



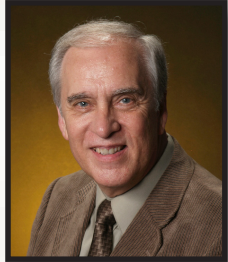
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“Let your faith be bigger than your fears this New Year and trust in God’s plan for the year ahead.”

The mystery of the unknown often captivates people’s curiosity. But most people wish they had a crystal ball because the mystery of the unknown can bring about high levels of anxiety and fear. At the beginning of 2025, there are many unknowns.

Here are three suggestions on how to embrace the unknown or the mysteries of a new year. Whether it is dealing with the current high partisanship in our politics, the inflation issue, children’s schooling, floods of people pouring across our southern border and wars in various parts of the world, all of these can shake the foundation of our faith. How can we bolster this foundation in the face of the many unknowns or mysteries of a new year and beyond? The three ways are, having the right attitude, awareness, and taking action.

The Christian attitude in the face of uncertainty should always be anchored in faith, love, and trust in God. Trust in God and be content in all circumstances (Philippians 4:11-13). He, God, is working all things out for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28).

Today is a new day, it is a new year, intentionally look forward. As you face the unknown in the new year, you can apply Philippians 3:13-14. Set specific and achievable goals that align with your spiritual and personal growth. With the help of the Holy Spirit, strive to live a life that honors God, putting effort into growing in faith, character, and service to others. Make a daily commitment to press on toward the spiritual goals you’ve set and cultivate habits such as prayer, Bible study, and acts of kindness that contribute to your growth in Christ.

Having the right attitude, awareness and taking action will put us in a good place as we enter into the unknown. Here we come, 2025!



REPORT FROM ROMANIA Project Christmas Parties 2024

by Adi Muscan, Romanian Director

Greetings in the name of Jesus, not the one born in a manger, but the one who came to give His life so that we may have everlasting life. First, we want to wish all of you reading this letter a blessed and fruitful New Year!

A bit about our family. We want to thank all of you who have been praying for us faithfully over this past year. We are doing much better now, a bit like the weather, some good days, some not so good. Tabita is recovering after an ugly flu. She still has some issues with walking. My mom is recovering after her shoulder fracture, we are helping each other and for a while I was the only “fully functional” (with the help of our son, Ruben, of course) in the family. I think that having a united family makes everything go better, especially when trials come our way. But everyone in the family seems to be improving from their physical challenges, Praise the Lord.



are doing this, the reason why we have the privilege to share His love with others around us.

This Christmas we’ve been able to share with these children because, many of you, God’s people were ready to share your love and concern for these kids, even from such a great distance. We want to say a sincere thank you and may **God bless you for your love gifts for these children**. We are praying that His blessings will be poured out upon them and those who make such a sacrifice to be the mom and dads to “the least of these”, as Jesus asks us to do.

Because He Lives, I Can Face Tomorrow,
Adi&Tabita Muscan

We want to share with you some of the most thrilling experiences we had in sharing the joy of Christ birth with the children who are not so blessed with families like we have, kids who need special affection and attention. With God’s grace we visited a bunch of them, about 40, in several different locations, with different family situations; adopted, fostered, special needs or disabilities, it didn’t matter, the joy on their faces tells you everything, it actually engraved their happiness on our hearts. It is something that we can’t forget and it tells us how big a difference just a simple gift means to their life, if it is offered with love. Some of these “kids” are almost adults, some are still kids in an adult bodies or already adults in kids bodies, just because life has given them a different path than our normal lives. By God’s grace, we have these times when our path intersects with theirs, and we can

make a small difference. Maybe not as big as we plan, but so important for the kids, a gift of love, like Christ did for us. He is the reason why we

THANK YOU!

For your prayers and financial support this past year. We invite you to please continue as a partner in ministry this coming year. God bless you.