



**Coleman Family Newsletter – April 2008**  
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♪ **It's raining, it's pouring!** ♪ ♪ **Rain, rain, go away!** ♪ ♪  
**It's raining cats and dogs!** ♪ **April showers bring May flowers!** ♪

Is it raining where you are? We've had the craziest weather here in the St. Louis area where we're living for this Home Assignment year! Flooding is the new worrisome thing in the local news. It's a rare day when I feel that living in a third floor apartment is a blessing, but I'm grateful these days of swollen creeks and over-flowing storm drains!

Our third floor home looked good to Jerry and me after our March travels! **Kristin** and **David** managed to "hold the fort" and even tidied it up in anticipation of our homecomings. 20/20 hindsight tells Jerry and me that 21 days apart (except for seeing each other in Budapest for one day) wasn't very good planning, but we both had great trips!



**Jerry's** travels included stops in Hungary, Bulgaria, Greece and Belgium to visit leaders there. Scott Dunn, missionary to Romania, traveled with Jerry and was encouraged by the things he saw. You can read his impressions and see some pictures at [www.thedunnsinromania.org](http://www.thedunnsinromania.org)

**Jan** traveled with the Greenville College choir to Hungary, Romania and Austria. It was a real privilege to be with such wonderful young people and take part in their tour. Charis, the granddaughter of Bishop Don Bastian, was a terrific roommate! We did lots of walking and exploring during free time. I had my doubts about 10 days with 53 people going many miles across several country borders in a bus, but I had a great time and really enjoyed it!



♪ **Sarah**, our eldest daughter, was accepted into the graduate program at Ithaca College, NY!! She'd like to pursue an M.M. degree in Vocal Performance. If all goes as planned she'll graduate at the same time her husband **Russell** graduates with a Ph.D. in Economics from Cornell. We're praying they graduate the same weekend – but not at the same time! The picture is from her 2006 senior recital at GC.

And while we're on the subject of music and rain showers, we need some "**Showers of Blessings.**" While our family celebrates 100% commitments for our 2008 personal support (MSA), countries where we work and serve do not have full commitments. Second quarter funds were sent out, but Spain, Portugal, Greece and Hungary only received funds in proportion to their CSA commitments. This means that the missionaries there – including us – must decide which bills to pay. Jerry figured up yesterday that we need about \$75,000 more to see these four countries fully funded for 2008. **We need \$15,000 right away to make up the second quarter shortfall.** This is a lot of money but John 21:4-6 has encouraged me today.

Will you pray with us about this? Can you help?

Will you consider giving a significant amount to help? <http://www.fmwm.org/give>

Thank you, thank you. We can't do what we do without your support!

– **Jerry, Jan, Kristin and David Coleman**