



*April 22, 2026*

### *Mentorship*

We are excited to partner with PREACH Evangelistic Ministries by mentoring a new missionary family, Zachary and Emily White, along with their four boys. They have become dear friends in the two short months since they arrived in Romania. Our goal has been to create a soft landing for the Whites as they transition from the States to Romania. They will learn the language while attending church with us, then move on to begin the ministry God has called them to do. That being said, I must share a bit about their first day in Romania and how God provided.

The day they arrived, we were in the middle of a blizzard. The snow began the day before they arrived and continued well into their arrival. Of all the days to move to Romania, they picked the snowiest. The van I intended to take to pick them up decided that it didn't want to start. Given the cold weather and snow, I don't blame it. God answered prayer, though, and a friend lent me his van.

The trip to the airport in Bucharest is three hours through the mountains. About six hours after I left home, I made it to the airport. Bucharest was a disaster. I think they have three snowplows in the capital, and two of them were broken. Nearly a hundred flights in and out of Bucharest were canceled that day. Their flight was one of a handful that arrived. Even when it did arrive, they waited on the tarmac for two and a half hours before the plane reached the gate. Their four little boys handled it like troopers.

They landed at 2:30 pm. We didn't leave Bucharest until 7 pm. After loading them and their luggage, we ate a quick meal and hit the road. And the potholes. About an hour into the drive, I hit a bad one that left us with a flat tire. The van I borrowed had neither a spare nor a jack. Again, God provided, and after a couple of phone calls, a brother from a church nearby came to help. We got the tire off and went to another brother who had an auto shop. He repaired the tire, hammering the rim back into place. By 10:30, we were back on the road. We arrived at their house a bit after midnight without further incident.

I share all this to acknowledge how great God is in the middle of the battle we face. The devil doesn't want them here, nor does he want us mentoring them. The enemy used every trick in his arsenal to discourage and stop us. At every turn, God showed his goodness. My van didn't work; God gave another. The airport shut down; God brought their flight in anyway. Flat tire in the middle of nowhere; God's children are nearby and have power tools.

We are excited to see what God does through this new missionary family. Please pray with us as they have faced further difficulties with their visa process. While all their paperwork appears to be *in order*, they are approaching their 90-day passport limit. Their visa appointment is on the final day before they would have to leave the country. Pray that God speeds them through this to His glory.

### *In Ministry*

Our discipleship ministry continues to grow. One couple recently finished our discipleship course, and another has just passed the halfway mark. While the course itself presents the foundational truths of our Christian faith, the true mark of discipleship is applying them to our lives. We praise God for the growth we have seen in our church families. We also praise God for prodigal daughters who come home. One of the young ladies who grew up in our children's ministry years ago has recently returned to Christ. Easter Sunday, she gave a beautiful testimony of how God has given her a second chance at faith, life, and motherhood. We look forward to baptizing her soon. We believe God is also working to bring other prodigals home. Please pray that God would do a similar work in the heart of Costi, Lili's brother.

### *Construction*

Not much has changed in this area since our last update. We have a meeting with the engineer coming next week. In the meantime, we have been cleaning out the house. We moved some stuff to the church, put other stuff away for storage, and tossed the rest. Please pray that God would provide the necessary finances to meet our housing needs. If God leads you to financially partner with us, please send the checks to our sending church, designated for the Schrock building fund.

### *In Our Home*

Most of our days are busy with school, though the school year has nearly ended. In about a month and a half, Joshua and Ela will finish 7th and 5th grades, respectively. Ruthie is also nearly finished with her sophomore year at PCC. She will be staying there again this summer, working on campus. I have completed all my classwork for my DMin degree and will begin my practical dissertation in the fall. My proposed title at this point is "From Training to Transition: Mentoring New Missionaries for Successful Cross-Cultural Integration." I will be focusing my research on helping missionaries successfully move to the field of their calling.

Thank you all for your prayers and support of our mission and ministry in Romania. We value every one of you and thank God for the blessing of partnering with you.

God Bless,  
Eric, Lili, Ruth,  
Joshua, and Ela

