

# The Kimmel Family

## Reaching Romania for Christ

May/June 2013

*The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.* (Psalm 118:22)

We have been thinking a lot about building lately. The past two months were a whirlwind of activity as we wrapped up the necessary paperwork to begin construction in Luncsoara while getting ready to leave for the U.S. on furlough. This verse reminds us of the integral role that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ plays in the the Church. No matter what we do, without Him our work is in vain. He is not only the foundation. He is our cornerstone!

### Ministry News

Throughout May and most of June we continued to wait for permits to begin construction. As we waited we received an unexpected blessing. One day a large bulldozer was working in our area. In between projects he was able to level the ground and dig a new driveway inside our property as well as repair the road at rear of our property to provide easier access from the Roma community. This was completely unexpected, and saved us the expense of having to hire a bulldozer for a day.

In June Dave met with three companies to solicit offers to pour the foundation for our building. We received two offers, one that was very competitive and another that was very expensive. In the end we selected the first offer. Dave has gotten to know the owner of the company quite well, and we hope that he may be a help with other aspects of the construction once the foundation is laid. We also pray that he will visit our church. His name is Ionel. Please pray for his salvation.

On Friday, June 20, we officially received our authorization for construction. This is what we have really been waiting for these last five months since purchasing the property. Dave also learned of a brother from a nearby church who helped us drill a new well next to the construction site and future building.

During the last week of June, Luke and Kim Warner hosted a work team from one of their supporting churches. They made tremendous progress building a new wall at the front of our property. Dave was able to order all the materials for the project in the midst of getting ready for our departure.

June 30 marked our final Sunday with our church family in Luncsoara. It was a bittersweet time of tears and goodbyes. We wanted so much to be there during the construction and the beautiful summer months. On the other hand we knew that our family, friends, and ministry partners were anxiously awaiting our return. We are thankful to be a part of a team so that the ministry can continue while any one of us is away. In the meantime, please be praying for our teammates, Luke and Kim

Warner as they not only have their normal ministry responsibilities but also will be hosting several groups this summer and fall.

### Furlough Housing

We wanted to also share how the Lord worked to provide housing for our furlough. In May we learned of a furnished house for rent only five minutes from our sending church. This was a true answer to prayer. But the exciting part is the way the Lord worked. A deacon from our church was visiting a member at a rehabilitation center who was in the same room with the owner of the home who is a widow and no longer able to live alone. The question came up if he knew anyone looking for a house to rent. Long story short, he told them about us, and the rest of the details immediately fell in place. The home is exactly what we needed. It's furnished and in an ideal location just minutes from our sending church and friends and next to a playground. Many folks from the church helped clean the home, fill the cupboards, and arrange everything. The girls even have their own rooms and a big backyard! Praise the Lord for his provision!

### Kid's Corner

One of the hardest parts of preparing for furlough was finding a place for our furry friends. One of the families on our team had agreed to care for the girls' guinea pigs several months ago, but more recently we needed to find a place for our dachshund, Peanut, to stay. Less than a week before we left, the Lord led us to a family in Oradea who are watching her for us. This was a huge answer to prayer for our family, and especially Celeste and Amber who love having her as a pet.

### Praises

- Authorization for construction was received on June 20.
- A reputable builder to pour the foundation for the building.
- A beautiful, furnished home to stay in near our sending.
- Safe arrival in the U.S. to start our furlough.

### Prayer Requests

- For our teammates and the guests they will be hosting.
- Construction of the church in Luncsoara.
- Opportunities to witness to those who are working at the property.
- Upcoming furlough meetings beginning September 1.

*Thank you for faithfully uplifting our family in prayer.*

*Dave, Ruth, Celeste, and Amber*