

"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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Heart Language

It only took two lines of the first song, and tears were already brimming and spilling over. I don't cry often; it's very rare for me to cry in public. But that's something I'm working on. I want to allow more room in my life for tears because I believe they have a way of cleansing the soul. Sometimes when my brain doesn't know what to say, my tears are an offering to God - of total transparency and brokenness in His presence and a literal crying out for His help. My tears can express desires and fears deep inside of me that I didn't even know I had. So why should I hold those back?

Earlier this month I was at the MTW Women Missionary Retreat in Barcelona with the rest of the women on our Europe team. Up until that point, I didn't know how much my soul had been longing to worship in English. But as we started singing the first few lines - beautiful harmonizing female voices rising together in the same heart language - all the difficulties and discouragement I had been feeling found balm and expression in [these English songs](#).

I cried during at least part of almost every single song that week. Some tears of desperation and wrestling with God. Some tears of sweet encouragement and gratitude. Some tears just from the joy of hearing beautiful voices rising together in praise. But I cried. And closed my eyes and lifted my hands and felt my soul worshipping and being filled in a way I haven't in a while.

I've been honored to help lead worship in Romanian at our church since last Spring. But it's hard for my heart to actually *worship* through that. I don't always understand the exact wording, just the gist. I'm always concentrating very hard on my pronunciation. I can't ever close my eyes or even look up from the words very much. Leading worship is a practice in humility, service to others, and submission to the Lord using me in my weakness, which of course is beautiful in its own way. But it rarely comforts my heart.

This is why it is so important for us to continue struggling through our language learning, even in a country where we could get by quite easily speaking English to almost everyone. People need to learn and study and discuss and worship in their own language. So we must learn *their* heart language. And this is also why it is so important for missionaries to have these times of retreats with fellow workers on the field. Because we need our heart language, too.

Thank you. Thank you to each of our financial supporters who give sacrificially so that we can spend money on continued language learning and these soul-nourishing retreats for the sake of our health and longevity. Thank you to each of our prayer warriors who faithfully pray for all that we ask, and even for the things that we don't. Thank you to each of you who simply read our newsletters and take an interest in what God has allowed us to do here. Thank you to the group who came to lead us in worship, and the church that supported them financially to come - [Village Seven Presbyterian Church](#), in Colorado Springs. Thank you, Lord, for all the ways you hold us up.



Check out more photos from my trip at the bottom of this [Facebook album](#).

PLEASE PRAY...

We're trying to keep our email newsletters shorter. So below you'll find quick bullet points for prayer, but [we'd love for you to click on the link to find more details about each prayer request](#).

- Please pray for us as we consider moving forward with the purchase of a building with which we would seek to pool the skills and resources of our church to form a community center.
- Pray for the new bi-monthly Teen Night we've started with the Ebbers to reach out to teens in our community.
- Pray for Catalina's work at our kids' school with teaching Bible stories in English.
- Continue to pray for the three Roma families we are working with.
- Continue to pray that our church would find a Romanian pastor.
- Please pray for our church congregants, especially the elders, as there are many who are facing some very difficult circumstances.





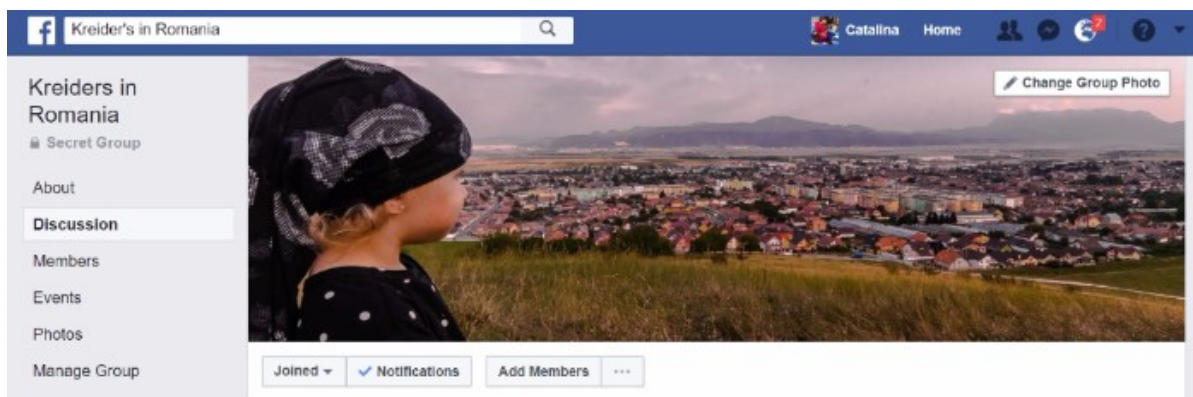
Top: This is the building we're praying about for our church's future community center.

Middle Left: Teen Night!

Middle Right: One of my buddies in English lessons while reading The Jesus Storybook Bible in Romanian

Bottom: One of our biggest praises here is how God has blessed us with such wonderful teammates who love us by loving our kids!





We've got a lot of new things going on and would love to tell you more about it! We're going to host another Facebook Live video on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. (EST). If you're not part of our Facebook Group and want to be, please respond to this email and let us know for us to put you in the group. If you aren't on Facebook but would still like to see the video, respond to this email and let us know so we can work things out with you.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

2/26/19 - [February Prayer Requests](#)

2/17/2019 - [The Powerful Love of the Powerless](#) by Derek

2/6/2019 - [The Death of Love](#) by Derek

Check us out on Facebook! We post on Catalina's ["From Dacula to Transylvania"](#) album so that you can stay up to date with us. You can also follow [our photos on instagram](#) or check out our [video archive](#). But best, of all, you should let us know if you want to join our secret Facebook Group to get more updates!

Support Account Reminders:

- Our teammates, Derek and Shannon Ebbers, have been faithful missionaries to Romania for 11 years now and are seriously the best team leaders God could have possibly provided for us! As is normal for all long-term missionaries, they have recently lost some financial supporters and are looking to make up the loss in their monthly account. Supporting our teammates is a direct way you can be in support of us; if they have to go back to the States for support-raising, that affects the team dynamic and ministry. We would love for

you to consider joining our support team by literally supporting our whole team! If you would be interested in reaching out to them, supporting them, or passing their names along to individuals and churches who may have interest in what we're doing in Romania, we would greatly appreciate this. You can [find them here](#).

- If you're interested in one-time giving and would rather support projects, we have a project account for the Romanian church which goes towards things like the youth program, elder trainings, etc. The account is **#94978** for the Romania church plant.



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