

ROAD TO ROMANIA



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Welcome!

To those of you receiving our newsletter for the first time, WELCOME! Thank you for being a part of our sending team. We couldn't answer God's call to Romania without all of you behind us.

Where God's Already Working

A few years ago I (Scott) completed Henry Blackaby's *Experiencing God* workbook. One of the key principles of this book is "finding where God is *already* at work and joining Him." In the last week or so I've come across a couple of encouraging items that speak about where and how God is *already* at work in Romania.

The first comes from the website of an organization called Areopagus (www.areopagus.ro). We're investigating taking some language school from this organization based in a city about an hours drive south of Arad. As I read the information on their website, I was encouraged by the reason for their formation: "enhancement of the role played by the religious communities in Romania and South Eastern Europe" and to "present the Gospel in a relevant way to our contemporary society and culture." God *already* has parts of the Christian community working together for His glory.

The second comes from the Summer 2005 edition of *Jubilee*, the magazine of Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship International. The issue is enti-

tled, "Loving God in Romania," and it details the work of Prison Fellowship Romania and its President, Constantin Asavoiaie. This organization is accomplishing some amazing things for God in the city of Cluj and in prisons around the country, but what really captured me was the fact that Constantin is "a member of the Lord's Army, an evangelical movement within the Eastern Orthodox Church" (p. 7). The Romanian Orthodox Church is the dominant Christian expression in Romania, but in so many places it is trapped in dead and/or Pharisaical religion. But God apparently has a living movement within it called the Lord's Army! Yeah God! Wouldn't it be great if the Free Methodists and the Lord's Army of Orthodoxy could work together!? We could actually see (cough, cough) ... "Free Orthodox" followers of Jesus! ☺

God is already very much at work in Romania. Emmanuel Christian Centre, the newly Free Methodist church we'll be working with in Arad, is one of those places. And we are privileged to be going to join God where He is already working. As you pray for us and for Romania this month, **pray for God to go ahead of us with His work in Romania.** We're looking forward to joining Him and His work in progress.

165 Partner Shares to Go!

Awhile back God helped us break down our \$80,000 annual support need; if 267 people could commit to giving \$25/month, we would have our support package raised. Here's the update: **we only need 165 more of these partner shares** to be committed! **Pray and ask God** to raise up the individuals and churches who will commit to these shares.

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Target Date Set

For those of you who pray with calendar in hand, we've now set a more specific target date for arriving in Romania. **We want to be there no later than January 15, 2006.** That means having all our things in order and flying out sometime right after the first of the year. Ask God to help us meet this goal.

Odds and Ends

- ✓ **Missions giving made easier** – Automatic checking account deductions (EFT) or credit card charges for monthly/quarterly/annual gift commitments are now available. Contact us for details if you'd like to automate your missions giving.
- ✓ **“Road to Romania” on the web** – This and previous newsletters are available on the web: www.fmwm.org/missionary/index/dunn.php.
- ✓ **Timelines** – In order to keep you informed...one-time financial gifts need to be given by December 1, 2005. Monthly or annual gifts can begin any time. Any gift made by December 1st will count toward start-up costs. Thanks for your partnership!

Progress

Here's where we stand:

1. **Prayer Partners** –
Need 300; Now committed: 277
2. **One-time Financial Partners** –
Need \$52,866; Now committed: \$30,466 (58%)
3. **On-going Financial Partners** –
Need \$80,000; Now committed: \$30,585 (38%)

Sincerely,

Scott and Paula Dunn ❖

PRAYER CALENDAR

August 24 – Speak at Cornerstone FMC, Akron, OH

August 28 – Speak at Huber Heights FMC

Sept. 4 – Speak at Crooksville FMC (AM) and Redtown FMC (PM)

Sept. 11 – Speak at Cornerstone (AM), Akron, OH

Sept. 18 – Speak at Center FMC (Sarahsville, AM) and Woodsfield FMC (PM)

Sept. 24-25 – Speak at Columbus First FMC Missions Weekend

OTHER PRAYER NEEDS

- ❖ Staying balanced in family life as our kids return to school (Aug 30); Paula returns to her job in the schol district as well
- ❖ Wisdom for when to place our house for sale
- ❖ Responsive People and Churches
- ❖ Physical strength and Spiritual stamina
- ❖ Churches who will consider increasing their 2006 missions budgets to include annual support for us

RESPONSE CHECKLIST

- Partner in Ministry forms are available in electronic (MS Word) format. Contact us if you or someone you know would like to sign up as a partner with us.
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OR The Dunns (address above, check payable to FMWM)
- Memo line marked “Dunns start-up costs”