

# The Kimmel Family

## Reaching Romania for Christ

January/February 2013

*The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.* (Proverbs 11:30)

You could say this verse is Proverbs in a nutshell. First we see the relationship between righteousness and wisdom. Next we see that righteous living yields fruit—both in this life and for eternity. Finally we see that a wise servant of the Lord will be active in winning souls.

### Ministry News

After a busy December, we were looking forward to the return of our teammates, Luke and Kim Warner, from furlough. Since then Ruth and I have had a chance to catch our breath and focus more on our upcoming furlough. We were also able to take a week of family vacation, which was very relaxing.

By the beginning of February the owner of the property in Luncsoara had received the necessary documents to finalize the purchase. On February 19 we signed the purchase contract and took possession of the property. We are rejoicing in the Lord's goodness for bringing us through the process.

The next day we met with Tarzan and Florin to begin the demolition of the existing buildings. It was a cold morning with temperatures hovering around freezing and a layer of snow on the ground. When Luke and I arrived the guys had already pulled off about half the roofing tiles on one of the buildings! The tiles actually just lay in place, but they needed to be handled individually, since we wanted to keep the good ones to sell. Needless to say, they were anxious to get started!

We did not know whether to pay for work on the demolition by the day or for the entire project. We finally decided on the latter, which allowed Tarzan and Florin to decide when they needed help and who would work. We only asked that they try to use those who are faithfully coming to church. After two days of work all that remained was the house. All the materials were neatly organized and some had already been sold.



Church property following demolition of two buildings

Tarzan and Florin had decided to offer work to one person per family, but some expected more, which would have meant excluding others. There were some hard feelings in the community over the way the work was allocated, but we think they made a wise decision since there was not enough work for all who wanted to come.

Next we plan to meet with an architect and get started on the necessary construction permits. This could take up to two months, which is why we wanted to get the demolition done.

### Kid's Corner

Celeste is doing better but still gets up most mornings with nausea. We took her back to the doctor in January, and they discovered a large ovarian cyst. She was prescribed more antibiotics and hormone therapy. Within two weeks the cyst had nearly vanished. She still has some nausea, so we don't believe the cyst was related. Please keep her in your prayers.

One day the girls found a dachshund in our back yard. She was very friendly, and we wondered how she got into our yard. We found a place in the wall between our yard and the neighbor's where she was able to slip through. It turns out the neighbor had found the dog literally lying in the road in a nearby village. She decided to adopt her since she did not have any identification. Long story short, we get to "share" this sweet dog with our neighbor! Our girls have a dog ("Peanut") to play with, but the dog has someone to care for her when we're gone. Perfect!



### Praises

- For God's help in finalizing the property purchase
- For a relaxing time of family vacation
- For the generous gifts toward the property and building project. We are over half-way to our goal of \$35,000.

### Prayer Requests

- For the family of Teodor from Luncsoara who suffered a stroke in February and passed away on March 8
- Wisdom as we select an architect, make plans, and assemble permits for the new building
- Furlough housing in the Cincinnati, OH area

*May the Lord bless your involvement in our work in Romania.*

*Dave, Ruth, Celeste, and Amber*