

# Romanian-American Mission

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## SAMPLE TESTIMONY GUIDE

### Use the following sample testimony as a guide for writing your testimony!

Hello, my name is *[name]*. I live in *[town and state]*, in the USA.

**Before following Christ**, I tried to find fulfillment in life by making money and living my way. But these things only made me emptier and emptier.

**I was exposed to God's Word and I was convicted in my heart that** I was sinning against God and I was on my way to hell because I was seeking joy and fulfillment in created things rather than in God.

#### **(How I became a Christian)**

I learned from the Bible the Good News that God sent His Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross to pay for our sins. Jesus was buried, and after three days God raised Him from the dead to validate the saving power of His death and bring us to Himself (1 Peter 3:18). The Bible says that all those who repent and trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins will have eternal life with God. "*Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out*" (Acts 3:19). "*Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved*" (Acts 16:31). One day, I turned from the deceitful promises of sin, I asked Jesus to forgive me from the guilt, punishment and bondage of my sins, and I trusted with all my heart in Jesus alone for my salvation and eternal joy. I began reading the Bible to find God's precious and great promises, which can set us free (2 Peter 1:3-4) and I found a Bible-believing church and began to worship and grow together with other people who treasure Christ above all things (Philippians 3:7).

**Today my life as a Christian is** full of joy, peace, and purpose. I know that God loves me and has forgiven me. Best of all, I know that God is my joy, peace and greatest treasure and I have eternal life with Him.

**Would you like to know how you can have eternal life and joy with God?**

### Key Points to Remember when Writing Your Testimony

Your testimony should have three parts: **Before Following Christ**, **How I became a Christian**, and **My life Today As A Christian**.

**'Before following Christ'**: You don't want the hearer to dwell on your sins. Describing feelings is helpful (e.g., pain, loneliness, emptiness, uncertainty of eternity, etc.), but avoid needless sin details. General descriptions of sin have broader impact. If you say, "I was rebellious and sinned all the time," then the hearer may identify by thinking, "I bet she was a drinker, like *me*." And finally, don't spend 5 minutes on sin versus only 30 seconds on salvation and your new life!

**(How I became a Christian)**: Make sure this section gives the *gospel!* Your testimony may be the only chance for someone to hear it! *The gospel is*: we are sinners who are saved only when we put our faith in Christ, who died for our sins, was buried, and raised. Scripture does *not* say that we were saved by 'walking the aisle', or 'asking Jesus into our hearts', or repeating a prayer. Be biblical and clear. Avoid 'churchy' terms. Avoid slang!

**'Today my life as a Christian is'**: This section should show the eternal benefits in your life! Tell of the joy, peace, and forgiveness Jesus gave you – instead of "since trusting Christ, I have had nothing but problems". If you really must mention the problems, a better approach would be, "After I trusted Christ, He has always given me joy, strength and peace, even when I have problems." But *never* dwell on the problems!

### VERY IMPORTANT!

**Please write your testimony by following the instructions provided in this packet and mail it, fax it, or e-mail it to us immediately. See the contact information provided in the letterhead.**

We will translate your testimony in Romanian and mail it back to you formatted so that you will be able to paste it on the blank cover of the bilingual (Romanian and English) witnessing tract you will receive by mail shortly.

**After you paste it on the tract you will need to make about 300 copies of the personalized witnessing tract (preferably on colored paper), and take those copies with you on the mission field.**

# WRITE YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY!

- Your testimony is a **vital tool** that you will use as you share the gospel. Write it **briefly** below so that it may be translated into the language for your campaign area.
- See the “SAMPLE TESTIMONY” and instructions first.
- **IMPORTANT! Use only this form** so the testimony will be an appropriate length for practical mission trip use.

*Hello, my name is* \_\_\_\_\_  
*I live in* \_\_\_\_\_

*Before following Christ* \_\_\_\_\_  
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*I was exposed to the Word of God and I was convicted in my heart that* \_\_\_\_\_  
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*(How I became a Christian – include a BRIEF gospel)*  
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*Would you like to know how you can have eternal life with God?*