

The Kimmel Family

Reaching Romania for Christ

March/April 2014

And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that, being as I am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in. (Nehemiah 6:11)

Nehemiah is an example of daily dependence on the Lord. He and his co-laborers were under tremendous pressure as they sought to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem. They were threatened (Neh. 6:6-7). They were mocked (Neh. 2:19). They were even lied to (Neh. 6:10-13). Had Nehemiah depended on his own wisdom, he may have given in to Israel's enemies. God protected Nehemiah and kept him focused on the work.

Final Meetings; Saying Goodbye

In March we had a full schedule of meetings with lots of travel. Winter weather continued to be a concern throughout the month as we traveled throughout Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. God was with us, and we made it safely to our destinations and back without incident.

In April we shifted our attention to our departure. We also had numerous items that had been donated throughout our furlough school supplies, as well as personal belongings that needed to be shipped to Romania. Dave's father was a big help transporting everything to the shipping company outside Troy, MI. We also enjoyed spending one last time with our families and several close friends from church.

Return to Romania

We began our trip on April 20 and arrived back in Romania on April 24 after a mini-retreat in Budapest with our teammates and three other families serving with BMM in Eastern Europe. We missed the first day as our flight was delayed due to mechanical problems. At first we were disappointed with the last-minute change in plans, but we were glad to have an extra day to relax after a busy month leading up to our departure. United took very good care of us too by providing two rooms at the airport Hilton in Chicago and meal vouchers.

Luncsoara Update

The last Sunday in April was our first Sunday back with our church family in Luncsoara. The initial awkwardness quickly faded as we got reacquainted and became more comfortable speaking Romanian again. In many ways it felt like we had never left except for now we have a beautiful building to worship within. God has blessed tremendously over the past year. We praise Him for all He has done and continues to do.

Dave will be having an active role in the remaining work at the property. Much of the interior is done, but there is work to be done outside, including the painting of the building and the construction of a permanent storage shed and bathroom

facility. We will probably need to have some additional plans drawn up before this work begins. However, we believe this process should go more quickly than before. Pray that we can continue to take advantage of the warmer weather.

Family News

Amber decided early in our furlough that she wanted to donate some of her hair. The week before we left the U.S., she donated 9 inches to the Pantene Beautiful Lengths program.



Celeste ended her time at Cincinnati Christian with a trip to Washington D.C. with the 8th grade class. The highlight for her was being one of four students selected to lay a wreath on behalf of the school at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.



Praises

- Fellowship and blessings during our final month of meetings
- Time to say goodbye to family, our sending church, and dear friends
- Safety throughout our journey back to Romania
- Encouragement and fellowship with our teammates and BMM co-workers from Eastern Europe
- Getting reacquainted with several Romanian families during our open house

Prayer Requests

- Ruth and the girls during the final month of school
- Dave as he assumes more responsibility with the building in Luncsoara
- For us to develop a closer relationship with a neighbor who lives alone and has been unfriendly at times

Thank you for your part in sending us back to Romania!

Dave, Ruth, Celeste, and Amber