

"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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17 Things You Need To Know In 2017!

1. We are just six short months away from our desired departure date for going overseas - June 2017!
2. We still need 850 prayer partners to join us to meet our 1,000 / 40 for 40 prayer partner goal. If you are receiving this email, you are not necessarily on this prayer team (see below). This is the single greatest way you can be an encouragement to us as we start our ministry!
3. We have 57% of our needed monthly support. That means we still have \$3,790 more to raise before we can leave in June (see below).
4. You can pledge to join our support team when we actually leave; if you choose to start donating now, all the money we are collecting is going toward our one-time needs, such as trainings, relocation expenses, visas, plane tickets, etc.
5. We will continue our full-time teaching jobs until the school year ends in May.

6. We will be putting our house up for sale and moving in with Derek's parents in March. We have a lot of painting, organizing, cleaning, etc. to get ready to put our house on the market. If you know how to hold a paintbrush and want to help us out, please let us know!
7. We are going to be SUPER busy these next few months, and it's exciting and overwhelming. We need your prayers!
8. We will attend a five-week training in Brussels, Belgium, this July on cross-cultural ministry.
9. We hope to move straight to Romania from Brussels. (The least amount of time spent on an airplane with two toddlers is a win in our books!) :-)
10. We will start out in a city called Cluj for 18 weeks of language study; when that is complete, we will then move to Brasov.
11. Romanian is the national language. It's also the only Romance language in Eastern Europe, so with our Spanish-language backgrounds, we will hopefully have an easier time picking up the language.
12. Elin can now count to 10 in Romanian and knows most of her colors in Romanian, along with "hello" and "goodnight."
13. We don't yet know where we'll live while in Cluj or Brasov, so the Lord is definitely stretching this ultra-planner with just trusting Him day by day when I can't really see what life will look like in some of the most basic ways.
14. When we settle in Brasov at the end of this year, we are hoping to help the church-plant begin a mercy ministry and aid in discipling and resourcing the church nationals.
15. We are specifically looking to help facilitate English as a Second Language classes, teach leadership classes, and revive the college ministry at the University of Transilvania.
16. Our children are about to go through a HUGE string of transitions, and we would be so very grateful if you would pray for them throughout this time.

17. Saying goodbye is a long, slow, and hard process. Six months does not seem long enough to maintain all of our responsibilities and say goodbye well. Pray that the Lord would help us to say goodbye well and to be fed spiritually to face the battles we know await us.

PLEASE PRAY...

- We will be traveling to Charleston, SC, at the end of the month to stay with some dear friends of ours and present to a church missions committee there. Please pray for our safety and that the Lord would use us to encourage Redeemer Presbyterian people.
- Strength. Faith. Patience. We need these gifts from God in abundance. It is more than evident that the hurdles we have to cross in the next six months are just too much for us to handle alone. If we leave in June, it will be ENTIRELY because of God's work.

January New Pledge Goal:
\$1,000

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Will you please pray about being one of the remaining TEN new partners we need to reach our goal this month?

Our goal is to leave THIS JUNE

January Prayer Partner Goal:
180

PRAYER PARTNERS

With an average family of 4, we need **45 new families** to commit to praying for us for our first 40 days in Romania!

We need your family's prayers! This

(just 6 short months away!), but in order to leave at that time, we have to be at 100% monthly financial support. To meet that goal, we hope to raise \$1,000 of new pledges this month. Would you please pray about joining us this year? You can begin supporting us financially now, or you can record your pledge to begin financial support when we leave. You can do this by clicking on the link below or responding to this email.

is a great way to include your children in having a heart for God's Kingdom all over the world. Would you please commit to praying for us once a day for the first 40 days of our ministry in Romania? **There is no better way you can be part of our ministry than to intercede before the Father for us.** There is no age requirement - any soul lifted up to the Lord for us is a prayer warrior!

Join our Support Team by
Pledging or Donating!

Join the 1000 / 40 for 40
Prayer Group!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

11/24/16 - [A Happy Thanksgiving Video Message!](#) by Derek & Catalina

12/11/16 - [My First Sonnets](#) by Derek

12/18/16 - [Yes, You Can Help Syrian Refugees!](#) by Catalina

12/18/16 - [Marriage in Heaven](#) (Anniversary Poem & Video) by Derek

12/20/16 - [Why Doesn't God Heal Amputees?](#) by Derek



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