

The Kimmel Family

Reaching Romania for Christ

Spring 2019

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

The context of verse 9 is Paul's revelation that he had been stricken by Satan with a thorn in the flesh, which he had asked the Lord three times to remove. However, the Lord's response to not take it away was followed by Paul's humble response.

These verses remind us of my (Dave) recent sleep apnea diagnosis, which led us to delay our return to the field. While sleep apnea is not as serious or debilitating as some conditions, it cannot be ignored. It requires treatment using modern devices and techniques that are not always available in Romania. Thankfully, God knows all about this, and He allowed me to begin treatment while we were still in the US.

When Our Plans Change

From our last letter, you may remember we were planning to return to Romania at the end of January. However, it became clear after my home sleep study, that this would require more time. The sleep specialist was determined to find the proper solution to this problem, which ended up leading to three lab sleep studies during the months of January and February. In the end, the studies revealed that I have a more difficult type of apnea to treat. Fortunately, the latest equipment allows for automatic pressure regulation based on the patient's needs, so this was what was recommended. Nevertheless, this has been an adjustment, as I now need to sleep with a mask, clean and maintain the equipment, and keep the necessary supplies on hand to ensure optimal treatment.

Once the correct device was identified, it took two more weeks to receive it and begin treatment. March 8 was my first night, and it has been going well so far. This is an answer to prayer as I had wanted time to use the equipment before leaving the US. My doctor is pleased with my results, and he will continue to monitor my progress remotely. I am already sleeping better.

Return to Romania

We are scheduled to leave the US on Friday, March 29. We will leave Cleveland around 2PM on Friday and arrive in Budapest at 10:40 AM on Saturday, March 30. Then we have approximately 4 hours to drive until we arrive home. Pray for safety as we travel and for strength for the journey.

While our extended stay has allowed us more time to rest as well as take care of some other items that would have needed to wait until our next furlough, we are all ready to return to Romania

and resume the work we have there. We are very blessed to be a part of a ministry team that allows for these unexpected changes, and we appreciate all the work that the Warners and Nicki Carr have done to continue in our absence and help pave the way for a smooth return.

Amber is looking forward to being back home as well as seeing her friends. The three of us used our extra time in the US to visit some colleges that we would not have been able to do otherwise. It has also given us some added time with Celeste, which she has appreciated as she approaches the end of her freshman year.

Celeste has also been selected to be a member of the team from Cedarville University that will be serving in Romania for two weeks this summer. She will be primarily helping as interpreter, but she will also be able to use her experience in our ministry. She will be sharing more about her upcoming trip and how you can get involved in a separate letter.

Luncsoara News

Our teammates have expressed that this year there seems to be an even larger number of adults, as well as some teens, leaving the community to work temporarily in Western Europe. They sense that this summer there will be far fewer adults around and that the children will be even less supervised. Pray for us that we can continue to provide a positive influence in their lives and that they will be protected physically and spiritually while their parents are away.

The Teen Choir is busy rehearsing for an Easter program, so please be in prayer for them. Also, our teammates just finished hosting a team from Nicki Carr's home church. They spent much of their time painting the church. We are looking forward to seeing the vibrant colors when we return! Pray for Nicki as she will be traveling back to the US for her furlough.

Praises

- Diagnosis of Dave's sleep apnea and new treatment
- More time together as a family
- Celeste's selection to serve on the Cedarville Romania team this summer

Prayer Requests

- Safety as we return to Romania 3/29-30
 - Upcoming Easter program in Luncsoara
 - Families who are separated for long periods for work
- Ready to return to Romania for our third term!*

Dave, Ruth, Celeste, and Amber