

# The Kimmel Family

## Reaching Romania for Christ

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*And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.*  
(Luke 12:19-21)

Dear Praying Friends and Ministry Partners,

The tragedy at Virginia Tech on April 16 has shaken our nation. As we reflect on these events, it serves as a painful reminder of the depravity of man. Yet we cannot forget the sovereignty of God. Those who died that day did not wake up thinking it would be their last day on this earth. But the Bible says that God has appointed a day that each one of us must face death, as we see so vividly in Luke chapter 9.

Two days later I heard the story of a student who was literally in the line of fire when the shooter entered his classroom. Miraculously he escaped without injury. But most of his classmates, including his instructor, died.

After hearing his story, I felt the Lord leading me to reach out to him in some way. I emailed him not knowing whether it would arrive or not. I told him how it was not an accident or a coincidence that he survived. I went on to explain that God has determined a time when each one of us must face death, and that it can come at any time.

I also shared how God could be using this event to serve as a turning point in his life and that God may even want to use him in a very special way--to tell others about how he survived and why. Ultimately he had to decide. The next morning I was thrilled to receive this response:

I have known God and Jesus Christ for most of my life. The months leading up to the incident though, I had fallen quite a bit in faith. I was doubting, and my lifestyle changed. But about a week ago in a doctor's office (three days before the incident), I saw a Bible on the table. I hadn't opened it in months. But I felt so compelled to open it up. I read some passages and felt called to God again. I prayed silently in that office.

I don't think it was a coincidence that I recommitted myself a couple of days before I was in that classroom. When I was under that desk, I remember vividly saying a very specific prayer. I asked God to put "an invisible blanket of protection around me."

Needless to say I was stunned to read his testimony. Please pray for him and the many students and families who were affected by this tragedy. Pray that God would use it to bring revival to the campus and the community. Pray that many would come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

### Deputation Update

You may be wondering how our daughter, Amber, is doing. Her umbilical hernia surgery was on April 20. Everything went as planned, and we were back home in just over three hours! Later that day she was even able to go out and play.

God has continued to bless us with new meetings. I spent one afternoon making phone calls with Pastor Davis. We are confident that many of these new contacts will lead to meetings. This past week I had the opportunity to schedule three more meetings, which makes a total of six for the month. Although this is fewer than the past few months, they will come primarily in the summer when we most need them.

We were also thrilled to learn of another family in our church that has committed to take us on for monthly support. Praise the Lord for His continued provision!

### Praises

- Amber's surgery went extremely well. She has had very little pain or discomfort.
- Six new meetings were scheduled this month, including two in July and one in August.
- I am continuing to reduce my hours at work, which will allow me to spend even more time on deputation.
- Our support level has increased to **20%**!

### Prayer Requests

- Tim Gelatt, BMM Midwest Representative, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Pray for his recovery from a biopsy on 4/25 and the forthcoming results.
- We had two meetings in April. In May we are also scheduled for two meetings, May 9 and May 20. Pray for the churches where we have visited and will be visiting as they consider supporting us.
- Pray for God's direction as we seek to fill out our schedule for the summer and the remainder of 2007.

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for us.

*Dave, Ruth, Celeste, and Amber*

