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Get to Know the Andreasesns



Based in Braşov

The fog has settled in and clouded the beautiful city of Braşov, Romania in the photo above.

This serves as a great illustration of the need for this important work in Romania and the Balkan region.

The beauty of the clear Gospel of Jesus is clouded by the false teachings so prevalent in these lands. People are either lulled out of faith in Christ because they are "good enough" or they are driven to despair in their inability to be "good enough".

From Braşov, our home base, we endeavor, with the help of God, to bear witness to the clear and joyous work of Jesus on the cross to the people of Romania and the Balkans. May God help us and bless this work for His name's sake.

"For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." -2 Corinthians 4:6 ESV



Back row (left to right): Abigail, Ethan, Alison (plus baby), Rev. Jordon Andreasesns
Front row: Benjamin, Aaron, Bethany

Welcome to the First Andreasesns Newsletter!

Many of you are family friends, acquaintances, or beloved church members and know our crew pretty well already. Others, however, are individuals and congregations we have met along the way. We give thanks for all of you and the various roles you have had in our lives. We pray that by sharing the Lord's workings in another part of the world you would be encouraged, strengthened, and challenged as we all grow as parts of Christ's body into Himself, the head.

We pray this newsletter is easy to put up on a bulletin board at your church or to read at your leisure in your home. You are welcome to copy an article or two for a church newsletter or bulletin as a "From Your Missionary" entry or to be read as a "Missionary Minute" announcement at church. In the near future, we hope to get a Facebook page up and going which will include more pictures and stories of our journey.

A Little About the Andreasesns:

For those who don't know us all that well, here is a short description of each of our family members so you can get to know us!

Jordon: Spiritual leader, outdoor sports enthusiast, fun maker, kid bedtime keeper

Alison: Writer, cook, master calender keeper, snack packer, nurturer

Abigail: Tennis player, movie buff, pie maker, singer, reader

Bethany: Piano player, dancer, queen of soft blankets, giggler

Benjamin: Athletic, smoothie and salad lover, excellent big brother, snuggler

Aaron: Board game master, cardboard creationist, question asker, friend maker

Ethan: Mario Bros. fan, train lover, brother wrestler, momma's boy, daddy's fishing buddy



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our former congregations in the calling process.
- Alison "holding down the fort" while Jordon is traveling for presentations.
- Those who have and will hear the Gospel of Christ crucified.
- For our house to sell quickly.
- Andreassen baby #6 to continue growing well.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The wonderful connections we share with each other in the LCMS.
- The work the Lord is already doing through His servants in Romania.

PRESENTING AT:

- March 10 at Messiah Lutheran in Redfield, SD
- March 17 at Faith Lutheran Church in Mount Pleasant, IA
- March 24 at Immanuel Lutheran in Wecota, SD
- April 7 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD
- April 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hawarden, IA
- April 28th at Immanuel Lutheran in Spirit Lake, IA

First Week of Orientation



The chapel at the International Center, St. Louis, MO

THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER

The International Center is the name of the building which serves as the headquarters of the LCMS. While I have been to this place a few times in the past, this was the first time for my family. It was also the first time I have been able to interact with those that support our congregations from here.

After our week of missionary orientation, we walked away in thanksgiving to God. The men and women who serve the church here (pastors, deaconesses, teachers, and lay people) are an impressive bunch!

It is not just their knowledge of

Scripture but their understanding of how it informs their work which was an absolute inspiration. These people certainly must think in ways that the average parish doesn't, but they do it with integrity and faithfulness. We have come away from this time with an even greater appreciation for our church body as a whole.

TIME CLOTHED IN THE WORD

Each day of orientation was packed full of preparation, meeting missionary support staff, and kids having their own missionary kid training. But no matter what each day held, every day started and ended with Scripture, prayer and song. We would start each day with a devotion, attend morning chapel and even close the day in the chapel. Our day was clothed in the Word of God!

As we prepare for the mission field this is the most important manner of preparation for our family. Amidst all the changes and unknowns about our transition to the field, it is the solid foundation we have in the Word of God and faith which will see us through everything else.

Thank you for your prayers and interest in the work the Lord has called us to in Romania.

We would love to meet you as we share about this work and prepare to serve the Lord abroad. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you would like to arrange a visit, hear more or have any questions. Our Lord's richest blessings to you all!

In Christ,

Rev. Jordon and Alison Andreassen



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

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