

"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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## ***Tell her a story.***

Just the day before our tutor, Ionut, had asked me to tell him the parable of the Prodigal Son in Romanian for language practice. And now I was standing in my kitchen doing dishes, while Alexa (not her real name) was cleaning the house and her daughter was watching tv in our living room. That's when those words popped in my head. It certainly wasn't a specific voice. But it was a specific thought. So after a few minutes of inner debate, I put down the soapy dishes, dried my hands, and walked into the living room to sit next to the twelve-year-old girl. We talked about the show she was watching - the Romanian version of America's Got Talent. I asked her about her life at home and what she does for fun and about her recent hospital visits. Then I asked.

### ***Do you want to hear a story that is important to my culture?***

Without hesitation, she said yes. So I told her, to the best of my language ability, about the son who basically wanted his father dead in order to have his inheritance, who then squandered the inheritance, who then went back to his father and surprisingly received full forgiveness, acceptance, and love. And that was it. Alexa was done cleaning soon thereafter, and my kids woke up from their nap. It was quite anti-climactic. But I felt convinced that the Lord had led me to do that.

The next week Alexa returned and mentioned that her daughter had told her about the story, so we read the story to her in Romanian. We talked about the story a little, and she said it was a beautiful story.

### ***Would you like for us to tell you some other stories that you can then take***

***home and tell your kids?***

She said yes. So that day while she was cleaning, I read to her about the Good Samaritan and gave her some historical context about Israelites and Samaritans. We printed out the story and sent it home with her.

The next week she was at our house a little early and sat with us at the lunch table before starting her work, and it was time for our family devotion. We read in Romanian for her sake, so she heard a portion of the Sermon on the Mount. After that, we were talking, and that's when she told me that she has heard the name of Jesus but didn't know anything about him.

***Jesus is a very interesting man. He is the only person in history who has ever raised himself from the dead. And he could do this because He is God. Would you like to know more about Him?***

The next time she came, we told her the story of the Paralytic Man who was lowered through the roof. Then we talked about how she's scared for her daughter in the hospital, and I told her about losing our baby last year. I said that when I face really sad or really difficult times, my hope is based in God's promise to one day change this world and take out all the bad things. As she asked more questions, we were able to tell her about Easter, Jesus's death and resurrection, and His promise to restore the whole world. And how much He loves us. We gave her a copy of the New Testament in Romanian. Then she asked one of the most important questions.

***Who is God?***

I think I have a better understanding of why Jesus told so many stories. People like stories. And stories lead people to ask their own questions. Please join us in praying for Alexa and more opportunities to tell people about Jesus's awesome story.

## PLEASE PRAY...

- We are so thankful for the language opportunities that have come our way for which many of you have been praying. That has been one of our concerns as our direct language classes have been cut back, and we've recognized our need to grow in more organic settings. Derek has been able to join two Bible studies since our last newsletter, and is currently reading through his first book in Romanian (Timothy Keller's, "The Prodigal God").
- Pray for the church here in Codlea. We usually have a non-Romanian pastor preach (who does a fantastic job!), as all the ordained individuals here in our immediate community are non-Romanian. But a few weeks ago we had a Romanian pastor as a guest preacher from out of town, and you could feel the difference. It was invigorating. Please pray fervently that God would bring a Romanian pastor to the church here in Codlea.
- Many in the church community here are facing some sort of trial right now. Some of these trials are very significant. Pray for our church community that

these trials will produce in us God's promised perseverance and faith.

- Catalina's parents are joining us on April 7th - 14th, and we are so excited to have their company. They will get to experience Easter and Denton's Baptism with us. Please pray for their visit, their safety, and the kids' adjustment after their departure. And pray that we will not be sick so we can fully enjoy their visit!



["Richard and Sabina attended the Congress of Cults, organized by the Romanian Communist government. Many religious leaders came forward to praise Communism and to swear loyalty to the new regime. Richard walked up to the podium and declared to the delegates, whose speeches were broadcast to the whole nation, that their duty was to glorify God and Christ alone."](#)

Richard Wurmbrand wrote the bestselling book *Tortured for Christ* about his 14 years of experience in a Romanian Communist prison for his faith in Christ, and now they released a movie based on the book. Click [here](#) to find out where you can go see this movie!



Westminster Presbyterian Church in Gainesville, GA asked us to put together a short video for their annual missions conference, answering the question "how do you balance the demands of ministry and having a young family?" At first, Catalind and I tried to figure out a time when the kids would be asleep to do the video, until the irony hit us of making a video about our life with kids while our kids aren't in the video! So we decided to make a video as we let our kids do their thing, and it turned out to be pretty cute. And it's a great example of what life and ministry looks like - talking and working with our kids right there with us, chaos and all!

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