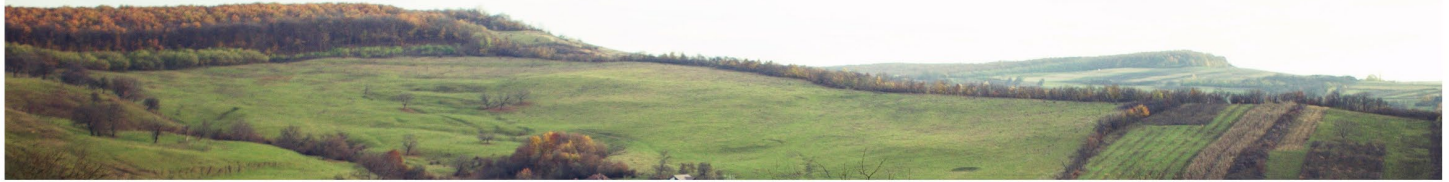




## *Ian & Karen Smith*

MISSIONARIES IN ROMANIA



**AUGUST 2022**

## PACKING, SORTING, AND ORGANIZING

### *Prayer*

- Please continue to pray for us in the month to come. Pray we would not let the busyness of life become the focus, rather that our hearts will remain steadfastly focused on our good God.
- Pray that God will be continuing to mold us to accomplish His purposes in our lives and through our role as Interim Field Directors in Romania.
- Pray for our rental house to sell.

### *Praises*

- We have been blessed to have been guided by the NAB in the process of learning how to raise financial support for our year. There is an extra challenge in trying to raise support quickly due to a short timeline. This is a new experience for us, and it is very humbling. Thank you to each of you who has decided to give of what you have to make this upcoming year a possibility.
- We have tickets booked for August 30, 2022. Our bags are not packed and ready to go, but we do have an ever-growing pile of items that we think we may need in our time away next year.

*But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;*

*we are the work of your hand.*

**ISAIAH 68:4 (ESV)**



Greetings friends and partners with us,

We would like to take a moment to update you on what has been going on in our lives in the past month or so since we accepted the call to go to Romania for a year.

Full-time ministry life has continued to be a big part of our day-to-day. On top of the regular opportunities for ministry, church life has been even more busy for Ian, with meetings and times of prayer regarding the future staffing and life of our local church and how to transition well. It is also camp season, and our family has been blessed with



participation in many weeks at a local camp. In addition to attending a week as a camper, Nathan is currently serving at his third week of camp as a counsellor. Kendra is also anticipating her second week of camp and is looking forward to spending it with many of her friends. Even as we write this letter, we are in the midst of preparing for a ten-day youth missions trip to the Northwest Territories in Canada. We will be working with a local church to run a Day Camp and a lunch program. The team will also be leading worship and sharing the Word on the Sunday morning that we are there. It is exciting to wonder what God will do in the lives of the teenagers, as well as in the lives of the people and children they will interact with.

As you can imagine, we have also been busy packing, sorting, and organizing, as well as finding homes for our 'critters.' Our acreage is a lot quieter

now, and it is a sign of how close we are to leaving here. Excitement is mounting in our household, although there is obviously a realization that many things in our lives are about to change.

Given that, we have been trying to be intentional in spending time with friends and family. This has been especially important for Karen and Kendra, our extroverts, who have been spending as much extra time as possible with people they love. We have had a rich time of ministry and friendship in our community and are thankful for the relationships that we have. There is also a feeling of thankfulness as we recognize that technology makes it possible to easily stay in touch. Along with that, there is a deep recognition that the opportunity to make new friendships and relationships is dawning, and we are excited to do that soon.

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