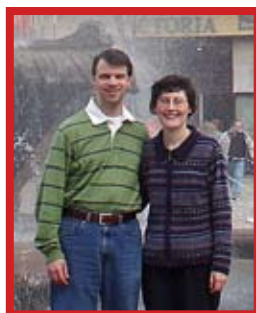


## Our Testimony

During his first year in Christian school, at the age of five, David prayed to receive Jesus Christ as his Savior. He attended Christian school until 10<sup>th</sup> grade and later attended Cedarville University. During a mission conference at Cedarville, he went forward to publicly state his openness to missions. God opened David's eyes to the spiritual needs of Eastern Europe during a mission trip to Belarus in 2004. Upon his return, he felt God calling him into full-time missions.

David has led a weekly men's Bible study for two years and coordinates the monthly men's prayer breakfast. He has also been an Evangelism Explosion (E.E.) trainer for four years. David has led several individuals to the Lord through E.E., including a co-worker and a professional colleague.



Ruth was saved when she was 8 years old and took her first mission trip while at Cedarville University. She offered her life to the Lord for missions work at that time. Ruth has served the Lord in Awana Cubbies (Director, 11 yrs.), VBS (Director, 5 yrs.), Women's Missionary Fellowship, MOPS, and Sunday School, and disciplined new believers. Ruth loves teaching women and children and helping them grow in the Lord.



David and Ruth have two daughters. Celeste was born on August 31, 2000 and will begin first grade as a homeschooler in fall 2006. Celeste accepted Jesus as her Savior when she was four years old and looks forward to telling Romanian children about Jesus. Amber was born on May 27, 2003 and loves to go to church.

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## The Kimmel Family



David, Ruth,  
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# Reaching Romania For Christ

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit. . ." John 15:16

## Romania

Situated at the very center of the ancient spice routes of the Orient, Romania is a picturesque country with snow-capped mountains, agricultural plains, and coastal beaches. Located in Eastern Europe, Romania is bordered by Hungary, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Ukraine, as well as the Black Sea.



## The People of Romania

There are two distinct cultural groups in Romania: Romanians and Gypsies (or Roma). Originally from India, Gypsies spread throughout Europe over 1000 years ago and developed their own language and culture. Gypsies have been persecuted throughout history.



Even today they face discrimination in employment, education, and healthcare. They are prohibited from attending Romanian Orthodox churches and are even told they have no souls. Most Gypsies are illiterate and poor.

## The Need in Romania

Since 1993, Baptist Mid-Missions missionaries have planted more than a dozen independent Baptist churches, primarily among the Gypsies. However, there is a tremendous need for more workers to help these young churches grow.

When we took a survey trip to Romania in March 2006, we witnessed many ministry opportunities with both the Romanians and the Gypsies. The Gypsy believers, in particular, pleaded with us to return and teach them about God and reach other Gypsies for the Lord.



## Our Burden for Romania

David has a burden for soul winning and men's ministries. He desires to see men saved and become leaders in their local church, so they can help win others to Christ. Ruth's desire is to teach the women and the children. Only a few of the Gypsy churches currently hold women's or children's classes.



## God has led us to be part of the BMM team in northwest Romania that is focused on:

- **Church Planting** - Helping start Gypsy and Romanian churches
- **Evangelism** - Personal evangelism and evangelism training
- **Discipleship** - One-on-one and small group Bible studies
- **Outreach** - Developing personal relationships with people

Dear Pastor,

Dave and Ruth Kimmel, along with their wonderful daughters Celeste and Amber, are thrilled to be getting ready to go to Romania. Yes, they need our help as their home church (and they will have that), and they need help from pastors like you and people like you represent.

**We believe in Dave and Ruth: They are a godly couple; They are educationally and by experience prepared; They are in love with people. They desire to win people to Jesus Christ, and they are schooled in how to do that too; Dave and Ruth are bright lights. They do work for Christ with enthusiasm and dedication that are essential here and in Romania.**

They are ready to go.

I ask you to pray for them and about them. As you have room in your budget, consider their family and Romania.

There is one extra value. Two other couples are headed to Romania soon. These six adults met each other, already share a burden for the work, and will get along smoothly in the work required.

This is a great time in the work of missions, and Dave and Ruth are ideal for the adventure. Let us help them.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,



Lew Davis, Senior Pastor, Tri-County Baptist Church