

The Kimmel Family

Reaching Romania for Christ

Summer 2019

I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. (Psalm 40:1-3)

What do you base your life upon? Family? Friends? Money? Having fun? David writes in Psalm 40 about how the Lord brought him up out of a horrible pit. He was at the lowest of lows, and the Lord raised him up. He put his feet on a rock and made his life stable. Can those things mentioned earlier bring stability? Certainly, but only temporarily. Only God can firmly establish us and give us an eternal purpose in life.

Back in Romania

We were blessed to have a very smooth trip back to Romania on March 29-30. Our teammates ensured that our home was clean, stocked with groceries, and warm.

One of the first items on our list was to renew our visas. They had expired while we were in the US, so we needed to begin that process again. We gathered everything within a couple weeks, but it was another month until we received the letter needed to submit our applications to the immigration office. After another month, we received our new visas for two more years.

Dave has also been coordinating several projects around the property. He oversaw the installation of new heating equipment in each of the classrooms and office, which will allow us to heat the building before our arrival and much more rapidly/efficiently than with wood. This required upgrading our electrical system as well. We also just finished laying wood planks in the attic of the building, which gives us more usable storage space. Then last week we began reinforcing/replacing the damaged or broken fencing panels and installing new metal fasteners instead of wire. Finally, we are in the midst of repairing our well and pump, which were flooded by the tremendous rains we have been having.

Vacation Bible School

Ruth and our teammate, Kim, are busy getting ready for Vacation Bible School next week, July 1-3. The theme is The Fortress--Defeat the giants in your life! The giants: Peer pressure, Fear, Temptation. Many of the teens will be helping, and Amber will be working with the puppets and taking photos throughout the week. There will be a Bible story, singing, Bible verses, crafts, and games. Ruth and Kim love this time of year. Much of their work over the past nine years is evident in the lives of the older children and teens we are ministering to today.

Teen Ministry

Luke has begun a new series teaching the basics of Inductive Bible Study through the book of John. Those who complete 5 lessons will be invited to go on a hiking trip. Those who do all 10 lessons will be taken on a special outing, specific to the girls and boys. Pray as we review the lessons one-on-one each week that the light of the Gospel will be evident.

The teen choir had two outings this spring, one in April for Easter, and the other this month. A lot of time went into preparing the program, which was very well received in each of the four churches we visited. We'll resume choir in the fall.

Family News

Celeste has had an eventful spring! After struggling with nausea and abdominal discomfort, she ended up having gall bladder surgery the week before finals. Our pastor and his wife graciously took her to the hospital the morning of the surgery and stayed until she was in her room. Then a young lady from Cedarville stayed with her until she was released. The Lord provided the help she needed in just the right way!

God has also been with Celeste during her first summer away. With help from our former teammates, the Gravleys, and Dave's brother and sister-in-law, she was able to secure her driver's license in May. This opened the door for a summer internship with an insurance company in Cleveland that has numerous Romanian clients. She is enjoying using her Romanian while also employing her graphic design skills.

Then in three weeks, Celeste will be joining the team from Cedarville University that will be ministering in Sighisoara, Romania. The Lord provided above what she needed for her trip expenses, for which we are very thankful. Pray for the team and for the logistics of travel. Pray for safety and unity among the team. Pray for the clinics to provide practical medical help while opening the door for the Gospel.

Praises

- Safe return to Romania and new visas for two more years
- Dave's sleep apnea treatment has been going well
- Ministry with the teen choir in four churches

Prayer Requests

- VBS is next week, July 1-3!
- Teen Inductive Bible Study program
- Celeste's ministry in Romania next month

Rejoicing in the Lord's continuing work in Romania!

Dave, Ruth, Celeste, and Amber