



Pre-Field Update

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Happy New Year!

We thank God for this new year with new opportunities to know Him and to make Him known to the nations. As you reevaluate priorities in your life, we pray that you will have an undivided commitment to the purposes of the kingdom of Christ for God's glory and your joy.

As we prepare to go to Romania in February and many new transitions wait for us this year, I want to briefly share with you first who we desire **to be** before sharing what we desire **to do**.

By reading the book of Acts and looking at the life of Paul, God has taught me that **our call and identity is to be servants and witnesses**. In Acts 26:16 Paul describes before king Agrippa the words of Jesus to him at the time of his conversion in this way "...for I have appeared to you for this purpose, **to appoint you as a servant and witness** to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you..."

Would you pray for yourself and for us:

1. That we would live as **servants of Jesus** and no other master. That we seek to do his will and not ours.
2. That we would live as **servants of the people** God brings to our lives. To love and serve others in a sincere and sacrificial way like Jesus does.
3. That we would be **witnesses of the good news of Jesus** in every opportunity, growing in conviction and speaking with the boldness of knowing that Jesus promised to be with us always as we make disciples.

And as we live according to our identity of **servants and witnesses** we expect God to "open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me" (Acts 26:18).

Traveling

Please continue to pray for us as we travel on February 5th to visit my family in Mexico and on February 21st-22nd when we travel from Mexico to Romania. At this time Romania, as other European countries, has a curfew in place due to Covid-19 where people are not allowed to be outside their homes between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Our flight arrives at 1 a.m. and we are planning and researching what are our best options traveling with our two kids.

Ministry Funding

God has provided resources to be full-time making disciples and planting churches in Romania through your generous and faithful giving. Thank you! **Today we are receiving 90%** of what we need in Romania on a monthly basis and there are some still considering the possibility to begin supporting our ministry this month. You have been with us in this journey and we are very close to the goal!

We are thankful for some of you who have supported us from the time God called us to Romania and some who began supporting at other points when you saw the opportunity to connect the resources God entrusted you to the need of making disciples and planting churches in Romania that have a great potential to send other missionaries to unreached people groups in countries south of Romania.



Blessed 2021,

Cristian and Vanessa