

Encourage & Equip

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Please pray...

Praise for:

- God's awesome works, great deeds, abundant goodness and His righteousness.
- The encouragement that Marcus & Taylor's visit brought to our whole family.
- The training that we have received & chances to put it into practice.
- Positive & encouraging changes in our local church in this past year.
- God's provision through the generosity of his people.

Prayer for:

- Clear & effective communication at the upcoming training seminars.
- Many children to hear & respond to the gospel through the evangelistic Christmas programs.
- The implementation of the Romanian classes for French speaking immigrants.
- God to continue to provide all that we need to keep serving here.
- Total dependence on God and trust that He is at work in all seasons.

Dear Friends and Family,

"What's that word over there? Lugoj? That's where you used to live right?" These were the words of Marcus Reeves, lead pastor from Crossroads Christian Church on a recent visit with this son, Taylor. Marcus was one of the first people that I talked to at Crossroads when I first wanted to come to Romania back in 2002 to serve with disabled children at a state institution in Lugoj, 50kms east of Timisoara. This is the first pastoral visit we have ever had, so it was with much joy that we were able to spend time together, show them around, pray together and reflect on what God has done over these past 26 years. Whether you have joined us on our journey recently or have been with me before I knew Adi existed, let alone Anna and Luca, we thank God for you and we value and appreciate your partnership in this journey. There have been seasons of rich abundance and joy, others of drought and despair, and others filled with the daily hard work of tilling and working the ground. But we journey on together, united, knowing that God will equip each one of us with the guidance, direction, perseverance, patience, wisdom, courage and grace throughout every season of life. Thank you for journeying with us through it all Together may we tell of the power of God's awesome works and proclaim His great deeds. May we celebrate His abundant goodness and joyfully sing of His righteousness (Psalm 145:6-7).



Time for training!

As many of you know it has been our long-term desire to train and equip local leaders to share the gospel with children in Romania. This desire has taken different forms over the years, but now that we are partners with AMEC (Child Evangelism Fellowship), this training is starting to gain structure and momentum. In October, Adi attended a two-week intensive training at the AMEC Institute in Sibiu, called 'Instruction of Teachers'. This training has given him the tools to be able to start assisting with the training that AMEC delivers to its teachers and volunteers. More opportunities provided themselves when the entire Timis county volunteer team was able to attend the training to teach us how to deliver the training seminar for how church volunteers can use "Light of the World", the evangelistic program that AMEC has prepared for this Christmas season, in their own churches and communities. Excitingly, we will be able to put this training straight into use. During November the team will be giving this training seminar in five locations in two counties in the west of Romania. Please pray with us throughout our preparation, and that we will be clear and effective in communicating how to use the "Light of the World" material. Pray also with us that many volunteers would be encouraged and equipped to share the gospel with children in their communities during this Christmas season and that lives will be transformed by Jesus, the light of the world.

One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.
PSALM 145:4

Evangelism Evaluation...

If some of you can remember back to this time last year, we shared that our local church was going through a challenging time and that strategic changes needed to be made for the church to continue to be viable. Our church decided to make a commitment to implementing strategic changes in various areas. At our most recent annual thanksgiving church retreat in October, we reflected on this past year and the implementation of these changes. As members of the church shared, it was encouraging to see that there have been positive internal changes, especially in regards to prayer. On reflection, however, it was clear that we need to look outwards and serve the community around us more intentionally and consistently. In relation to this, a French speaker from Benin has started to attend our church and through him, church members have made connections with other French speaking immigrants. Efforts are now being made to hold Romanian language classes, taught in French, to be able to serve and reach out to the ever-growing immigrant population here in Timisoara. We are praying that this will be a way that we can care for them and share the gospel with them also. Our church will hold a further review when our next AGM will be held in Feb-March 2025. Please pray that our local church will continue to seek God's will for the future of our local fellowship and that our family will know how to encourage and support them through this season.



Impact of Inflation...

God has been so incredibly faithful to us for so many years and through the generosity of the body of Christ, we have always had sufficient funds to cover the cost of living and serving here in Romania. We know and trust that God will continue to provide, but we were advised to give you all a little update on our financial situation. When ECMI set their allowance levels for 2024 they took into account the inflation experienced in each country. Of the countries that ECM serves in, Romania had one of the highest inflation rates at 7.8%. In consultation with the ECM Australia, it was decided to raise our salary to reflect the rise in inflation, as we certainly had been 'feeling the pinch', along with many others the world over. Currently our support levels are not high enough to meet this new allowance and so we have been using up funds that gathered at previous times. Our current support level is at 82%, so we are still needing to raise another \$1577 a month to reach 100%. Whilst we are okay for the moment, we were advised that the current levels are not sustainable long term and that we need to seek more regular support. We understand that the cost of living has also risen in many other parts of the world and that many people are not in a position to increase their current support or start to partner with us in this way. But if you are interested and able to partner with us in this way or if you have any questions feel free to contact the ECM office at donor.relations@ecmaustralia.org or reach out and contact us.

Thank you again for your support, encouragement and prayers, especially with the start of a new school year for Anna and Luca in September. Luca's start to formal schooling has been full of both joys and challenges, for everyone involved. We appreciate and treasure your prayers for us a family. Please join with us in prayer that the Lord would unite us as a family and that we would be grounded in His word and filled to overflowing with His love, grace and forgiveness.

In His Strength, Adi, Jennifer, Anna and Luca

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