

"And all the people saw him walking and praising God; and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to beg alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him." **Acts 3:9-10 NASB**

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The Transforming Power of God's Word

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"The ministry of Beautiful Gate Translations is touching the hearts of women around the world by translating Christian media into their languages, training them to teach, and opening the door to God's transforming power in their lives. Our passion is all about relationship."

These words are on the home page of our website and truly reflect my heart's desire to see women's lives transformed by the power of God's Word. Their participation in the translated Romanian Bible studies has brought amazing testimonies back to us over the past three years. I am so thankful for the Lord's faithful hand of love and grace extended through this ministry to these precious Sisters in Christ. One testimony which recently came in just had to be shared with you. She has joyfully given permission to use her full name, because she wants everyone to know how marvelously the Lord has redeemed her situation for His glory. Here is her story:

I'm going to be very honest, and I will tell you what changes took place in my life as a consequence of this Bible study. My marriage had been a failure for a long time. We were both trying to conceal our conflicts and kept wearing this mask before those who knew us. We didn't want others to know what was going on between the two of us. We were quarreling and threatening each other frequently. My 11 year-old daughter was suffering very much, but we were so selfish that we could not think about her. He used to go away from home frequently. I used to fill my time navigating on the internet, and our child grew up alone. I knew God's Word. I got baptized in 1998 together with my husband, but after that I turned my back to God and thought that I could do everything on my own. I have come to know during these years that this was not true. When I finally realized that I was making a big mistake and at the same time I am condemning my daughter to death, I was filled with fear. I couldn't get settled. I had secretly started to make plans to run away from home, go to Italy and start a new life with another man, a so-called friend. My husband felt that something like that was going to happen, and one evening before we went to bed he told me, "You will regret this." I was speechless and kept wondering how did he know? Could it be this man who told him, but I did not dare ask. Next Sunday at church I found out about this Bible study. God bless you for this. My life has been changed radically. Ever since I started the Bible study I met new sisters in Christ, I made friends and most importantly, my marriage is shining now. Our home is an altar of God. We are faithful to our Lord Jesus, we go to church as a family, and most importantly, I have learned to trust God. I have also learned that "forgetting is the essence of forgiveness." Thank you for your patience with me. I hope my testimony is not too long and boring. I thank God that I am His child and that He is part of me. I send you kisses along with my love in Christ Jesus. Angela Matei, Romania

I hope you will pray for Angela and her family as they continue to seek the Lord and serve Him daily. All glory to the Lord, for He is worthy of our praise!

With much love,

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