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"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." – 2 Corinthians 5:20

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What is support-raising like?

Support-raising is exciting, exhausting, and challenging! On average, we meet with 2 - 4 families for dinner or coffee each week to tell them about the many physical and spiritual needs in Romania, about how God is already working in Romania, and about how we feel God is calling us to join his Kingdom work there. We have also attended church missions conference at Chesnut Mountain Presbyterian Church in Flowery Branch, GA; at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Gainesville, GA; and at the United Christian Church in Campbeltown, PA. At Westminster we were invited to speak to their young adult Sunday School about how we determined God's call on our lives and what that means for all of us to live a missional lifestyle, and we were the keynote speakers at the United Christian Church to discuss the same topic. We also had the opportunity to meet many people at Westminster when we set up a booth at their missions fair. Atticus even joined us for that fair and seemed to really enjoy it (pictured below)!

All of these opportunities are so much fun because we get to meet people, find out about what the Lord is showing them in their lives, and share about our own calling. We've gotten to know several families from our church much better as a Subscribe Share ▼ Past Issues Translate ¬

learn from each of these churches. But of course it's exhausting to be *going*, *going*, *going* so much, especially with full-time jobs and two littles at home. Most missionaries end up quitting their jobs and doing full-time support raising. At this time we are planning to continue teaching through the 2016 - 2017 school year, so we need prayer for strength and endurance as we juggle so much in our journey to Romania.

Perhaps the most noteworthy part of support-raising is how much it takes us out of our comfort zones. It stretches our introverted personalities and pride as we regularly open up our only half-cleaned home to meet with people. And it gives us reason to remember over and over again how much we are dependent upon the Lord for provision since we are relying on Him to move people's hearts to join our team in prayer and financial support. We are constantly reminded of the Gospel as we work to find our identities in Jesus, not in our ability to make a great presentation. And it also gives us such great joy to see how faithful the Lord truly is! In just three and a half months, he has gotten us to 25% support! We thank you all for your continued encouragement and prayers as we move closer and closer to Romania.



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PLEASE PRAY...

- Pray for us to stay focused on serving the Lord through the various ministries
 He's called us to at this time, including our teaching jobs. We are
 transitioning away from several of these ministries as our calendar continues
 to become fuller, so pray for us to have discernment as we do so.
- To stay on track for a July 2017 departure, we need to raise 5% of our support each month. We have not met that goal for February or March, so please pray with us for more hearts to be moved to come alongside of us in God's work in Romania. We know He will provide in His own perfect timing.
- We are praying for the congregants in our Romanian church to have unity of vision and purpose with the church-planting process as the elders meet this month



March 8th was International Woman's Day and Romania's Mother's Day. Check out this article by a Romanian, explaining how



We are moving to the city of Brasov, which is in the Transylvania region. This beautiful area was just named the #1 Top Region for Best in Travel 2016 at Lonely Planet. Check it out on the website, and then make plans to check it out in person once we

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about our ministry in Romania is my opportunity to get involved in the women's ministry and Bible study. The picture above shows Romanian ladies who currently meet with Shannon Ebbers (another MTW missionary) to study and pray for one another.



Over Spring Break we traveled to Derek's hometown near Hershey, Pennsylvania for support raising. We spoke at a missions conference on April 3rd, had lunch with the pastor of Derek's home church on the 5th, and presented in front of three different groups of friends and family on the 4th, 6th, and 7th. It was a busy week, and we were encouraged to get to share about Romania with so many different people.



We've started the process of downsizing as we prepare to move to Romania. We had a huge moving sale last weekend and made a good amount of money, which will be set aside for when we get to Romania and have to create our home there. Although many people ask, we don't yet know much about where we'll live when we get to Brasov, so we're just planning to travel with as little as possible. We'll take clothes and pictures and things that will make it feel like home, but we'll sell most of our furniture, with a few exceptions which we will find somewhere to store. Going through this process is purging both of our stuff and our reliance on it.

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