

The Kimmel Family

Reaching Romania for Christ

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For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10)

This verse, though often overlooked, tells of the care that Our Lord Jesus Christ had for us when He created us and continues to have for us now as His followers. We have value. We are precious in His sight. We also have a responsibility to live righteously and to serve Him.

Furlough Activities

In January we resumed our meetings with supporting churches. To be honest, the winter weather caught us a bit off guard. We experienced the Polar Vortex firsthand in Northwest Ohio during the first week of January. Three weeks later we left home a day early to avoid another winter storm. Praise God for His protection as He has allowed us to maintain our schedule without any accidents or cancellations.

Also in January Dave had the privilege of being trained in Weavers, a new evangelism training method for reaching oral learners by weaving together conversation with Bible stories. It facilitates long-term relationships as it is intended to be used over several meetings with each story building on the last one. After the fifth story, the person is given the opportunity to pray and receive Christ. Dave is anxious to hone this approach so that we can begin using it in our ministry among the Roma.

Often as we visit in the churches, Ruth has a chance to share a testimony from the perspective of a wife and mother. She does so enthusiastically, and several have commented on how they were challenged by her openness and transparency.

In February we participated in a mission conference in Cincinnati. How refreshing it was to see the Lord moving in the lives of people of the church. It was a pleasure to get reacquainted with folks as well as encourage two families who are actively seeking the Lord's will concerning serving in full-time missions. Numerous people stayed after each service to talk and ask questions. Throughout our stay we ate and ate some more and were blessed by many expressions of appreciation and gifts.

God's Provision

Several additional gifts come in toward the building project. We now have sufficient funds not only finish the remainder of the interior, but also most of the exterior once the weather is warmer. Less than \$5,000 is still needed for this project.

Recently the heater control in our van stopped working. It turns out some of the wires had melted behind the panel. Our mechanic said that the part would be over \$600 if it was still available, but they were able to rewire the panel for only \$60. Praise the Lord for His provision in unique ways!

Luncsoara Update

Nearly a month has passed since Nelica's death. She was the woman in our church with the serious heart condition. Funerals are often a real challenge for the Roma. They last for three days, and family members often must scramble to find enough money for the burial expenses as well as food for the extended family and friends who attend. In addition where the person will be buried is often unknown for the Roma, especially if they are not part of the Orthodox Church. Both were true for Nelica. This adds much stress in a time of intense pain and loss. The Warners and the mayor were able to resolve this both for Nelica's family and future burials for the Roma.

Life for Nelica's daughter, Ramona, remains uncertain. She is currently living with her aunt in another village, so we may not see her very much any more. Her stepfather has also left Luncsoara and has told her not to ask him for help. Please continue to keep them in prayer.

Family News

Amber has enjoyed being part of two YMCA classes for homeschoolers, Gym & Swim and Art. She enjoys spending time with other children, learning new skills, and going on field trips with Ruth. Celeste participated in the 8th grade spelling bee. She did extremely well for a beginner even though there was very little time for practice and coaching.

Praises

- Additional funds that have been received for the building
- Safe travels through the wintery weather
- Training in the Weavers method for reaching oral learners
- New support, which should bring us to 100% before we leave for the field

Prayer Requests

- For Nelica's daughter, Ramona, and her stepfather
- March furlough meetings as we will be in nine churches, including two mission conferences
- Final preparations and clearance for our departure April 20
- For more people to answer God's call to serve Him in full-time missions

Please continue to uplift us in prayer during furlough.

Dave, Ruth, Celeste, and Amber

