

The Kimmel Family

Reaching Romania for Christ

July 2007

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
(Romans 12:1)

Dear Praying Friends and Ministry Partners,

One year ago we were appointed at Candidate Seminar and since then, our family has led a very different life on deputation. While we are excited to go to Romania, we're also a little nervous about the changes and challenges we will experience. That's why it was so good for us to attend the BMM Annual Conference. The workshops helped us learn how to manage our lives during the transition of deputation and the stresses of life, and provided practical information on the real situations we will encounter on a foreign field.

The evening services with Dr. Robert Decker, Sr. Pastor of Triad Baptist Church in Kernersville, NC, were powerful times for us as God used him to inspire, encourage, and strengthen us for these days and the days ahead. The conference also gave us the opportunity to meet other appointees on deputation, as well as veteran missionaries with a wealth of knowledge and varied experiences. It was both comforting and challenging to spend time with other missionaries who are serving the Lord around the world. We're so thankful that we attended the conference!

Pastor Decker shared a message entitled *Don't Slip Off the Altar* from Romans 12:1-5. Here are the key points:

1. Sense the intensity of the request—"I beseech you..."
2. Grasp the motivation behind the request—the mercies of God.
3. Endure the rigor of the requirements—it is never by force; willingly present yourselves.
4. It will tie you down—many seek the blessings of God, but they do not want to be tied down (commitment).
5. It will consume you—you pour yourself out in total consumption every day.
6. It will press upon you—don't let the world squeeze you into its mold.
7. It will transform your inner life—God transforms you when you present yourself to Him.

Deputation Update

In our recent prayer letters we have asked for prayer that God would provide the necessary funds for Dave to transition to full-time deputation by the end of the summer. Although our support level has remained relatively unchanged for the past two months, we have seen God bless through numerous love gifts and one-time donations. We believe that God is directing us to take the next step *by faith*. Dave's last day at Avetec is August 17. We are trusting that God will continue to provide the necessary funds so we can reach 100% next year. Here are our upcoming meetings for August:

8/5	Grace Baptist Church, Geneva, OH (AM) Faith Baptist Church, Perry, OH (PM)
8/12	Arlington Memorial Baptist Church, Akron OH (AM)
8/19	Baptist Fellowship of West Liberty, West Liberty, OH (AM) Temple Baptist Church, Portsmouth, OH (PM)
8/20-22	Woodland Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC
8/26-9/2	Family vacation in western Massachusetts

In July we were introduced to a Romanian family living in Cedarville, OH (about an hour from our home). They were very interested in hearing more about our ministry. They have also offered to teach us Romanian. At this point we are praying whether God would have us do so now or wait until we arrive in Romania as we had originally planned.

Praises

- Amber, our youngest daughter, was saved on July 4.
- A family from our church has committed to begin supporting us, which brings our support level to **23%**.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for us as we transition to full-time deputation.
- Pray for wisdom concerning language study in the fall.
- Continue to pray for a new home for Cody.
- Please pray for continued safety during our upcoming travels—both for deputation and vacation.
- Continue to pray for new meetings for December and throughout the first half of next year.

We appreciate you and all that you do for us!

Dave, Ruth, Celeste, and Amber

