

Encourage & Equip

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Please pray...

Praise for:

- Precious face-to-face time with family.
- Encouraging time with church family all over NSW & ACT.
- Catching up with old friends and developing new relationships.
- God's faithful provision over the past four years.
- God's steadfast character and commitment to building His church.
- The body of Christ that works together to love, serve and share the gospel.

Prayer that:

- We would settle back smoothly in Romania.
- Anna and Luca as they start a new school year. Pray that it will be a positive beginning to another year of learning.
- God would give wisdom & perseverance as churches recover from the effects of Covid.
- God to raise up more financial partners for this coming term.
- God would guide our steps as we develop our ministry of encouraging and equipping local children's workers.

Dear Friends and Family,

We made it! We finally made it back to Australia! What a joy, blessing and encouragement it has been to be able to meet with so many of our Australian family and friends over the past 2 ½ months. June last year, when we were due for home assignment, 2022 seemed like an eternity away. But our time in Australia has come and is almost gone, as we head back to Romania on the 6th September. It has been a busy time travelling throughout New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory, spending time in over 12 towns and cities and clocking up 1000's of kms. Whilst at times it has been tiring, we are so thankful for the encouragement we have received as we have shared how God has been at work over these past four years. This last term may not have been how we envisioned, but God was at work forming us and building his church. For that we give Him thanks and praise.

Family Time



As many of you can understand, one of the hardest aspects of living overseas is the physical distance it puts between you and your extended family. Whilst we are so thankful for the blessing it is to have family in Romania and Germany on Adi's side, we do dearly miss our family here in Australia. Especially since having our own children, we have felt the disappointment of our kids not being able to grow up seeing their grandmother, aunts, uncle and cousins more frequently. Technology certainly helps draw us closer, but nothing can truly replace physical time together. That said, it was an absolute joy to be able to spend time with all the members of our extended family during our time here. We even managed a few hours all together to celebrate Luca's 5th birthday, which was a joyous, if not, a very loud affair. The time together is precious and we certainly do not take it for granted.

Empathy & Understanding

Just as we heard from our ECM colleagues at the most recent conferences we attended, Covid drastically affected churches all over world and we have heard similar, yet unique stories as we travelled. As we shared our journey with churches, bible studies, open meetings, prayer groups and with individuals, many people reflected back to us that they could empathise with the challenges and struggles we faced during Covid. We encountered individuals who were affected by disunity and division, churches who were affected by disunity and

One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

PSALM 145:4

division, churches who suffered dwindling attendance and are struggling to get people back to church physically, churches who are trying their best to engage and encourage their members and getting people back serving week by week. The scars left by Covid are deep, visible and not going to fade anytime soon. But we thank God that He is still at work and has not abandoned His church. He is working to heal and grow, encourage and empower, to equip his church to keep sharing the gospel and love of Jesus in our communities and all over the world. The world may be a different place now, but thankfully God is not. He is still the same faithful, loving, compassionate, merciful, trustworthy God, using his servants the world over to reach out to one another in love and grace.

Faithful Provision

As we have travelled, many of you have been curious to the state of our finances, especially given the current situation with inflation all over the world. Even through the toughest times of the pandemic, God has graciously and faithfully provided for all our physical and financial needs through generous and devoted supporters, for which we are immeasurably thankful. Whilst some supporters needed to either reduce or withdraw their support for various reasons over the past four years, God provided for us in other ways. But, like the world over, living costs have increased in Romania also and we have found ourselves in the position to need to increase our financial support levels for this coming term. We are trusting that God will raise up other financial supporters to partner with us to ensure that we can continue to serve in Romania full time. In a recent 'financial check-up', it showed that our current support level is at 90%, still needing to raise another \$702 a month to reach 100%. If you are interested in partnering with us or if you have any questions feel free to contact the ECM office at donor.relations@ecmaustralia.org or reach out and contact us.

What's next?

For those of you who have heard our presentation, you have been introduced to our desire to develop a 'consultancy' style ministry to encourage and equip local Romanian Christians to share the gospel with children in their churches and communities. The desire is to approach individual churches, who we have been recommended to and discuss their current situation of the children's ministry in their church and to ask what their vision for the future is. We would walk with them, pray with them and offer support, advice, encouragement, prayer and help them access the resources and trainings that exist in Romania. We are continuing to trust in God's guidance, making tentative plans, whilst keeping our eyes and hearts open for ways that God may bring this about. As it says in Proverbs 16:9, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."



In His Strength, Adi, Jennifer, Anna and Luca

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