

The Kimmel Family

Reaching Romania for Christ

May/June 2012

[The Bereans] were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.
(Acts 17:11)

When Paul and Silas had to leave Thessalonica for their safety, they were sent to Berea. The Bible says that the Bereans were especially attentive to God's Word and searched the Scriptures daily. This is an important reminder to every believer to have a desire to be in God's Word and to make time to study it daily.

Ministry Update

Dave has been preaching a series of messages on the life of Hezekiah. Hezekiah is thought of as one of the greatest kings in the history of Judah. We studied his good attributes like his faith, humility, and his prayer life. We likewise looked at how he confronted pride in his life. The last message dealt with his prosperity and the Lord's blessings in his life.

During the month of June our teammates, Luke and Kim Warner, were in Budapest for the birth of their daughter. Luciana (Lucy) Abigail Warner was born on June 24. While they were away we had a solid month of "practice" for when they will be away on furlough starting in August. Praise the Lord for His help in Dave's sermon preparation and Ruth's lessons for the children. Church attendance has remained steady, which is good for the summer when people often need to be away for work.

In June we also had the privilege of hosting Erica, a junior from Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, IA. She was with us for eight days and made the most of her time here. She participated in three services in



Luncsoara as well as a service in Osorhei and in Cheri. Ruth translated Eric's testimony so she was able to read it aloud in Romanian. The members were thrilled. Recently Celeste has begun teaching herself to play some of the songs from church on the piano. Erica learned the flute part to one of the songs, and they played a duet on her final night with us.

The land situation remains unchanged. We are still waiting to see if the owner of the building we are interested in can arrange all the necessary paperwork. Keep praying!

Since many of the people who attend our church do not read, we felt it would be good to learn a passage of Scripture together during the summer. We chose Titus 2:11-15 since it sums up what the Christian life is all about—how we are saved by grace, how we have the promise that Jesus Christ is coming again, and how we are to be living for Him each day until He returns.



Recent Political Changes

This year has been marked by increasing political turmoil in Romania. As with much of Europe people are unhappy with the government's austerity measures over the past several years. The Parliament has made a number of controversial decisions culminating in the impeachment of President Basescu on July 6. There will be a referendum vote on July 29, which could end his presidency. Pray for a definitive resolution and that justice will prevail. Read more about the current political situation at www.romaniannewswatch.com. We don't believe these changes will have any direct impact on our work. However, Romania is now under greater scrutiny by the EU, and we may start to see prices go up, as the Romanian currency continues to fall against the Euro and Dollar.

Praises

- God's help in June as we led the Luncsoara church plant
- Andreea is doing well, and she is walking without crutches
- Erica's time of ministry with us and safe travels

Prayer Requests

- For healing for Florin who broke his hand on 7/9 and Samuel, 13, who had a bad accident on his bike on 7/7. He broke his arm and leg and has two casts.
- Political situation in Romania and referendum vote July 29
- For our friend's daughter, Maritza. She still needs surgery to allow her to begin home dialysis. Her platelet count is low, so they plan to do a bone marrow biopsy at the same time.
- Upcoming summer ministry, VBS, and additional responsibilities during the Warner's furlough

Pray for Romania and our ongoing ministry to the Gypsies.

Dave, Ruth, Celeste, and Amber