



## We Are in Romania!

You have been a part of this journey and we thank God for your faithful support financially and through your prayers to make disciples and plant churches in Romania. We have taken the first step towards that end by moving here.

If you read our travel update on Facebook you can skip these paragraphs in italics. This is a summary of what I shared on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>:

*Update 1: "We know many of you pray for us as we travel to Romania. We are very thankful for that. We had to do two Covid tests and it all went well. We are inside the airport. It has not been easy to travel with kids during Covid. Please keep praying for our travels. We will board soon to our first flight."*

*Update 2: "Our family made it to our last destination in Romania! I was recently able to get internet connection and we want to thank you for your prayers."*

*This has been the longest and most exhausting trip we have made with two small children, more bags than usual, and extra hours of Covid tests and procedures. **Bryan and Pam Risner (BMAA Missionaries in West Romania)** [picture above] picked us up at the airport and drove us 2.5 hours to the city where we will live. They made our last part of the trip, (when we were the most exhausted) much easier and it was very meaningful to have them with us. God is good and we are able to see that both in the presence and long distance support of His people.*

During this Covid season we were blessed with the fact that Vanessa is a Romanian citizen (part of the European Union) as we traveled through Netherlands since they have stricter restrictions for passengers coming from non-european countries. Also, we were unintentionally benefited from flying from Mexico, after visiting our family there, instead of the US because Romania requires passengers to quarantine coming from US but not from Mexico. We had a good visit in Mexico and it was hard to say goodbye to our family now that we moved farther away.



As I write this newsletter, it is our fourth day in Romania. Our children Joellen and Ethan are finally sleeping according to their regular schedule which will allow us to get better rest after traveling!

Please continue to pray for us:

- As we are trying to find a place to live in the city of Brasov and there are limited options during this season.
- For our family to abide in Jesus in a season of many changes.
- For good language and culture acquisition.
- To get a Romanian residency in time.

## Cristian and Vanessa