



"And it came to pass in those days..."

Meditations for past, present and future

Luke 2:1-8

Dear Prayer Partners,

As promised, this prayer letter is just a month after our last. Miracles DO happen! Seriously, we are keeping you up to date and keeping things light and fresh. To do so, I've asked my family to participate in this Christmas letter. We have several projects at hand that need your prayers; but before all that, let's hear from Cami, our youngest...



This is the first time I have ever written anything for a prayer letter in the eleven years of living in Romania, so... I guess you all are probably wondering whether or not I really exist. :)) Where do I start?

Homeschool...

Well, that is going well. I am in the first year of "High School" but I have already dubbed it "The same as all the other years" school. The only difference this year is that I am doing it completely by myself. Beth is off to college and only comes back on weekends, but God blessed me by providing an other missionary girl in the same class as me. Once a month, either I visit her or she visits me for a week.

Sunday School...

*The Assistant Pastor and his wife are the teachers in our adolescent group. Our group name is, **TERRADO... or Tineri Energici Raspandind cu Ravna Adevarul Dumnezeului Omnipresent.** Wow... that's a mouthfull. Anywho... for the past two years we have been seperated into a Girls*

and Boys group. With Ioana (the girls teacher) we have been learning about "How to be a True Young Lady". This week we learned about how a true young lady prepares for the family life. We started out with four to five girls in our group, and have grown to twelve or thirteen.

One thing I ask you all pray for is,

Last week there was a school activity at one of my best friends high schools. She invited me go with her, so she wouldn't be the only Christian there. None of her class mates are saved, so pray that our witness will help them be more open to the Gospel.

And... I guess I have written enough. Thank you for your prayers, and thank you for taking time to read my first prayer paragraph. **Cami**

Probably the busiest person in our family (at least until Christmas break) is Bethany. Here's what she has to say...

I just finished my first semester as a full-time Music major student at The Baptist College International here in Romania. It was a challenging semester, both with the schoolwork and with learning how to live with three other girls who were very different one from the other. Even so, by the end of the semester, I believe that all these things made us better friends, taught us how to have patience and forgiveness, and made us more accountable in our responsibilities one toward the other. One of the many things God taught me this semester was that even in a Bible college, surrounded by God's word and ministry, I still need to personally spend time with Him and personally study the Bible for myself. I'm sure the majority of Bible college students and Christians know this at the beginning....but how easily it is forgotten when important homework is due the next day and it's not finished, or there is a test coming up, instrument practice time, etc. It was actually said during one of the chapel times that it is easier to slack in your walk with God in Bible college than in any other kind of college. At first I thought that was a bit silly but not long after that, God showed me that I was slacking in my walk with Him and showed me how to make it right.

I can honestly say that in my entire life of doing school, Bible college has been the most fun! I can't really say I had one favorite class, because I enjoyed all of them equally. Yes, some of them were a lot harder than others, but each subject intrigued me and fed my desire to learn in unique ways and in different areas. I finished finals week last week and checked my report card today and was ecstatic to see that the semester ended with all A's! Praise the Lord! I would not have made it without Him and I am so thankful for the grace and power He showed in my life in just one semester. Now I am enjoying the bliss of vacation till February but I am looking forward to the next one and what new surprises He has in store. **Bethany**

It was Deb's idea to get us all involved in this prayer letter. She writes...

Wow!!! The past month has been a whirlwind of excitement and challenges between teaching and organizing at the college, ministry at the church, and keeping things running at home and with home schooling Cami!! I think the



greatest blessing for me has been teaching at the college and working with the students. It has been interesting to watch them grow spiritually, but also to watch them learn (and sometimes struggle) to live in the same room with others who are not family. At the church, it has been exciting to see several new young families coming regularly and growing in their walk with the Lord. It is always fun to see lots of kids around the church and to know that they are part of families who are learning to serve the Lord together!

Now....my greatest challenge of the month...learning to live in the middle of the winter without a clothes dryer for the first time in my life!!! My dryer went out about a month ago, and we have been looking for and saving for a new one. In the meantime, my clothes hang on hangers throughout the house on the curtain rods that are situated over radiators! Several days a week, while the clothes are drying, we pray that we don't have unexpected company :P It is interesting to me that things that we take for granted until they are not there!!!

*We thank God for your prayers and encouragement. He is working in lives, and we are praising Him daily for all He is doing in and through the ministry here and personally in our family. **Debra***



2014 Christmas Concert at the Timisoara Baptist Church

I would like to conclude this message by reporting that we are in the midst of a very special time in Romania. This month marks 25 years from the Romanian Revolution of 1989, and there is a fresh sense of awareness that much is owed to those who sacrificed and suffered so much to win the liberties enjoyed here today. There has also been a new president elected to lead the Romanian government, and he marks the first president with NO ties to the old communist mentality. We pray for peace and progress, because we desire greater liberty to preach the Gospel and plant churches.

PRAYER PROJECTS

Church Van - we have received \$3300 in the last 2 months toward the purchase of a late-model (or new) passenger van with automatic transmission for our church and college ministries. This is an important need because we are presently using 3-4 cars every week to transport people to church from several areas of the city.



Our main driver, [Dan Gavra](#) (who lost his left leg during the 1989 Romanian Revolution), is the one who enthusiastically mentions this need at nearly every prayer time.

Property Payment - We are anticipating funding for the 2nd of 4 annual payments for our church property in Timisoara. Please pray for this and the remaining half of the purchase amount to come in quickly. We are planning to modify the interior of the church building to have a greater capacity, especially for special events like our Christmas concert last week where over 80 people (including about 10 guests) filled the room.

TBCI Students and Needs - The Baptist College International, in association with West Coast Baptist College in Lancaster, California, is a full, four-year Bible college that provides fundamental, Independent Baptist teaching in English and practical local church training for students from all over Europe and beyond. The dorms can house over 50 students, the meals are prepared fresh and the courses are biblical and top-quality. Basically everything is in place for those who the Lord will send our way, but we do need a **video projector** and a couple of new **computers**.



If you would like further details about any of the things mentioned above, please e-mail me at family@tylero.org. If you have a financial gift to send, please do so through your church to our [Baptist International Missions, Inc.](#), **account #1258**, P.O. Box 9215, Chattanooga, TN, 37412, +1-423-344-5050.

Our prayer for you is that the Lords presence will be felt as you celebrate His birth and that you will be renewed in His strength in the New Year!

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