

Hello Family, Friends and Prayer Supporters!

Thanks so much for your continued prayer and encouragement regarding our ministry in Romania. Our apologies that it has been a number of weeks since we last updated our email prayer group. It has been a very busy season through December and January here in Romania.



Most Klub (Jr High Ministry) continues to go very well. We had a number of highlights in Jr High Ministry in the last couple of months. The group did a great job with a Christmas drama presentation depicting the Christmas story from the backdrop of a contemporary newscast. The script was written by two young adults in our church, and the Most Klub presented the drama in both the Reformed church and Baptist church here in the village. They did a great job. We were also excited because we has a chance to witness a number of our Jr Highers on skates for the first time. There are a couple of small sheets of ice in the city closest to our village. It is a lot of fun watching rookie skaters trying to get their feet underneath them. 😊 And then just last night we had a full house of teens and served them 'Mexican' food for the first time (soft tacos). I do not think we converted very many away from their love of Hungarian food, but numerous teens stayed late into the evening to hang out and build relationship.



Our NAB team helped to lead a Winter Camp at Camp Falcon Rock for sixty five young adults. Ian and Pastor Laci (the pastor in our village) both spoke through the theme of knowing God's will and standing firm in that. The young adults responded very well to the preached Word of God and He was at work in many lives.

The NAB team is doing well. One significant hiccup in the Bergman's education plan has changed their trajectory in daily schedule. As you may remember, Elsie Lewandowski returned to Canada in December. The Bergman's plan was to enrol their children in public school here in Romania. The met with school administration and established a good plan for the children to be enrolled in school starting after Christmas. However, 'out of the blue' three days before the Christmas break was to end and students return to school, the principal called and kiboshed the plan of three Canadians joining the school in Zalau. This was a great surprise and certainly not what we were anticipating for the kids school year. So Erin is homeschooling again and will do so for the remainder of this academic year. We are hopefully that the children will be able to enter a school near the field house in the fall.

Our National Missionaries, Miriam Modi, as well as Tamas & Tunde Modi are doing very well and serving very faithfully.

Progress at Camp Falcon Rock has slowed significantly as funds are very tight right now. Inflationary costs, the war in Ukraine, and economic uncertainty in North America has all contributed to decreased giving and increased expenditures. We trust in the Lord's timing and provision and are so happy to see how the camp does develop little by little. We are thankful for how the Lord provides.

Ian preached a lot through December and into January. There were many church gatherings over Christmas and New Year, and he was preaching at least once or twice a day. This past Saturday, he and

some of the older youth gathered with numerous pastors and lay leaders at a missions conference. In a couple of weeks he will be ministering in a church in Brasov, Romania. He has also been asked to address the pastors of the HBC at their congress in early April. Preaching is a great privilege, and he is thankful for many opportunities here in Romania.

Nathan and Kendra have continued to do village life, school and ministry very well. They did not take much Christmas break from education as we took ten days in January to visit Israel, Jordan and a bit of western Europe. An update from our vacation would be significant, and some of you will have seen Karen's posts on Facebook, so if you would like to know more about our vacation, simply reach out. We would love to hear from you. We are also thankful as Karen's mom, Jan, is visiting for the next few weeks.



Ministry in the upcoming months will be busy. As mentioned, we will travel to Brasov in mid February. Then Karen and I are going to Sacramento at the end of February for meetings and an assessment process to discern where we may fit best in future ministry. The NAB has expressed desire to have us stay in Romania; however, they also have desire to see us serve in a church in North America if that is a better fit. We are prayerfully seeking the Lord's will for our next ministry and trusting that He will use this assessment to provide us some clarity about His desire for our future.

Starting in March we will begin to receive Canadian teams coming to serve at Camp Falcon Rock. We are very thankful as the first team is coming from Whitecourt, AB and will have numerous familiar faces! Kendra's best friend Lucy is on that team and so Kendra is extremely excited about two weeks with Lucy. We are also very excited that three members of the Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School (who have adopted us as their missionaries this year) have joined this Whitecourt team. Lord willing, Whitecourt will be the first of two Alberta teams this spring, with an American team to follow in July.

As always, we covet your pray and encouragement, please continue to pray with us in the following ways:

- 1) For continued relationship building in the lives of teens and young adults here in the village.
- 2) For effectiveness in preaching and teaching ministries.
- 3) For health and strength as we face the rigors of busy schedules both academically and with ministry.
- 4) For discernment of what God would have for us in the future.
- 5) For good family time as Jan visits.
- 6) For the preparation for North American teams visiting Romania.



Thanks for your prayer! Thanks for your support. We will try and make sure that we update you a little sooner in the next few weeks. However, if you are on Facebook, we do provide weekly updates on our page. Feel free to reach out if you would like to be added to that page.

Many Blessings our Friends!  
Karen, Ian, Nathan and Kendra