

"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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We Need God Alone!

In our January newsletter, we shared with you our goal to receive \$1,000 of new pledges that month to stay on track for leaving in June. We also asked for a specific prayer request:

"Strength. Faith. Patience. We need these gifts from God in abundance. It is more than evident that the hurdles we have to cross in the next six months are just too much for us to handle alone."

January was probably one of the hardest months of our lives for many different reasons. We started 2017 off with a reinvigorated fervor to work hard to make our monthly goals to reach Romania by this June, but as of the middle of the month, we had only raised \$150 of our goal, a far cry from our plans to work hard and make it happen! But then the proverbial bottom fell out in several areas of our lives, which left us in so much doubt and fear. We questioned whether God even wanted us to go to Romania anymore and sort of took a step back from pushing it to happen. We prayed for wisdom and were willing to change our desired departure date or even change our path to Romania altogether.

That's when God stepped in and led several people and a church (having nothing to do with our hard work) to tell us they wanted to join our support team. Within two weeks of giving up our plans, the **Lord raised \$1205 for us** — above and beyond what our original goal was. So we went from 54% to 68% within a matter of weeks at the very moment that we were finally forced to *be still and know that he is God*.

I have been praying *daily* for God's mercy and strength and guidance — something the Scripture makes clear we are supposed to do but which is so hard for any of us to actually do — and the Lord has made it abundantly clear that our original prayer request was wrong. We can't just work harder with some of God's help. We can't do this at all. The Lord has called us to something so much bigger than what we can handle, but He has been faithful to carry us through.

Thank you all for your continued prayer support and love as we continue on this journey.

PLEASE PRAY...

- We will be presenting about Romania every single weekend from now until April 9th! Please pray that the Lord would soften hearts to the needs in Romania and that they would most especially be moved to commit to prayer partnership. We are still way under our prayer partner goal.
- Please continue to pray for the Lord to provide a full-time Romanian pastor to the church in Romania.

February New Pledge Goal:

\$900

♥ \$200	♥ \$100	♥ \$50
♥ \$100	♥ \$75	♥ \$25
♥ \$100	♥ \$50	♥ \$25
♥ \$100	♥ \$50	♥ \$25

Will you join us this month?

We ♥ Our Prayer Partners!

We need 150 more people to commit to pray for us this month. Will you be one of them?

Lord willing, we only have 19 WEEKENDS LEFT living in the States! But in order to leave at that time, we have to be at 100% monthly financial support. To meet that goal, we hope to raise \$900 of new pledges in February, and we've already met \$150 of that goal. Would you please pray about joining us this year as a monthly supporter? You can begin supporting us financially now, or you can record your pledge to begin financial support when we leave. You can do this by clicking on the link below or responding to this email.

We currently have 139 people committed to praying for us during our first 40 days in Romania. At a recent Missions Conference at Redeemer Presbyterian in Valdosta, GA, Pastor John Batusic reminded us again of the importance of prayer and how all of God's people are called to pray for those He has sent out to carry His gospel. We need people to support us for our first 40 days in Romania using the most powerful weapon we have as Christians. We know we will face so many spiritual battles, and we need your prayers!

Join our Support Team by Pledging or Donating!

Join the 1000 / 40 for 40 Prayer Group!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

- 1/1/17 - [Am I A True Christian?](#) by Derek
- 2/1/17 - [Shine Your Light \(Excerpt\)](#) by Derek
- 2/9/17 - [A Call to Christian Ineffectiveness](#) by Derek
- 2/12/17 - [Let Your Dim Light Shine](#) by Catalina



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