

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 390 of you, and we couldn't answer God's call to Romania without all of you.

Are We There Yet?

A few weeks ago we were getting in the car once again early on a Sunday morning to speak at a church about our mission to Romania. Some friends of ours were traveling with us that day and they had volunteered to drive (keep reading and you'll see why this was such a blessing). As we backed out of our driveway and drove out of our cul de sac, I felt it was my obligation to be a "good" passenger. So I immediately asked Greg (the driver), "Are we there yet?" Of course I knew we had a two-hour drive ahead of us, but I couldn't resist the opportunity to badger the driver just a bit.

Just since June 1 when we started traveling full time to speak to churches and camps about our mission to Romania, we have traveled almost 4000 miles by car (not counting a flight to Oklahoma). Add to this the 2100 miles we drove for a family wedding and vacation, and you begin to understand why the question—Are we there yet?—speaks to us and about us. Our kids have asked it, and we (Paula and myself) have asked it, several times in the last

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Pray for us as we take aim...



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

3½ months.

Anyone who's had kids and traveled or anyone who's been a kid and traveled knows this question well: Are we there yet? Often it is a question of impatience, but sometimes it is a legitimate concern for knowing where we are in the journey.

Where are we in our journey towards ministry in Romania? Well kids, we're **just over halfway** if, as we hope, we have our support raised by early November.

As you will see in our progress numbers on page 2, we (and God) have come a long way in building our support base. But we're not there yet. If we took our current support and stretched it in a straight line between Ohio and Romania, we would land **somewhere on the eastern side of the Atlantic Ocean**. We don't have anything against fish (after all, God used one to save Jonah's life), but this is not where God called us to minister. We need to go all the way.

So as you pray for us this month, talk to God about getting us **all** the way to Romania. **Pray for God's people to respond and send us all the way.**

Are we there yet? No, not quite. But we're a lot closer than we were. Even better, the end is in sight. Pray us through, all the way to Romania.

125 Partner Shares to Go!

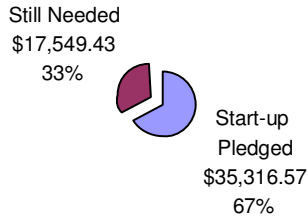
Awhile back God helped us break down our \$80,000 annual support need; if 267 people could commit to giving \$25/month, we would have our support package raised. Here's the update: **we only need 125 more of these partner shares** to be committed! **Pray and ask God** to raise up the individuals and churches who will commit to these shares.

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Progress

Prayer Partners – 390 now committed

Start-up Budget



Annual Support



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 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** – 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!

Sincerely,

Scott and Paula Dunn ❖

PRAYER CALENDAR

- Sept. 18 – Speak at Center FMC (Sarahsville, AM) and Woodsfield FMC (PM)
- Sept. 24-25 – Speak at Columbus First FMC Missions Weekend
- Oct. 2 – Speak at Living Water FMC
- Oct. 5 – Speak at Ava FMC
- Oct. 9 – Speak at Winton Community FMC (Cincinnati)
- Oct. 16 – Speak at Zanesville Brighton FMC
- Oct. 23 – Speak at Warren New Hope FMC
- Oct. 26 – Speak at Westlake FMC (Cleveland)

OTHER PRAYER NEEDS

- ❖ Wisdom for when to place our house for sale
- ❖ Responsive People and Churches
- ❖ Churches who will consider increasing their 2006 missions budgets to include annual support for us
- ❖ 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 have begun studying Romanian via language 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:
 - Phone: 614-771-0438
 - Email: skipee85@safe-t.net (Scott) or frankie85@safe-t.net (Paula)
 - Regular mail: The Dunns, 5950 Galleon Court, Hilliard, OH 43026
- Mail financial gifts to:
 - Free Methodist World Missions
 - 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”