

# Encourage & Equip

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Dear Friends and Family,

We had hoped to be writing this prayer letter from Romania, but it seems as if God has other plans...read on...

## Proverbs in Practice

It's confession time.....This is not our first time round the block and to be honest we thought we had this support raising thing figured out...well did God have some lessons for us. Whilst we are both eager to return to Romania and have been doing all that we can to make that happen, we have been reminded to first bring it all before the Lord in prayer, to seek His guidance and listen to wise counsel from those around us. Proverbs 16:9 comes to mind, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps". We will need to remember the same lesson in Romania. Rather than getting too excited and jumping quickly at every opportunity before us, we will need to pray for God's direction and seek wise counsel. We thank God for His Word that reminds us to 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6). We are also thankful for the fellowship of other believers who join us in prayer and remind and encourage us to be dependent on him. Our hearts long to be back in Romania, but we know it is the Lord who will go before us and sets the time for our return.

## So...any idea when you are leaving yet?

We are thankful for all of you who have partnered with us and we trust that God has our financial support under his control. Our support levels have been slowly increasing and are currently at 65%. It is encouraging to know that we are 2/3 of the way there, but we still have 1/3 to go. Some people have shared with us that it would be helpful to break it down into more concrete figures. To get us to 80% (when we can book our tickets), we would need 30 more people at \$30 a month (just a dollar a day). Then, to get us the rest of the way to 100% we would need another 24 people to come on board at \$50 a month (\$12.50 a week). If you think you could partner with us (for any amount at all), it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to partner with us, please follow this link- <https://www.ecmaustralia.org/get-involved/give>, or contact us or the ECM office and we can show you how. If you have any questions in regards to our budget, feel free to contact us and we would be happy to share.

## Please pray...

### Praise for:

- The opportunities we have had to share our vision for ministry.
- Wonderful time spent with family over Easter.
- All those who have joined our support team.
- For the support and encouragement we have received from ECM.
- The further training opportunities we have received.
- Precious time spent with friends.

### Prayer for:

- Upcoming events in Sydney and Canberra.
- The remaining prayer and financial support to be raised.
- Patience as we await on God's timing for our return to Romania.
- Wisdom in how to raise Anna and Luca to love and serve our Lord.

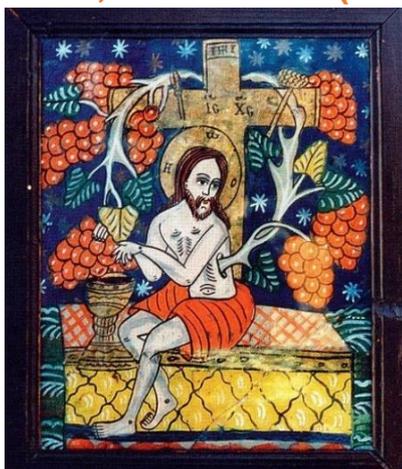


One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.  
PSALM 145:4

## So...what are you doing in the meantime?

We didn't plan to be still be in Australia, so some people have been asking, "so what are you doing now....?". Well the short answer is (apart from looking after 2 young kids) we are doing all that we can to get back to Romania. So, a lot of our time is spent working on support raising and planning. We had considered trying to find work, but it has proved practically impossible, as it is difficult to find work that's flexible enough to accommodate travelling, and we don't know how long we will be here. But Adi has been putting his practical skills to use and has helped with practical jobs at church and the ECM office. We have also used the extra time to catch up with some friends, which has been a wonderful encouragement. We are also continuing to do more training and we thoroughly enjoyed the SMBC Children's Ministry conference. We are also enrolled to attend a Kidwise training on "Growing Strong Ministry Teams". We are thankful to have the opportunity to keep receiving training which we can share with others.

## "Isus, Vita de Vie" (Jesus, the Vine of Life)



*"Că Tu ești Cel ce aduci și Cel ce Te aduci, Cel ce primești și Cel ce Te împarți, Hristoase, Dumnezeu nostru."*

*"For you are the One who offers and the One who is offered, the One who receives and the One who is given, O Christ our God."*

Adi bought me a hand painted copy of this icon from a monastery in north-eastern Romania while we were travelling with my family before our wedding. It immediately caught my attention and is one of my favourite images of Christ. The way in which Jesus is squeezing the grapes into the chalice from the very vine that is growing from the wound in his side is powerfully symbolic. It illustrates the sacrificial nature of Christ and his willingness to give of himself for others. As the above quote says, Jesus is not only the one who offers life to us, but it is offered through Him offering up his own life. It reminds and challenges us that as we seek to offer life to others, we too need to offer up our own lives as living sacrifices.

## Coming Soon...

We are excited to be holding "Road to Romania", an evening of prayer and partnership at Burwood Presbyterian Church on Saturday 26th May at 5:30pm. Come along and spend the evening enjoying delicious Romanian food, praying for the Lord's work in Romania and hearing about how you can partner with us. We are very thankful to have also been accepted as gospel partners with Crossroads Christian Church. We will be returning to Canberra between 2-12 June. If anyone in the Canberra region would like to catch up with us, please drop us a line, we'd love to see you.

Thanks so much for taking the time to read this newsletter and joining us on our journey back to Romania. If you'd like us to share with your church or Bible study we'd love to come, please contact us. We would love to hear from you, feel free to share anything that we can be praying for you.

God Bless, Adi, Jennifer, Anna & Luca

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