

The Kimmel Family

Reaching Romania for Christ

March/April 2013

From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. (Psalm 61:2-3)

Our family has been reading through Psalms in our family devotions. This Psalm in particular is a wonderful reminder of the Lord's sustaining grace in our lives. Whether you feel overwhelmed or you are in the midst of a trial, God is faithful. He is our Rock, and He will be your Strong Tower.

Ministry News

We now have a plan for the building and we are waiting for the engineering drawings and blueprints to submit everything to the mayor's office. We are pleased with the design as we wanted something that could be easily constructed using the materials and construction techniques common to the area.



The building will cover an area of approximately 164 square meters or 1765 square feet. There will be an auditorium and two classrooms separated by an office. One classroom is adjacent to the auditorium so

mothers with young children can see and hear the services. Lord willing, our permits will be approved in early June. That will be perfect timing as our teammates are expecting a group to come help us with the work during the third week of June.

In preparation for construction several men built a wooden bridge over a small stream that must be crossed to reach our property. They used some of the left-over beams



from the demolition and dug a trench to direct the water beneath it. It is very strong and should serve us well for the years to come. Then in April we spent three days pulling the stones out of the foundations of the old buildings and putting

two loads of gravel down at the entrance to the property. It was a lot of work, but now we are ready for a bulldozer to level the ground and begin digging the foundation for the new building.

Pray for Unity

We are continually reminded of the need for unity in the church. Last year we were up against those who wanted to start a competing church in the community. This year it seems to be work at the church property. Expectations for who works and what they will receive can quickly cause friction and disunity. We must constantly balance the desire to help those who need work with the reality that some simply want to profit from the church. Sometimes our decisions create hard feelings in the community, and our members are blamed for influencing us. We know that it all comes back to a lack of thankfulness. We covet your prayers as we move into the bigger projects related to the building that there will be peace and that our church family remains strong.

Kid's Corner

Ruth recently taught the importance of shining our light for the world to see. During class, she lit a lantern to show that God places His light within us when He saves us and that He wants us to shine it freely so that others will be attracted to the Light. Ruth then taught the children a new song, which they loved—the Romanian version of "This Little Light of Mine", complete with motions.



Praises

- Celeste is feeling better and seems to be back to normal.
- For a Christian architect who collaborated with us to develop a simple yet functional design for the building.
- Documents for the construction of the building are in progress and several have been approved.

Prayer Requests

- Unity in the church and the community
- Permits for construction to be received by early June
- Busy summer schedule for our teammates as several teams and students considering missions come to visit
- Upcoming furlough beginning July 2 and housing near our sending church in Cincinnati, OH

We look forward to seeing many of you during our furlough.

Dave, Ruth, Celeste, and Amber