



# Road in Romania

*The Dunn Family in Romania*

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## Searching for Places for the Seed

I (Scott) grew up on a farm. Growing corn and soybeans always started in the cold, barren month of January as we planned our crops and ordered seed. Then not much would happen until late March or April when the frozen land would thaw and begin to dry out. At that point the barren fields always looked like they would never grow anything worthwhile. But we

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would start laying down fertilizer and working the ground, believing that our investment would indeed result in a good crop down the road.

Finding those Romanian leaders whom God is calling to start new churches is a bit like those early days and weeks of preparing for a new year of crops. We look at the

“fields” right now and wonder if we’ll ever see the harvest of a movement of new churches starting across this country. Even so, we try each week to invest our time in people, relationships and conversations, in ways that will lay fertilizer and seed for the harvest for which we look and pray.

One of our activities last month was exactly this kind of prepara-

tion. There is an outdoor Christian music festival not far from Arad that grows each year and attracts young Christian musicians from all over the country. They are working and praying for a renewal of Christian worship across the country. History tells me that worship renewal movements and church planting movements

nearly always go together (Wesley brothers and the Vineyard movement are but 2 examples). So I decided to offer a few seminars at this worship festival targeted directly for those who are interested in starting new churches. A Romanian friend of mine, who has already started one new church and is dreaming of a second, agreed to help me teach.

Since it was our first attempt at anything like this, I felt like even two or three new contacts would be a “success.” So can you believe how pleased I was when God doubled my faith by providing six new contacts? Six new people, Romanians with an interest in starting new churches, with whom I can be in prayer and contact. Will they all result in a new church? Probably not. But if only one or two do, that’s the start of a new harvest.

Thanks for praying for us as we make these early investments in the coming harvest.

## Support Update

As we move into these final months of 2009, we want all of our supporters to know how things are developing with our financial support.

- + Giving commitments (people or churches who said, “We’ll give \$x.xx”) - **84%** of our total 2009 budget.
- + Amount received (as of Aug. 31) - **58%** of commitments, **49%** of total budget need (both should be at 67%)

What does this mean? First, we’re very blessed to have so many faithful supporters who are giving sacri-

cially so we can be your hands and feet in Romania. And given the world economic difficulties, this blessing means even more. Thank You!!

Second, if giving continues as it has, we expect to end 2009 about **\$16000 in the red**. Normally this would cause us to return to the US right away for additional fundraising, but since we’re scheduled to do that in June of 2010 anyway, we’ll be looking at raising this deficit in addition to our normal 2010/2011 budgets.

Third, we need everyone who re-

ceives this letter to ask God’s provision for our ministry and family needs.

Fourth, we need everyone who has made a giving commitment to follow through with those commitments as fully as God provides for you.

Fifth, if you or someone you know can step in with an unexpected gift between now and December, that would be such a blessing!

Giving instructions can be found at the bottom of the back page of this newsletter. We have every confidence in God’s provision. Will you join us in praying in confident faith?

## Carpathian Corner



Our Budapest Fellowship continues to grow. New people are coming to their Sunday gathering, and Hungarian leaders are being actively developed and assimilated. Our house church near Győr, led by Gerry McNamara, has also grown recently with several new people. There is talk of multiplying at some point to establish two house churches. Please keep these two Hungarian fellowships in prayer as they express the Kingdom of God in Hungary.

## Our Kids

School has started again for Stephen and Lydia. They are once again enrolled in Northstar Academy, an online Christian school based in the USA. This will be their last year with this school as Stephen is a senior (!) and will graduate in June, and Lydia will re-enroll in public high school next year for her senior year (we will be on “home assignment” for a year beginning next June).



Stephen will take the SAT and Lydia the PSAT in October. These tests remind us of how quickly university is coming for our kids. Stephen started practicing with a local rugby club in August; his first match will be September 26. He has also started playing guitar with the Adoram worship band (the church plant Scott is coaching) and has played a couple of

times with our church’s worship team as well.

Lydia has a fairly heavy school schedule this year but seems to be handling it fine so far. In addition to her “social calendar” with friends, she is hoping to take private flute lessons this year. She wants to be ready to join the marching band when we return to the States next year. Oh, and she turned “sweet 16” in August!

Drew Walter returned on September 1 to serve again as teacher/guide/tutor for our kids’ online schooling.

We’re so thankful for his return and willingness to serve in this way again.



## Praise Items

- ✓ Scott’s teaching and coaching relationship with a new church plant in Arad continue to develop well.
- ✓ Stephen did very well on both of his tests related to college preparation.
- ✓ Stephen and Lydia both had a great summer, free of school concerns and filled with friends and activities.
- ✓ The Ball family is assimilating well to life and ministry in Romania.

## Prayer Needs

- ✧ Stephen and Lydia to have success in their schooling as the new school year has started.
- ✧ Financial provision for the remainder of 2009.
- ✧ Connection with Romanians who are called by God to start new churches.
- ✧ Growth of our cell group, both with new people and in depth of community and trust.

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