

# The Kimmel Family

## Reaching Romania for Christ

August/September 2007

*Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. (Luke 10:1)*

Dear Praying Friends and Ministry Partners,

We are thrilled to share with you what the Lord has been doing over the past few weeks. One of the highlights was participating in the missions conference at Woodland Baptist Church. Dr. J.T. Lyons was the keynote speaker. He served as a missionary in Africa and Spain for over 30 years. Now at 81 he is still preaching in churches and missions conferences, challenging believers to get involved in ministry.

One night Dr. Lyons shared a message entitled, "Why We Need More Missionaries." He spoke about how the harvest is great from Luke 10:2. 1) The **color** of the harvest—it is white, ready for harvest. In every country there are those who are ready to be saved. 2) The **cry** of the harvest—people are calling for help. "Come over to Macedonia!" 3) The **cost** of the harvest—it will cost you something. It cost God His Son!

He went on to tell about 4) The **challenge** of the harvest—how the worldwide population is growing while the number of missionaries is declining. He lamented how Christians are thinking more about themselves than sharing the gospel. Christians are confused—confused about the will of God and the call of God. They say they will go if they're called, but God has already called each one of us. Are you willing to go?

### Deputation Update

During the first half of August we had meetings in northeast Ohio. We had a very special time at Arlington Memorial Baptist Church in Akron. They were without a pastor when Dave first contacted them in the spring, but they were anticipating the arrival of their new pastor only two weeks after our visit, which was a real answer to prayer. One family also expressed an interest in supporting us each month.

God has been leading us toward full-time deputation. Dave's last day with Avetec was on August 17. It was a bittersweet time as goodbyes were exchanged. Several of Dave's friends are unsaved, and he has witnessed to them on occasion and prayed for them to come to Christ.

The very next day we left for meetings in West Liberty and Portsmouth, Ohio and the missions conference at Woodland Baptist. We were back for two days and then left for vacation in the Berkshires with Dave's parents. In the days prior to

our trip God provided not only a meeting on our way to Massachusetts, but also on our return trip, which allowed us to be in two more churches while also providing housing.

During our vacation we had a chance to visit Dave's mom's hometown of Springfield, VT. Dave's mom was reunited with a childhood friend, and Dave got to see his first RA from Cedarville. Eric's parents also graciously provided lunch. Back at the Berkshires the girls enjoyed spending time in the pool, hiking up Jiminy Peak, and riding the Alpine Slide. We also celebrated Celeste's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Dave continues to schedule meetings later this year and into next year. In August God allowed us to schedule six more meetings. Here are our meetings for the current month:

9/9	Crossroad Baptist Church, New Carlisle, OH (AM)
9/15-9/17	Faith Baptist Church, Wilmington, OH
9/23	Faith Baptist Church, South Bend, IN (AM) Ormas Baptist Church, Columbia City, IN (PM)
9/28	Ministry Presentation/Open House, Lima, OH
9/29-10/3	Meadowbrook Baptist Church, Lima, OH

### Praises

- Two more individuals have begun supporting us, raising our support to **24%**.
- Woodland Baptist Church also committed to support us.
- For safety as we traveled over 4000 miles in August.

### Prayer Requests

- For the salvation of Dave's former co-workers and that the Lord will bring others into their path to share the gospel and challenge them with their need for a Savior.
- For Mig, a man who guided us up Jiminy Peak. Dave was able to witness briefly to him. He said he does not believe he will go to heaven when he dies.
- For \$500 to replace the laptop and software Dave was using from work. Dave's brother can get a special discount on a newer system.
- Continue to pray about beginning language study.
- Continue to pray for a new home for our dog, Cody. A woman Dave used to work with is interested in "trying him out" one weekend.

Thank you for staying in touch and for praying for us.

*Dave, Ruth, Celeste, and Amber*

