

The Kimmel Family

Reaching Romania for Christ

July/August 2012

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

Paul writes of the salvation of the believers in Thessalonica. The Lord worked in their lives despite the fact that many of the Jews did not want them to be saved. The same is true today. Satan tries to prevent God's Word from reaching those who need it most. We have seen that firsthand in Luncsoara. Thankfully some of those people are starting to come back.

Ministry Update

In August we held VBS in Luncsoara for 60 kids. Ruth directed the program and taught the Bible story each day. Themes each day were patience, honesty, and contentment. Our teammates, Travis and Becky Gravely, were a big help



too. Becky taught the animal lessons that followed the theme of the Bible lessons. Travis was responsible for game time. We were also privileged to have a puppet team each day. They also helped with game time and snacks at the end of each day.

Church Growth

The Lord has brought back two families who had worshipped with us last year but had left to start another church. It has been difficult the past year between our members and the other group. Before the Warners left on furlough Luke had been telling us that we needed to be ready to welcome them back. That has been exactly how our members have responded. Praise the Lord!

On a sad note, during the last week before the Warners left on furlough, Luke was asked to perform the funeral for Florentina, a former member who died after a long illness. She was only 23 and left behind her husband, Silviu, and their two-year-old son, Sami. We hoped this would bring Silviu back to the Lord. Unfortunately that



has not been the case. Pray that the Lord works in his life and that he will start coming to church again.

Property Purchase

We recently learned of a property for sale in Lucsoara that borders the Gypsy community. This would be ideal since it is already zoned, it has good access, and there is a small two-room house where we can begin meeting immediately. In addition the property is large enough to build a new building.

The house would be adequate for now, but it needs some work. We would prefer to invest the funds in a new building that will be big enough for years to come. Our desire is to begin construction next spring. We will be



sharing more about this in the coming months. In the meantime, if you would like to give toward the property, which is roughly \$8500, or for future construction expenses, you may send your gift to Baptist Mid-Missions. Please specify Romania Luncsoara Church (Project #804903).

Praises

- Samuel was not as seriously injured as originally thought. He was out of the casts just a few days after the accident.
- Florin had surgery to repair a ligament in his hand. He was in a splint for two weeks, but now he is completely healed.
- Maritza, had her surgery and bone marrow biopsy at the end of July. The biopsy was negative, and she should be starting home dialysis soon if not already.
- President Basescu remains in office after the referendum failed to reach a quorum.

Prayer Requests

- Ongoing political turmoil following the referendum vote July 29. The economic impact will begin to be felt this fall.
- Like much of the US, Romania is dealing with widespread drought. Many who rely on wells do not have water now.
- For the purchase of the property in Luncsoara, that the owner will finish the necessary paperwork and remain patient.

Thank you for helping us reach Romania for Christ!

Dave, Ruth, Celeste, and Amber