

Dear Friends of the East Tennessee District,

Greetings to you from Bucharest! Thank you for the opportunity to get to know you better as our LINKS District. We appreciate your prayers for our family and for the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene here in South East Europe. We look forward to getting to know you better over these next two years!

Here in Bucharest the Blessing church has just expanded the sanctuary to accommodate 30 more chairs. After just 2 Sundays in the new "upper room" the chairs are filled! God is so good and people are so excited to share their faith with their family and friends. We would ask you to pray for the local Nazarene congregations here as they continue to grow and share the hope of Christ with people in their communities.

Please also pray for Irina, our friend and co-worker here in Bucharest. After being diagnosed with a problem in her pregnancy the doctor in the hospital pressured her to abort her child. As a believer in Christ, Irina refused, believing that God would take care of her and her child. Irina was asked to leave that hospital and has since found another doctor to care for her and her unborn child who continues to grow healthy and strong. We continue to pray for Irina and her family during this difficult time but praise the Lord that He has already been honoured by Irina's faith and decision to trust Him. Irina continues to share her faith with her fellow patients in the local hospital here.

We would also ask you to pray for the program of Theological studies for pastors and others preparing for ministry. We have taught one class this year in Romania and are gearing up for a full year of teaching and equipping the church for service. Please pray that God will continue to call young people to serve Him as pastors, teachers, evangelists, missionaries and that those who hear the call will accept it with gladness.

Thank you for your prayers for our family and for our girls as they continue to settle back into life in Romania after being gone for 2 years. We are thankful for the Lord's help and grace.

May the Lord bless you and encourage you as you serve Him there and share His love with those around you. We pray that He would fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him today and may you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit! (Romans 15:13)

With our love and prayers,
Terry Michael, Tamara, Julia, Emily and Elena Hudson
Bucharest, Romania