



Road in Romania

The Dunn Family in Romania

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Romania thru the Eyes of India

Life is full of unexpected things... sometimes difficult things, sometimes blessings. On May 8 I (Paula) returned from one of those unexpected blessings. A friend asked me to accompany her on a short vacation to India (all-expense-paid). To be honest, I've never really had the desire to go to India but realized I could not pass up the opportunity. It was an incredible adventure...one that I am still processing. While there, one place we visited was the Golden Temple in Agra, India, which is like a "Mecca" for those of the Sikh religion. After covering my head, washing my feet, face and hands, I entered the Sikh compound to the sounds of drums and chanting there to guide the faithful Sikh in their quest. I watched as they washed themselves in holy waters, offered their prayers to Nanak (their first guru), and as they filed through the enchanting golden



temple offering their sacrifices. It was obvious that those who had come were there with sincerity and truly believed in what they were doing. As I watched and listened...I began to pray...and the words of God came to me..."they are like sheep without a shepherd"...I have come to seek and save those who are lost"... Then one of my hosts, a Sikh worshipper himself, sat next to me and asked me to observe the four gates of the surrounding walls and the one passage to the temple. He said, "You see, the four gates remind us that people can come from anywhere and any place in life (meaning specifi-

cally high or low caste) and *the single passage to the temple says there is only ONE way to meet God.*" I had to literally control myself from bursting into tears...but I still began to quietly cry. I sat next to my new friend begging God to bring more and more of His grace and revelation of Truth into this man's life. He has part of the Truth...salvation is for all people and they can come to God from anywhere and any place in life AND there is only ONE way to God... but ONLY through the gate called Jesus Christ. And this Truth is not just for those in India...but also for my neighbors and friends here in Romania. Please continue to pray for us that God will: "...make a way for us to spread His message and explain the mystery about Christ... please pray that [we] will make the message as clear as possible." (Colossians 4:3-4 CEV)



Paula (right) and her friend in Agra

Coaching a New Church Plant

A group of teens and young adults has recently responded to God's call to start a new church in Arad. They call themselves "*Adoram*" (Hebrew for "The Lord is Exalted"), and they have asked me (Scott) to be a teacher and coach for them. I've been meeting with them for the last several Thursday evenings for

teaching. Recently we've been talking about what a New Testament church is and is not and the centrality of the Great Commission. Along the way we've had great discussions about a New Testament model of leadership, do they need a "pastor" as defined by traditional cultural expectations, and the importance of

personal ministry and maturity for each person in the church, not just the designated leader(s). Working with this enthusiastic group has been a great encouragement. As is typical with new churches, they are full of questions, eager to learn, and eager to make a difference for Jesus. Please pray for *Adoram's* development and for Scott's ministry among them.

Carpathian Corner



April 24-26 was a big weekend for us as Romania hosted our bi-annual gathering for all of our ministries in the Carpathian Region. We had about 45 people participate for the whole weekend and over 60 on Sunday, representing at least 7 countries (Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Ireland, USA).

Colleagues

Our missionary team here in Arad has grown in recent weeks with the arrival of **Spencer and Lynsey Ball** and their two young children, Trinity and Jonathan. Spencer and Lynsey will be working both with Oaza (our church-related ministry to abandoned children) and in other ministries with us and the Emmanuel Free Methodist church (in addition to parenting and completing their bachelors degrees online!). They arrived here on March 24 and will be ministering here for two years.



Drew Walter joined our Romania team in September, 2008 in a support role providing daily oversight and tutoring for our children's high school education. Drew has been a BIG blessing to our family and in turn to our ministries, and we're very pleased that he will be returning for the 2009/10 school year! He will be home in the USA for two months this summer to strengthen his financial support, so let us know if you feel led to help him in this way.



Tania Stoltzfus has been with us, working with Oaza, since last summer, and she returns to the USA on May 23. She's been a great blessing as well, and we pray God's best for her as she returns for university studies.

Please pray for our whole missionary team here, for healthy assimilation, relationships and continued unity.



Praise Items

- ✓ The cell group that meets in our home continues to go well.
- ✓ Stephen and Lydia will BOTH finish school on time this year... praise God for Drew, their tutor!
- ✓ Drew has decided to return next school year to continue tutoring with our kids.
- ✓ Opportunity to teach and coach a new church plant in Arad.

Prayer Needs

- ✎ Stephen will be taking two important tests in May and June, both related to college preparation.
- ✎ God to provide safe and healthy relationships this summer for Stephen and Lydia.
- ✎ Scott's teaching and coaching relationship with a new church plant in Arad.
- ✎ Continued assimilation and unity of relationship with our new colleagues, the Ball family.
- ✎ Growth of our cell group, both with new people and in depth of community and trust.

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Response Checklist

- Partner in Ministry forms are available in electronic (MS Word) format at www.theDunnsinRomania.org. Contact us if you or someone you know would like to sign up as a partner with us.
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