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We are in the States! We're here both to update our current supporting churches and individuals, and to seek new partners. We made this video to give a short glimpse into our ministry. Here are a few ways you can prayerfully help us reach our financial goals:

1. Commit to praying for us as we travel throughout the States!
2. Become a [monthly supporter](#)!
3. Giving Tuesday and year-end giving are just around the corner. Can you make a

one-time donation to our support account? Or, can you Sponsor a [Giving Campaign](#) on MTW's website and send it to your friends and family this holiday season!

4. Share this video with your church missions committee, or let us know that you'd like us to contact your church as a potential ministry partner!

5. Consider ways you can help us network and meet new people. Host a table at our [Taste of Romania fundraising event](#) (more info below), or set up a time for us to share about the ministry with friends and family in your circles.

Home Ministry Assignment

It's been about five months since we sent our last newsletter! We've been hit with quite a lot in the last few months, including camps, renewing visas, and coming back to the States in September, so please forgive us for not communicating more.

We are all missing our beautiful Brasov and our community there! We're currently traveling the States to see our supporters after four years, prayerfully seeking new prayer and financial partners, reconnecting with friends and family, celebrating birthdays on the road, and constantly taking the "temperature" of our family's emotional and mental health - while trying to squeeze in math, reading, and some U.S. geography.

A few days ago, Elin was sitting on the floor of our host's house in Pennsylvania, playing something on the iPad while I packed for our next stop in Ohio. We weren't even talking, and she just blurted out, "Romania feels like home." We chatted about that. She said she feels "home" when we're around our family and friends in the States. But the culture and country, in general, feels like "home" in Romania. In fact, after two years of recounting things they missed in the USA, once they were Stateside for just about a month, *all* the kids asked when we're going back home ... to Romania.

In one of our past missionary trainings, we learned about the paradox of living overseas and raising Third-Culture Kids. They're kind of always missing wherever they aren't, and we've heard this is pretty typical of TCKs. So we often talk about this "pair of ducks" (paradox) of the life God has called us to - the "yay ducks" and the "yuck ducks" of any place we are. So Elin and I named our yay ducks and our yuck ducks when we talked.

This was actually a sweet, encouraging moment in many ways. It's bittersweet, to be exact. I'm grateful to know that Romania has become home for our children. We can either view our lifestyle as leaving us homeless, or as having

many homes. And we work hard to help our kids see the many, many blessings we have been given by being called to mission work, while giving space to take our “yuck ducks” to our God, who certainly knows how we feel.

We are really grateful we get the privilege of serving in Romania. We get to be a small bridge between our Romanian and American brothers and sisters in Christ, reminding people on both sides of the ocean about different parts of God’s vast Kingdom. And what a huge privilege and blessing that is! We are so grateful to represent Christ and all of our American supporters in this partnership ministry. This work is not *our* ministry; it’s *God’s work* that we all get the chance to be a part of, regardless of where we call home.

And we do want to get back home to Romania! Lord willing, we plan to return after **we raise \$2,500 of new monthly support and \$40,000 in one-time donations so that we can return with a healthy support account for the next four years.**

Would you please consider how you can help us get back home to the ministry God has led us to? Please pray for us! Are you in a position to become a new monthly partner or increase your monthly giving? Are you considering where to

make an end-of-year donation? Could you host a dinner party and introduce us to others, or advocate for us at your church or Bible study group? Or maybe the Lord is leading your heart to help the ministry in some other way. We know that if God wants us to be there, He will provide for us to go home!

Prayer Requests

- for God to provide the funds we need to return for another four year term
 - for traveling safety and that we would represent the ministry in Romania well as we meet new people
 - for our children to learn gratitude, contentment, and God's deep, deep love in a way that would change their hearts - actually, that we would ALL learn this even more deeply! :-)
 - for Elin's scoliosis and her trust in God as she adjusts to the back brace, and that God would provide good medical care in Romania
 - for God's continued blessing on our church in Romania, as the services and Bible studies continue on under more and more Romanian leadership, praise be to God!
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Kreider's Home Ministry Assignment (October)

10/1/23 - Hebron Baptist (Dacula, GA)

10/8/23 - Risen Church (Concord, NC)

10/11/23 - Lakewood Presbyterian (Pell City, AL)

10/15/23 - Ivy Creek Baptist (Dacula, GA)

10/18/23 - Ivy Creek Baptist AWANAS night (Dacula, GA)

10/21/23 - Mock Walk Through Holy Week Event @ RestPres (Dacula, GA)

10/22/23 - Restoration Presbyterian (Dacula, GA)

10/29/23 - Redeemer Presbyterian (Valdosta, GA)



Kreider's Home Ministry Assignment (November)

11/4/23 - Taste of Romania Event (Annville, PA)

11/5/23 - Westminster Presbyterian (Lancaster, PA)

11/11/23 - Missionary Meet and Greet (Cincinnati, OH)

11/12/23 - New City Presbyterian (Cincinnati, OH)

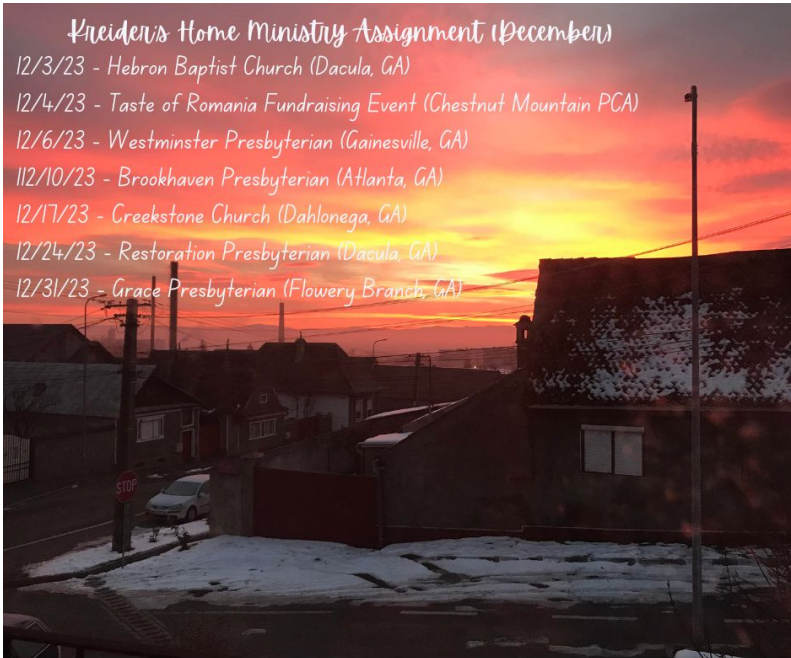
11/19/23 - Grace and Peace Presbyterian (Bowling Green, KY)

11/26/23 - Christ the King Presbyterian (Hoschton, GA)

11/29/23 - Christ Church (Newnan, GA)

Kreider's Home Ministry Assignment (December)

- 12/3/23 - Hebron Baptist Church (Dacula, GA)
- 12/4/23 - Taste of Romania Fundraising Event (Chestnut Mountain PCA)
- 12/6/23 - Westminster Presbyterian (Gainesville, GA)
- 12/10/23 - Brookhaven Presbyterian (Atlanta, GA)
- 12/17/23 - Creekstone Church (Dahlonega, GA)
- 12/24/23 - Restoration Presbyterian (Dacula, GA)
- 12/31/23 - Grace Presbyterian (Flowery Branch, GA)



Kreider's Home Ministry Assignment (January)

- 1/7/24 - Redeemer Presbyterian (Charleston, SC)
- 1/13/24 - Taste of Romania Fundraising Event (Ivy Creek Baptist)
- 1/14/24 - TBD
- 1/21/24 - Restoration Presbyterian (Dacula, GA)

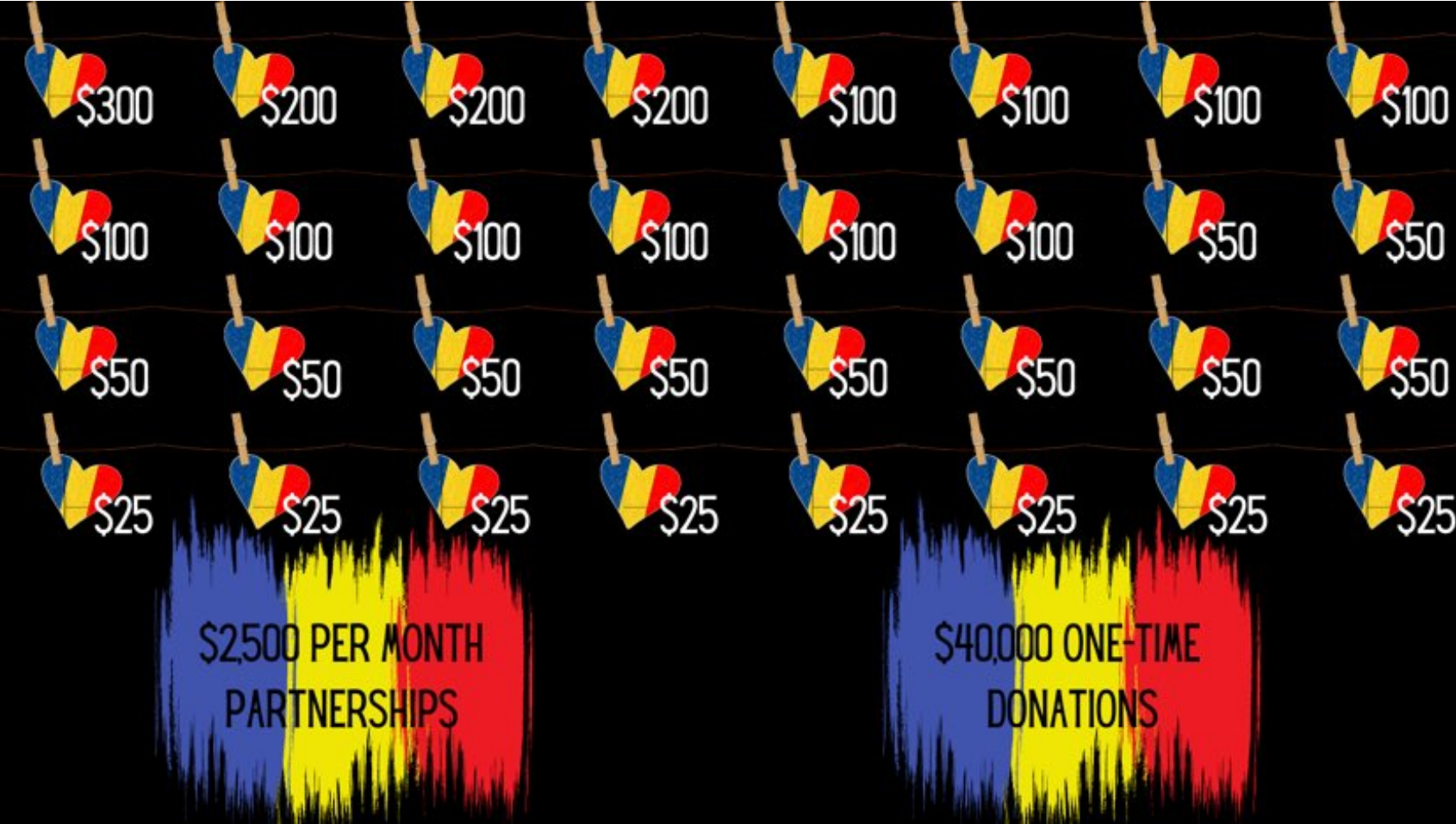


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We've had several people comment about the "rest" we get while in the States. Being here on HMA is a wonderful time of beautiful, rejuvenating reconnection with our friends, families, and supporters, but most missionaries will tell you that is not a time of rest! Above, you can see a glimpse into our travel and church visit schedule, and we are grateful for every opportunity we get to tell others about Romania!

One particularly memorable presentation opportunity was when Ivy Creek Baptist invited us to talk with about 125 children, ages 3 - 11, at their AWANA club. We talked about what it means to be a missionary, and how they can be missionaries even as children right where they live in the States. The kids wore red, blue, and yellow; I taught the preschool children how to sing a Romanian song; and Derek got to lead the games for the older children with our kids' favorite game from Kids Club in Romania. It was such a fun night!



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(2Cor5:20)*



Join us for a
"Taste of Romania"

Monday, December 4, 2023

6:00 - 8:00pm

Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian Church

4675 Winder Highway

Flowery Branch, GA 30542



I'm a Table Host! Join me!

Please join me for an encouraging evening as we praise God for His love for the nations! Derek and Catalina Kreider, missionaries to Romania, will share stories from the field as we sample traditional Romanian foods. We will have a time of worship and prayer for them and their ministries. Come and expand your view of the Kingdom of God and help me support the Kreiders!

The vision of MTW Team Romania is to establish Reformed and covenantal churches through identifying, training, and resourcing national church planters.

Since we moved to Romania in 2017, we've had to raise some maintenance funds here and there over the years, but, thankfully, this is the first time in six years that we're needing to raise a significant amount. This is a normal part of missionary life, but it is increased right now because we naturally lost multiple supporters during and right after COVID, coupled with worldwide inflation. We have been taking a voluntary salary reduction of \$1,750 per month for several years now, and monthly giving has consistently been \$750 below this reduced salary amount. To make up this monthly shortfall, we have had to draw funds from our one-time funds account, which is also getting pretty low. With our own increased expenses, the voluntary reduction is becoming harder to manage, so

we are hoping to raise \$2,500 in new monthly support to help us take a full salary over the next four years, plus raise \$40,000 to have a healthy one-time account for the various ministry, visa, and travel expenses that are a necessary part of this life.

Since we have not been in the States to make new connections in several years, we need you more than ever to help us get the word out about the ministry in Romania! One of our ideas is to host two "Taste of Romania" fundraising events - one in December, and one in January. We will serve a traditional Romanian dinner, give a presentation, sing worship songs in both English and Romanian, and spend time in prayer. We need current friends and supporters to volunteer to "host a table" and invite 6-8 people from your circles to join you. The event is free, and there will be an opportunity for participants to give a one-time donation or become a monthly partner, if they feel the Lord leading them to do so. It is our prayer that this event will glorify God, and allow others to get a special taste of His Kingdom and learn about our brothers and sisters in another part of the world. **Would you please consider hosting a table on either Monday, December 4 or Saturday, January 13? Please respond to this email if you'd be willing!**





Atticus turned 8 on November 1, and Jemma turned 4 on November 7. What a blessing it was to celebrate with grandparents and even great-grandparents! We were in Pennsylvania for Jemma's birthday, and we opened presents and ate cupcakes with Grandma Kreider, who is Jemma's namesake for her middle name, Jayne. It was a special visit! And Denton's birthday is just around the

corner in December, when he will turn 6.

And in other news, we've discovered that Elin has scoliosis that requires a back brace. We've had many xrays, MRIs, therapy, and doctor's appointments to get her the help she needs to hopefully avoid future spinal surgery. **Please pray for her as she adjusts to wearing the brace 20 hours per day, that her back pain may subside, and that she will handle the emotions of being a pre-pubescent girl in a brace.** We've had many conversations about being able to cry out to God about any frustration, anger, or pain she may feel about this new trial, and we will always follow up those cries with thanksgiving and praise that we discovered her scoliosis at this stage before it got any worse, and that we have the ability to get her medical treatment. So far she has had an amazingly positive attitude, and we're very proud of her for this! We don't have many answers at the moment about how we will treat this in Romania; when we return it will be our first priority to find pediatric orthopedists who can help us with this.

Thank You





As we prepare for a Stateside Thanksgiving, we are frequently reminded of how thankful we are for the opportunity to be missionaries in Romania. We are grateful for having a home in that beautiful country, among friends who have become family. We are grateful to our huge, supportive community here in the States who have loved us through many trials. We are grateful for so many people who sacrifice to be financial partners. We are grateful for those who carry our burdens and trials and lift us up in prayer. And we are grateful to God

for his goodness, faithfulness, and kindness to constantly carry us through every trial and deepen our walk with Him.



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