

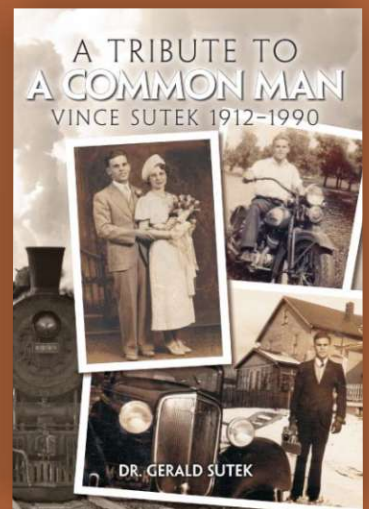
ORDAINING ELDER



In an effort to conform with all the principles of the NT church, we had an ordination service Sunday night, Nov. 7 and ordained our first elder. Cornel Moisuc and his wife have been faithful in our church for the past four years. He is a graduate of our Bible institute and has shown himself faithful in all aspect of the ministry. This was a giant step in the progress of our church here in Romania. Add this to the step taken two weeks ago in the churches missions commitment of close to \$8,000 per year and we consider this substantial growth for a mission church just six years old. All glory is to be given to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

PREACHING THE GOSPEL IN THE PHILIPPINES

Well, we enter the final stretch of preparation for our long awaited return to the Philippine Islands. We fly out of Romania Nov. 22. This is such a complex trip for such a long time (35 days) that we stager in all the details of preparation. I will preach many times during those days and we will all have a grand reunion with Mary Bethany's family in Davao. Our sincere thanks to those of you who made this trip possible through your contributions. Parts of the trip are traveled through dangerous territories where both Muslims and Communists still vie against the legitimate government for control. One pastor has arranged for us to be accompanied by a bodyguard. Jokingly, I said my body is not worth that but when you consider that we are an American couple with a Filipina teenager along we may appear to be an easy target for ransom. I truly do not want to have to write and beg you guys for three million dollars and have the news spread across the world's headlines. This pastor friend has also made proper accommodations for both us and the Manalo family to enjoy each other. Our own church has backed us very substantially to which we owe eternal appreciation. In case someone still wants to have a part in this evangelistic, missions trip there is still time and all information is attached.



A TRIBUTE TO A COMMON MAN

The latest book is hot off the press and very available. "A Tribute to a Common Man" is a brief 32 page biography about my father. Although he was a common man, he lived a quite interesting life in a quite interesting time. This book would make a good gift for the man who has everything. Pastors may want to consider giving this to the men of their church for a Father's Day present or for some other appreciation day. It can be ordered here: <http://www.empgermany.com/?q=content/tribute-common-man> but you may want to approach your favorite Christian bookstore and ask them to order it also.

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