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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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## Goodbye, 2015. Hello, 2016!

The year 2015 was one of our craziest yet! Within just 12 short months, we applied to Mission to the World (MTW), went through about 10 total hours of Bible and psychological testing, visited Romania with a toddler, participated in a week-long evaluation and another week-long training, finally got officially approved as MTW missionaries at the end of September, and have started the support-raising process. Oh yea, and we also had another baby in November, worked as full-time teachers, and have continued participating and leading our various ministries. WHEW!

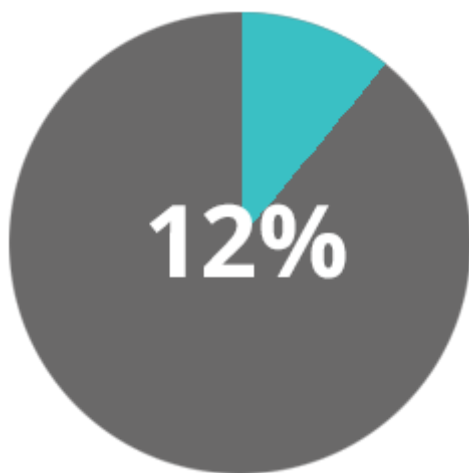
So after all the holidays and the beginning of the New Year, we are starting 2016 off with our very first ministry newsletter! We are so excited/ encouraged/ awed/ nervous/ expectant to see what the Lord has in store for us this year, and we're greatly humbled that you are coming alongside of us with your prayer and interest in God's ministry in Romania.

(To learn more about what we will be doing in Romania, please visit our [website](#).)

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PLEASE PRAY!

- We are presenting to the North Georgia Foothills Presbytery on Saturday, January 9th. This will give us an opportunity to introduce ourselves to leaders in all the PCA churches in our area. Please pray that this presentation would be fruitful in letting others know about what God is doing in Romania!
- One of the ministries we are involved in is leading an apologetics group from our home, where we meet with any interested Christians to help them learn how to defend the truth of the faith. Please pray for us to grow through leading this ministry and that the Lord may lead it to strengthen the faith of others. We are passionate about apologetics and plan to use it in our ministry in Romania, so our ministry here will help prepare us more for the international field.



In our first three months of support raising, God has been so gracious to bring so many people to us since we weren't in a position to do very much ourselves. We have already raised about 12% of the total monthly support we need. Our monthly needs include our ministry costs, salary, and insurance/benefits. Would you please pray and consider supporting us with a one-time gift or on a monthly basis? If you have questions about supporting our ministry, please



Atticus Sellers Kreider was born on November 1, 2015 and spent six days in the NICU as his little lungs adjusted to the world. This picture shows Elin meeting her brother for the first time and our first picture as a

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"Where exactly is Romania?"  
 Yea, I didn't know, either, before God brought it to our attention. Romania is in eastern Europe, right below Ukraine. It a country with a rich history; communism was the political authority from 1947 - 1989, and Eastern Orthodoxy has been the predominant religious authority for centuries. We will be living and working in the city of Brasov, ultimately doing university ministry at the University of Transilvania.

english	romanian
Hello	Salut!
Goodbye	La Revedere
Yes	Da
No	Nu
Please	Va rog
Thank you	Multumesc
You're welcome	Cu placere
Excuse me	Scuze
I'm sorry	Imi pare rau
How are you?	Ce faci?
Nice to meet you	Imi pare bine
Do you speak English?	Vorbiti engleza?
Cheers!	Naroc!
Safe travels!	Drum bun!
Bon appetit!	Pofta buna!

We will have to learn the Romanian language to do ministry in the country. Romanian is a latin-based language, so when we visited the country this summer, we were able to read and understand a little bit of the language because of our familiarity with Spanish. Some words are even exactly the same in the two languages! We recently bought the Pimsleur language study course for Romanian, and we've been listening to the cds in our kitchen and car. We know how to say "Excuse me sir/miss, do you understand English?" We will have to go to language school when we move to Romania, but we are excited to get a little ahead by listening to these study cds over the next 18 months.

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9/23/15 - [We're Official Missionaries!!](#) by Catalina

10/3/15 - [When Helping Hurts](#) by Derek

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