

The Kimmel Family

Reaching Romania for Christ

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And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, Nehemiah 1:4

When you read the book of Nehemiah, it does not take long to realize that Nehemiah was a man of prayer and faith. He openly shared his feelings with the Lord and sought His counsel. When he heard the report about the walls of the city of Jerusalem he wept and prayed. When he confronted those who were opposed to the work they were doing, he called on the Lord for wisdom and protection. We can learn a lot from Nehemiah's testimony and his walk with the Lord.

Ministry News

As February draws to a close, we are rejoicing in the Lord's goodness to us. Winter is not the easiest time of year to minister due to shorter days, cold weather, snow, illness, etc. However, we have seen how the Lord can use these months when people are home and outdoor work is limited. Our attendance has risen, and we have seen numerous new faces.

This past Sunday three young ladies ages 14 and up came forward to receive Christ. Each of them come have difficult home situations, and we pray that as they grow in the Lord they will make wise choices in life. A fourth girl came forward this past Thursday. These are exciting times as we have waited patiently to see God's Word penetrate hearts.

Ruth has been doing more teaching the past two months as Kim has needed to be home with sick children. This is yet another reason why we so appreciate working in a team. In January Ruth began a 5-week series during the Thursday combined children's class. Called "Whiter Than Snow", the story is an adaptation of Patricia M. St. John's book, *Treasures in the Snow*. The children were very interested in the story's pre-teen boy and girl who were enemies but became friends after coming to Christ. Ruth followed up the 5-part story with two weeks of activities which addressed the themes of sin, revenge, forgiveness, and change, and then applied them to the Roma children's daily lives. Thank you for praying for us!

Unexpected Setback

We do have some sad news to share. Upon our return from the EEC, we learned that one of our members had left her husband and was living in another community with another man. Pray that in spite of this setback, God's name will be glorified. Praise the Lord we have not sensed hostility toward us or the church. Pray for this husband who is confused and wondering what to do. We pray for her return and restoration in the marriage. That becomes more difficult each day that goes by.

European Enrichment Conference (EEC)

The BMM EEC took place in February on the island of Malta. Although the weather was blustery at times, the scenery was lovely. And the sessions were very practical for missionaries and their families.



Kid's Corner



Over 25 children attended the EEC. MKs have a way of breaking the ice and making new friends. At meal times our girls loved being big sisters to the younger MKs. They'll always cherish these times.

The girls each lost their guinea pigs only about a month apart late last year. So we offered to let Peanut



become an "indoor dog" (at least during the day). It has worked well, and she loves being at their side. She has adapted quite well. See for yourself!

Dave has been continuing to play the guitar each week as he learns more songs. Since construction has ended we have been wanting to add a keyboard so the girls can play special music and accompany when we sing as a church. An area Baptist church had an extra keyboard they were not using, and they offered it to us. Celeste has an ear for learning new songs, and she and Dave plan to play together more and more.

Praises

- Recent decisions by four young ladies in Luncsoara
- Refreshment and fellowship at the EEC
- Strong attendance during the winter months

Prayer Requests

- For the family in our church whose marriage is under attack
 - Discipleship of new believers and more salvation decisions
 - Teams and individuals our team will be hosting this summer
- Praising the Lord for His ongoing work in young lives.*

Dave, Ruth, Celeste, and Amber