUOTES:**

"The very first impulse of the renewed heart is to bring others to the Saviour." *Great Controversy, p. 70.*

"So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power." *Testimonies for the Church 9:47*

**Q. IF I NEED MORE INFORMATION, WHO DO I CONTACT:**

**A.** Nancy Costa, 301.680.6177, [costan@gc.adventist.org](mailto:costan@gc.adventist.org). or Kathy McKey, 301.680.6611 or 503.781.6512, [mckeyk@gc.adventist.org](mailto:mckeyk@gc.adventist.org)

Please pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Blessings,

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