

The Kimmel Family

Reaching Romania for Christ

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If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. (Philippians 2:1-2)

Dear Praying Friends and Ministry Partners,

Paul is calling for unity among the Philippian believers. He tells them to search deep inside and let the Holy Spirit guide them toward better relationships. What is the key to unity? Putting the needs of others before our own. When we do, we don't have time for petty differences and selfish desires.

Life In Romania

It is hard to believe we have already reached six months in Romania! We count it a privilege to be here, and we are striving to make the most of each day. Ruth recently received some questions from an Awana clubber for his missionary craft. We thought you would enjoy excerpts of her responses:

Are you meeting lots of new people? Yes, we are meeting a lot of people. We have met several of the people who live in our apartment building. I've also formed a relationship with the lady at my favorite little corner store. We chat a bit when I come in to buy milk, bread, and fruit.

Have you had a chance to share Christ with anyone yet?

It seems like everyone wants to know why we are here, so we tell them how God has called us to share the Gospel with Romanians and Gypsies. They can't believe we would leave America and come to Romania. Most Romanians want to go to America! We look forward to the day in which we can fully communicate the Gospel message in the Romanian language.

How is it in Romania? Life is much harder here than in the U.S. The economic crisis has been particularly rough. The Romanian people are hard working, thrifty, and resourceful. Most earn very little compared to the U.S. and many work more than one job to support themselves and their families. But they don't complain; they are just happy to be working.

What kinds of foods do you eat? Chocolate, chocolate, chocolate! There's so much GREAT chocolate here! We have a lot of other good treats here, too. Langoș is a yummy, sweet, fried pancake that you can eat plain or with cheese, chocolate, or jam on top. Another great pastry is called Fornetti. Celeste and Amber are good at finding the orange Fornetti stands!

As for healthy food, Romanians eat a lot of bread, potatoes, carrots, and other vegetables, as well as fresh fruits such as apples, oranges, pears, peaches, and grapes. For meat they eat mostly pork and chicken. However, they don't eat much beef.

Vehicle Purchase

We are thankful to the Lord for allowing us to purchase a 2007 Chevy Captiva SUV. We carefully considered the options and the advice of our teammates. An SUV is best suited to the rough roads and rugged terrain that we will encounter in traveling to Gypsy communities. The Captiva has all-wheel drive and 7 seats, so we can take additional passengers besides our family. It is also an automatic, which is quite rare. In the city roads are narrower, and cars are often parked wherever there is available space. Another blessing is the price—about half of a new one.



Kid's Corner

Celeste and Amber recently finished a 10-week art class and have started another one. Most of the projects they are doing involve sewing or making crafts with felt and yarn. This class is just one of several ways we have encouraged our girls to make Romanian friends and learn the language.

Having a vehicle has also made it possible to take the girls to Awana on Saturday mornings. This past Saturday evening (3/6) they recited a short poem in Romanian for a Spring Celebration the church had for the children and parents.

Video Update

We recently made a short video update for one of our supporting churches that we wanted to share with you. It is available from the home page of our web site under "2010 Ministry Update" or from our Facebook group.

Praises

- Purchase of a good used vehicle.
- Ruth's back is feeling better.
- Continued progress in learning Romanian.

Prayer Requests

- For Dave's mom as she undergoes chemo therapy.
- For balance in learning the language, family responsibilities, and future ministry direction.
- For our team as we seek to form a new religious association that will eventually allow us to secure long-stay visas.

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support.

Dave, Ruth, Celeste, and Amber