

"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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Puppet Theater: "The Miracles of Jesus"

Last fall, I knew God gave me a new idea. We had the invitation to teach English at my kids' daycare and after-school program. With my background in teaching and my own experience trying to learn a language, I knew that songs and memorization were great ways to learn anything, but especially languages. I watched my own children pick up songs and memorize phrases in Romanian even when they couldn't understand everything else. So I knew I wanted to incorporate these things into whatever lessons I did. And I wanted to find ways to use stories about Jesus to teach English. So God gave me the idea that brought these things together in puppet plays!

With another American teammate, Jo Ann, we spent five months teaching the kids English lessons based on three stories from The Jesus Storybook Bible: "Jesus and Zacchaeus," "Jesus Calms the Storm," and "Jesus Feeds the 5,000." I also picked these stories because I could find corresponding songs that we could learn to help remember the stories. After we learned the stories, songs, and necessary vocabulary, we ultimately painted scenery, built a PVC pipe stage, created stick puppets, and wrote puppet scripts. The children practiced the scripts and songs and then performed for their parents. Before each play, we asked a student to read the corresponding Bible passages in Romanian so that the parents would have a context for what was happening in the play.

We just performed at our church on May 30th, and it was such a wonderful event. We received a lot of great feedback from the parents and students, and at the end of the performance we presented each student with their English certificates of participation and their own copies of The Jesus Storybook Bibles in Romanian. We've been invited to come back next fall and do it again with other stories. With our baby coming in November, Derek has agreed to take my spot to teach, and I'll help him and Jo Ann plan the lessons behind-the-scenes. We're planning to put on a performance of the Nativity. We are so grateful for the relationship we've been able to develop through our kids' school. They love their school and their teachers! And we're so glad that we get to partner with the school to teach stories about Jesus through the English language.

We've had so many people praying for us throughout this project, and several people even donated to help us purchase the Bibles for the children. We are so grateful for the ways we have felt the Lord span the miles to join together our groups of people, helping us keep up with these ministries through prayer and financial support. Thank you!!

With our first short-term team coming on June 5, they will be joining us at the school to teach the kids necessary vocabulary to learn about American football. The students ask me constantly to show them youtube videos of football, and they want to learn about it. So we asked the team to bring a flag football set. After we teach the children, we will invite them to our church's barbeque the following Sunday after church to grill out with us and play games of flag football together. Please pray for us in these endeavors, as God continues to open doors and give us new ideas at the school!

Want to hear the songs we learned? Click the links below:

[Zacchaeus was a Wee Little Man](#)

[Jesus Stops a Storm](#)

[One Basket](#)





PLEASE PRAY...

- for our friends, the Walsmans, to join us June 5 - 19 for a short-term mission trip: traveling mercies for them with their five boys, unity among us as we work together, good health, and open doors throughout our ministry projects
- for Atticus's continual battle with asthma, allergies, and ear infections
- for the Roma whom God continues to bring into our lives and we build relationships, especially my acquaintance Nina (pseudonym), who is 15 and due to have her first baby in the month of June.
- for a healthy pregnancy for Catalina and Baby Girl, Jemma





Top Left: We are expecting Kreider Baby #4, and we just found out that we're having a girl, Jemma Jayne Kreider. Catalina is currently 17 weeks, and is due November 8. We are all very excited, but we think Elin is more excited than anyone!

Top Right: This sweet girl of ours will turn 5 on Sunday, June 2! Happy birthday, Elin! She has come such a long way in the last few months, and we are grateful for your prayers for her!

Middle Left: We have had a wonderful visit with Derek's parents for three weeks. We took them to see Dracula's Castle!

Middle Right: Catalina has developed a relationship with a young Roma girl who is about to have her first baby. She helped this girl obtain her government ID documents so that she can receive aide once the baby is born, and has gotten to know the girl's family in the meantime. She loves their horses!

Bottom Left: Derek went to Athens, Greece at the beginning of the month for a conference on Church Planting in Orthodox countries. He got to tour the Acropolis and visit Mars Hill, too!

Bottom Right: Spring is in the air, along with all the baby animals we get to see in the field near our house.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

5/20/19 - [How the Eastern Orthodox and Anglicans Helped Me Discuss the Trinity](#) by Derek

5/7/19 - [The Doctrine of Other](#) 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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