

Here's a travel opportunity that comes along only so often . . . join us for a 13-day pilgrimage this fall!



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Through the eyes of Walt Wile . . . Observations from Romania

Over my many years I have been privileged to do a lot of traveling. I love Europe but Germany is as far east as I have ever been on that continent. So months ago when I was approached by Marge Simmons of Christian Missionary International, Inc. in Columbia, SC about the possibility of Patti and me accompanying her to Romania, I checked a map, saw that it was indeed east of Germany, and we told her we would join her.

Marge, through CMI, has worked in that part of the world for over 20 years. She has a heart for the Romanian people, and through CMI and with her many contacts with ministries, pastors and humanitarians, she has been responsible for supplying tons of goods, equipment, financial support and volumes of encouragement to those proclaiming the Gospel in that part of the world. When Marge isn't raising money to send to Christian workers, she is out of her office donning a hard hat and assisting volunteers in packing goods in containers to be shipped to those who are involved in ministering to those in need in that country.

Anyhow, Patti and I were privileged to accompany her and a friend of hers to Cluj, Romania for over a week. We were all over the place—in prisons, orphanages, churches, ministries, VBS meetings, preschools, and in meetings with pastors. It was exhausting but eye-opening, educational, encouraging and inspirational.

Here are a few of my observations/impressions from this experience, things that made me think about my own life and my circumstances:

While there I rubbed shoulders with people who like to laugh. Most of the time I didn't know what they were saying. Perhaps they were laughing at me, but nonetheless they liked to laugh. Know something? We don't laugh enough.

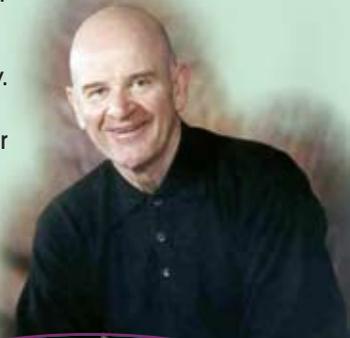
Secondly, although they seemed to have less than I do, they were content with themselves and their stations in life. We seem to have lots and yet often feel we need more to be happy.

Thirdly, I couldn't help but notice (and especially in the older ones) their appreciation of freedom. These were the people who had experienced over 40 years of Communist oppression. We too often take for granted our freedom.

Fourthly, most of the people I met were individuals who talked about how they wanted to or were already involved in helping someone else. Wow! We're often too self absorbed.

And finally, I was impressed with their love for the Lord and a strong desire to make Him known in their world. Is that your goal today?

One closing observation: I was privileged to speak to two groups of pastors. Marge told them, "Walt is my gift to you." I could be wrong, but sometimes I thought I could detect body language and facial expressions from the audience that was saying, "You call this a gift?"



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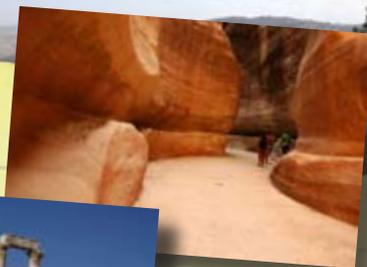
and there is still room for you!

We have a seat reserved for you. Join us and take advantage of something that comes along only so often. Walt Wiley promises you'll experience all that Israel has to offer plus 3 days in neighboring Jordan including Amman, Jerash and Mt. Nebo, and a full morning in one of the most fascinating places you will ever visit, Petra.

Program highlights include . . .

- All of the best stops in Israel.
- A boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.
- A walk on the streets of Jerusalem.
- A float in the Dead Sea.
- A view of an empty tomb.
- A chance to stand with Elijah, Gideon, Peter and Paul.
- A chance to walk the land of Jesus.
- A chance to experience the Bible come to life as you stand in places you have read about.

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FROM: Carol Evans
Ocean City, NJ
RE: WWE Pilgrimage

The Dead Sea, Caesarea Philippi, Masada, were all just names until we joined Patti and Walt on their 2011 tour of the Holy Land. Now we've been there. We swam and floated in the Dead Sea, viewed Roman encampments from the heights, walked where Jesus, the disciples and the prophets walked, and stood where David gathered pebbles for his sling. We read the appropriate scriptures and thrilled as Micha, our archeologist/historian/mentor/guide poured out his knowledge of the land, the sites, the past, present, and possible future...and pronounced, "This is where it happened. This is a TEN!" As we contemplate and marvel at our visit to Israel, we wholeheartedly agree, "This is a TEN!"

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Accompanying the DVD series is a booklet that includes questions designed to encourage a discussion that will cause you to "look at your heart".

Watch for this new series coming this fall!

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Places We've Been



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1 Walt was privileged to speak to the students and faculty at Northpointe Christian School in Grand Rapids, MI for Spiritual Emphasis week. Athletic director Scott Huckaby was the host.

2 Walt was a speaker at 5 different events at Church at Charlotte (NC). Walt and Patti taught *Raising Kids Is a Piece of Cake*, Walt taught *How to Figure Out People Who Aren't Like You* to three different groups, and he was guest speaker for the weekend services.

3 Mike Callagy (far left) of Alton, IA asked Walt to teach *Standing Out in the Crowd* to a group of businessmen in his area.

(Not pictured) Walt presented *Effectively Handling All That You Have* to a Bible study held at the offices of Arcadia Homes in Pineville, NC.

4 Walt taught *How to Encourage* to the group at the Unity Foundation of Alexandria, MN and also spoke at their Faith @ Work luncheon. Pictured are David Deterding (l) and Vern Anderson (r) who spearheaded the events.

5 Dr. S. L. Sherrill (r), Superintendent of North Raleigh (NC) Christian Academy, invited Walt to be their 2012 commencement speaker.

6 Walt taught *The Encouragement Seminar* to a homeschoolers conference at Harvey Cedars (NJ) Bible Conference. Pictured are some of those who attended. 7 Jon Oldham (l) is the director of Harvey Cedars.

8 Recently Walt caught up with friends who were former baseball players. Pictured with Walt and Patti is Bobby Malkmus, former Philadelphia Philly and minor league manager.

9 Pictured here with Walt is former Atlanta Brave, two-time MVP, Dale Murphy.



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THE WILEYS IN ROMANIA

Walt and Patti Wiley recently spent 8 days in the interesting country of Romania. They were invited by and traveled with Marge Simmons of Christian Missionary International, Inc. of Columbia, SC. Marge and a team have been working in Romania for over 20 years providing necessary goods, encouragement and financial support to pastors and those involved in sharing Christ in that country. Walt and Patti had the opportunity to observe many choice servants of God who have been encouraged by the organization Marge represents. They visited churches, orphanages, Christian schools and prisons, and they observed firsthand various ministries in that country. They came home encouraged after meeting a large number of Christians who are involved in spreading the Gospel to their fellow countrymen.



The Wileys with Romanian friends and fellow travelers in front of a unique coffee shop they discovered in Cluj, Romania. Marge Simmons, our leader, is 2nd from right.



Walt alongside his interpreter shares with a group of Romanian pastors.



Walt and Patti at a gypsy church where they both had opportunities to share (top).



A group of pastors that Walt spoke to in Zalau.

April • May • June

laces We're Going

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVT	SPK
July 12	Hickory Grove Baptist Ch. Deacons and Wives Dinner Charlotte, NC	GEN	WW
July 15	Ocean City Tabernacle Ocean City, NJ	GEN	WW
July 20-22	Sandy Cove Classic Weekend North East, MD	GEN	WW
July 25	Central Church of God (1 of 5) Charlotte, NC	LofL	WW
July 27	Charlotte Eagles Soccer Club Chapel Charlotte, NC	GEN	WW
Aug 1	Central Church of God (2 of 5) Charlotte, NC	LofL	WW
Aug 8	Central Church of God (3 of 5) Charlotte, NC	LofL	WW
Aug 10-11	Sharon Baptist Ch. Charlotte, NC	MAR	W/P
Aug 14	Unity Christian Acad. Energy, IL	SOC	WW
Aug 16-17	Monte Vista Christian School Watsonville, CA	EH PZ	WW
Aug 22 (am)	TOT Time Teachers Church at Charlotte Charlotte, NC	GEN	WW
Aug 22 (pm)	Central Church of God (4 of 5) Charlotte, NC	LofL	WW
Aug 23-24	Explorer's Bible Study Conference Montgomery Bell State Park, TN	GEN	WW
Aug 29	Central Church of God (5 of 5) Charlotte, NC	LofL	WW
Sept 16-20	FCCI International Conference Marina Del Ray, CA	GEN	WW
Sept 26	Muscular Sclerosis Christian Fellowship Charlotte, NC	GEN	WW
Sept 28	Hockey Ministries Int'l Annual Chaplains Conf. Charlotte, NC	GEN	WW
Sept 28-29	Church at Charlotte Charlotte, NC	FEDW	WW
Oct 1-3	RHMA Regional Conference Lancaster, PA	ENC	WW
Oct 5-7	Long View Ranch - Men's Retreat Mosheim, TN	EH	WW
Oct 14-26	WWE Pilgrimage - Israel/Jordan		



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EVENTS KEY:

GEN = General
FEDW = Finding Encouragement in a Discouraging World
EH = Effectively Handling All That You Have
ENC = The Encouragement Seminar
LofL = The Look of the Leader
MAR = Marriage
PZ = How to Figure Out People Who Aren't Like You
SOC = Standing Out in the Crowd

SPEAKERS KEY:

WW – Walt Wiley
W/P – Walt and Patti Wiley

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