

Church Planting in the Villages of Transylvania, Romania

There is a fairly clear pattern to the development of evangelism in the villages of Transylvania with which we work.

- 1 A development plan puts villages into geographical groups that could be pastored by one man.
- 2 Villagers will be invited to an initial meeting in the 'Cultural House' (equivalent to a British village hall). Sometimes a group of young people from another church will run an evangelistic programme in the village for a week of the summer holidays.
- 3 A group will be formed, normally meeting in a private home, as regular use of the cultural house can sometimes be difficult.
- 4 A local leader may emerge, helped by visits from one of the ministers in the wider area.
- 5 A children's group may be started, meeting on a weekday evening, either run, or at least supervised, by a pastor's wife from the area.
- 6 Either the adult and children's groups outgrow the home where they are meeting, or the present meeting place ceases to be available.
- 7 A building in a suitable location in the village is sought, for conversion to a church. The alternative is to find a piece of land on which a church can be built.
- 8 A full time pastor is invited to take charge of the group of villages defined at stage 1.
- 9 More funding will be required once the church building is ready, for chairs, heating, etc.



Magherani



Viforasa

The Cleaford Christian Trust has been able to fund one of these projects each year, on average.

Church plants we have been involved with in the past include: Magherani, Cinta, Idri-faia, Gornesti, Sangeorgiu de Padure, Viforasa, Fantanele, Balausewri, Apalina and Rava

Pastors' Salaries

Although the standard salary paid to a pastor is very modest, the mathematics are such that a church needs about 100 members before it will be able to support its pastor financially.

At the present time we support Pastors Janos Totos and Jacob Salai.

Janos is the Pastor of Sangeorgiu de Padure and is also senior pastor to the churches in Viforasa, Balausewri and Rava

Jacob is Pastor of the church in Magherani. He and his wife are currently involved in very successful local evangelism and Sunday School work.

We also support Marta Borzasi. Marta runs and oversees several Sunday Schools both in Pericei and Targu Mures; she also is responsible for taking some 600 children to Christian camp each year.

The Cleaford Christian Trust would love to be able to support more pastors like Jacob and Janos so if Churches, groups or individuals who would like to consider help with a pastor's salary we would ask that you [contact us](#), as this is a growing need.