

ROAD TO ROMANIA



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Welcome New Senders!

To those of you receiving our newsletter for the first time, WELCOME! Thank you for being a part of our sending team. There are now over 460 of you, and we couldn't answer God's call to Romania without all of you.

Quivering Legs?

In early August of this year we participated in a 2-week New Missionary Training event. It was held at a beautiful retreat center in south-central Indiana (www.bradfordwoods.org). One evening after a full day of sitting indoors for meetings, I decided to take a bike ride to a new area of the grounds.

I knew that it would be a stiff ride because earlier in the week I had stood at the base of the hill looking up into the woods and wondering where this road went. So I had planned my strategy well. I would coast down the hill from our retreat house, building up maximum speed for the ascent up this unexplored hill. Then when my momentum gave way to gravity I would begin downshifting to make the pedaling easier until I reached the top. No sweat! Besides, I had done this hundreds of times when I was a teenager riding my bike between farms.

My plan worked great...for the first half of the hill. But two things happened in the middle of that hill that crippled my ascent. First, gravity did overtake my momentum as expected. The problem was, I was only halfway up the hill when I ran out of gears to shift down to! The second problem was the *formerly unseen* portion of the hill. I didn't know that it got dramatically steeper from the middle to the top.

So I kept pedaling, slower and slower and slower. No way was I going to let this hill beat me!

But despite my best efforts and all my remaining strength, I couldn't pedal forward any more. I had to jump off to not roll backwards, and for the last 25% of that hill I had to walk my bike to the top. And even that was tough on legs that now quivered like jello in the 90° heat and 90% humidity.

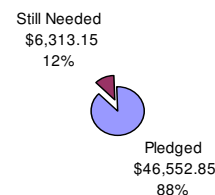
What's the point? When it comes to raising our support for our mission to Romania, we're in the "quivering legs" stage. We're down to the final phase to get us to our goal of \$80,000 in annual support commitments (30% at this writing—see charts below). And people more experienced are telling us that these last support commitments are the hardest to raise.

So like Aaron and Hur who held up Moses' hands to keep Joshua's army winning their battle against the Amalekites (Ex. 17:10-12), we'd love it if you would hold up our hands by praying for us in this final, difficult segment of support-raising. In God's strength, we *will* make it!

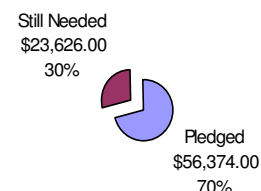
Progress

Prayer Partners – 457 now committed

Start-up Budget



Annual Support



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New Website

We have a new website almost ready to go live: www.DunnsinRomania.org. It will have all of our current support info. as well as ways to contact us, current and past newsletters, and pictures and links from Romania. We're also developing a journal/weblog section to keep you up to date on current happenings when we get to the field. This and previous newsletters are also available at www.fmwm.org/missionary/index/dunn.php.

Giving Reminders

- ✓ Giving towards our support, whether through your local Free Methodist church or directly to FM World Missions, **must be designated**. Write "Dunns-missions" 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** – One-time financial gifts for our start-up budget **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!

Future Need

Once we are on the field, we will need someone in the USA to handle the mailing of our newsletter (snail mail—we can do email from Romania). Sound like a ministry fit for you? Contact us for details.

Pray for us as we take aim...



to be in Romania by **January 15, 2006**.

PRAYER CALENDAR

- Oct. 16 AM – Speak at Zanesville Brighton FMC
- Oct. 16 PM – Speak at Zanesville Sharon Ave. and Hopewell FMCs
- Oct. 19 – Vision Casting Conference for FM World Missions (Indianapolis)
- Oct. 23 – Speak at Warren New Hope FMC
- Oct. 26 – Speak at Westlake FMC (Cleveland)
- Oct. 30 – Speak at Canton First FMC
- Nov. 6 – Speak at Chillicothe Anglican Fellowship
- Nov. 12-13 – Networking with Romania connections in North Chili New York (Pearce Memorial FMC)

OTHER PRAYER NEEDS

- ❖ For us as we begin the many details of purging, selling, and storing our stuff and other final details
- ❖ For our house to sell at just the right time, not too early and not too late
- ❖ Churches who will consider increasing their 2006 missions budgets to include annual support for us
- ❖ For our support needs to be finalized
- ❖ 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. Contact us if you or someone you know would like to sign up as a partner with us.
- Contact information:
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 - Regular mail: The Dunns, 5950 Galleon Court, Hilliard, OH 43026
- Mail financial gifts to:
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 - PO Box 535002
 - Indianapolis, IN 46253
 - OR Your local Free Methodist church
 - OR The Dunns (address above, check payable to FMWM)
- Memo line marked "Dunns start-up costs"