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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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Our Team's Vision

Our team's vision is to establish reformed and covenantal churches by helping to identify, train, and provide resources for leaders to create a nationally led church-planting movement. But let's break that down a bit...

When we move to Romania next August, we will join a really cool, unique team. The only other MTW (Mission to the World) family in Romania is the Ebbers family, comprised of Derek and Shannon Ebbers and their five kids. But they have been praying for God to send more! During their nine years of service in Romania, they have helped establish a small church in Codlea, a quaint town outside of Brasov. It's gorgeously nestled right in the Carpathian Mountains, on the edge of town, and from its windows you can watch the flocks of sheep pour over the green hills. *But what is even more beautiful is the way the Lord has used this family and this church to bring people to Himself.*

We are especially excited to join this team because of their commitment to playing the background roles in church service. As the Americans, we are not the pastors. It is not *our* church, and it is not an American church. The church is currently led by three Romanian elders, all of whom came to know Christ

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Romanians, and we are praying for the Lord to provide a Romanian pastor to take over the full-time shepherding of this church. Until then, these elders and the Ebbers are serving faithfully.

Derek Ebbers meets with the elders every Wednesday, and the four men study God's Word together and help each other prepare for Sunday's sermon. Each week, the sermon is presented by a different elder. Worshiping with these fellow believers in July 2015 during our Vision Trip was truly a lifetime highlight for me. We worshiped in Romanian, English, and German, creating a beautiful picture of what I envision God's restored Kingdom to be like.

Since our visit last year, the Lord has brought a retired PCA pastor to help the church plant, but he is not the leader or the full-time pastor. We are committed to helping Romanians lead Romanians! Also, God has brought a Brazilian missionary family to join the team with a different organization, so perhaps we'll be adding Portuguese to our worship service, too! Derek and I are thrilled to join a team that is so diverse and yet so dedicated to the same task of bringing the Good News to this country.

PLEASE PRAY...

- We need endurance and strength as we continue our full-time teaching jobs while also support-raising. It's been difficult to find a balance, but it makes it even easier to give God the credit for everything going on in our lives right now, since we so clearly cannot do this all ourselves!
- We need to be reminded that things are just that ... things! Pray that we would have a loose grip on all of our earthly possessions as we sell things to make our move overseas next year.
- I (Catalina) am continuing to deal with newly discovered food allergies to citrus fruits, gluten, and dairy. Please pray that God would give me wisdom to figure all of this out, as it's very overwhelming and disheartening.

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Our moving sale last spring was freeing, burden-lifting. This time, it's difficult. Although we are not planning to put our house on the market until February, we have to align our moving sale with the neighborhood garage sale, which means that **September 24th** will be a BIG day for our household. We sold a lot of stuff last April, but now we have to start weeding through our "earthly possessions," and it's becoming much harder than I anticipated. The hardest rooms to take apart and sell are the kids' rooms because each and every decoration in those rooms was picked specifically and with much thought for my babies. Each book was either given or bought with love or are remnants from our own childhood libraries. Each blanket and article of clothing represents a memory or a person who gave it to us.

BUT -- THOSE THINGS WILL NOT ACCOMPANY US TO HEAVEN ONE DAY, and moving to Romania is about bringing the love and hope of Jesus Christ to people who don't know Him. So, even the best decorations and memories in our house are just wisps of meaninglessness in comparison to the eternities that are at stake. I'm praying that the Lord will help me to turn up my palms to Him and just let go. Would you pray that for me, too? And then would you come buy some of our stuff? :-)

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The Kreider babies are excited to announce that **WE ARE OVER HALFWAY THERE!!!** The Lord has raised turned so many hearts to the work in Romania that we now have 52% of our needed monthly support pledged. It feels so great, but we've still got a long way to go to get to 100% by next June. [You can officially record your intended pledge](#), or you can just email us and let us know. We only have nine more months until we need our full support, so knowing this information really helps us with our planning. We praise God that He has moved so many hearts to feel called to "join us" in the work in Romania. Thank you so much!!

Join our Support Team by Pledging or Donating!



We have **63 people** who have committed to praying for us during our first 40 days on Romanian soil! We call this our 1000 / 40 for 40 group, and we are so thankful for each person who is willing to lift us up in prayer. It is impossible for us to exaggerate how much it means to us that we have a group of people who will go before our Father on our behalf as we begin our ministry next August. Would you please consider supporting us in this way? [Click here to read more](#) about this group, or click the blue button below to join the group!

Join the 1000 / 40 for 40 Prayer Group!

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