

# ROAD <sup>IN</sup> TO ROMANIA



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## We're Cleared for Takeoff!

December 16 was the day for which we've been waiting and working for more than a year now. We received the following email from our mission board giving us clearance to go:

*Dear Scott and Paula,*

*Praise the Lord for his confirmation! We celebrate the securing of your **full support** -- both for prayer and for finances. And we also celebrate the completion...of your other pre-field requirements.*

*It's my privilege to say with great joy -- you are cleared to go to Romania. We are very thankful for the godly and persistent way that you have completed you pre-field deputation assignments. We believe that the Lord has provided additional confirmation of his direction in your lives.*

*...Let me know if at any time I can be of help. My prayers are with you. May our Lord richly bless your ministry as you follow him.*

*For His Kingdom,*

*Art Brown, Executive Director Free Methodist World Missions*

We, too, praise the Lord for His confirming provision for our ministry. It truly is amazing to look back over the last few months and see how God has provided. It is equally amazing to see how God's people (that's YOU) have responded; who are we to deserve a support team of almost 600 people and over 40 churches who have entrusted their prayer and financial support to our ministry?

The truth is, we're not worthy of any of it. But the Lord we serve is worthy...worthy of our all.

So, now the real work begins: flight scheduling, luggage restrictions (could you boil your family's life essentials down to just twelve 50lb suitcases?), cargo arrangements for a dog, cello and guitar, packing/selling/giving away our household stuff, transportation from Budapest to Arad...and that's just a partial list that only gets us to Arad!

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However, we must not forget the most important work, and that is praising our Lord. The truth is, He would be worthy of our praise even if He had chosen to not give all this provision, even if He had not opened all the doors for us to go to Romania. What a great God we serve! Join us in praising Jehovah Jireh (the Lord who provides)!

## Celebration--You're Invited!

Our home church, LifeNet Free Methodist, is planning a celebration evening for God's provision for our mission to Romania. As a vital member of our Sending Team, **YOU'RE INVITED!** The date is January 6, 2006, 6-9pm. Location is still being finalized (Columbus area), but if you'd like to come, please RSVP and we'll make sure you get the location details. RSVP to Pastor Wayne Smith, 614-876-6057 or email [asmith23@prodigy.net](mailto:asmith23@prodigy.net). Your RSVP is needed for food planning as well.

## Take-off Date

Our flight is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 6:50pm. We'll arrive in Budapest, Hungary the following afternoon and then travel by van to Arad, Romania. *We'd love it if you could mark off some time during the Jan. 10-11 timeframe to pray for our travel.*

## Dunn Website

If you have web access, remember to check our website--[www.theDunnsinRomania.org](http://www.theDunnsinRomania.org)-- regularly. We have begun our journal/weblog to keep you up to date on current happenings. We hope to make weekly postings. Add it to your Favorites and check back often!

## School Enrollment

Stephen and Lydia have received their books to begin their schooling with Northstar Christian

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Academy ([www.northstar-academy.org/pages/ushome.htm](http://www.northstar-academy.org/pages/ushome.htm)), an internet-based school. They begin second semester in mid-January after our arrival in Arad. *Pray for Stephen and Lydia as they transition to this very different kind of schooling from what they have had in Hilliard, Ohio.*

## House For Sale

Our house is still unsold as of this writing. The housing market is slow this time of year, and rising mortgage rates don't help. *Please pray for the sale of our home in God's perfect timing. Also pray for the future owners, that this home may continue to be a blessing as it has been to us.* (To see it, go to [www.rossrealtors.com/find.htm](http://www.rossrealtors.com/find.htm), click Home Search, and enter MLS #2550683.)

## Giving Reminders

- ✓ Giving towards our support, whether through your local Free Methodist church or directly to FM World Missions, **must be designated**. Write "Dunns-Romania" in the memo line of your check.
- ✓ **Missions giving made easier** – Automatic checking account deductions (EFT) or debit/credit card charges for regular support commitments are now available. Contact us if you'd like to automate your missions giving.
- ✓ **Timelines** – If you committed to a monthly gift towards our support, those **need to begin in January** (if you have not already started). Annual gifts can be given anytime during the year, but it helps our mission's cash flow if you can give earlier in the year (they typically receive 25% of their income in December). Thanks for your partnership!

## PRAISE ITEMS

- God's provision: 529 prayer partners, more than \$52,866 in start-up funds, commitments totaling \$82,709 in annual support!
- Provision of new laptop computers for our kids' internet-based schooling
- Travel plans made clear: Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> flight from Detroit Metro.

## PRAYER NEEDS

- ❖ For our house to sell in God's perfect timing (and for it to be a blessing to another family as it has been to ours).
- ❖ Our packing/storage process that begins right after Christmas
- ❖ Safe transport of our dog, Madyson (due to her size she must fly cargo rather than as luggage)
- ❖ For our shipments to arrive in Romania in a timely manner (and intact).
- ❖ For our kids as they finish their schooling in Hilliard and leave friends and as they prepare for internet school beginning in mid-January.
- ❖ For our travel on January 10-11.
- ❖ Pray specifically for the language portion of our brains, that God would make them receptive to language learning as they were when we were young. We are studying Romanian via tapes.

## RESPONSE CHECKLIST

- Partner in Ministry forms are available in electronic (MS Word) format at [www.thedunnsinromania.org](http://www.thedunnsinromania.org). Contact us if you or someone you know would like to sign up as a partner with us.
- Contact information:
  - Phone: 614-771-0438
  - Email: [skipee85@safe-t.net](mailto:skipee85@safe-t.net) (Scott) or [frankie85@safe-t.net](mailto:frankie85@safe-t.net) (Paula)
  - Regular mail: The Dunns, c/o Elton Moose, 1542 Mariette Dr, Springfield, OH 45503
- Mail financial gifts to:
  - Free Methodist World Missions
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  - Indianapolis, IN 46253
  - OR Your local Free Methodist church
- Memo line marked "Dunns in Romania"