

THE BROSNANS



Roaming Romania

I'm writing from the Bucharest airport at 4:30 a.m. as I await my return flight to Huntsville via Amsterdam and Atlanta. Despite the early hour, my mind is racing with reflections from my experiences in Romania. Let's rewind to the beginning.



Bob and Marianne Capehart

I was finally there—Constanta, a port city on the Black Sea. After three flights, a taxi ride and a leg by rail, I was awaiting pick up by missionary Bob Capehart. I enjoyed three days of renewed fellowship and ministry. Bob and Marianne have faithfully weathered many challenges over the years, including serious medical issues. What a joy to see them both enjoying significantly improved health. They are planting a church among the

numerous rural villages of Topraisar. They have a vibrant group of young people, but have struggled to develop faithful Romanian men for spiritual leadership, despite some promising individuals. They hope to see some of these young people become trailblazers for Christ as they progress into adulthood.

Another train ride, taxi and flight landed me with the Freels in Timisoara. Nathan, Amy and their two boys, Wyatt and Elliot, work with gypsies, the despised outcasts of society. Someone summed up the debauched gypsy lifestyle, "The men don't work; the women beg and the children steal." Only the hopeless look in a gypsy child's eye evokes compassion for these societal piranhas. But, as missionary Freel said, "These are the forgotten lost sheep for whom Christ died." Planting churches among gypsies is incredibly challenging and requires large doses of self denial.



Gypsy church

My last stop was with Dan, Lyn and Briana Sehested in Hunedoara. The rare gem of their ministry is their coworker, Mihai Czentye, a tried and true national pastor. Their church is currently seeking a property to



Kevin preaching at Hunedoara

purchase. Dan and Lyn are celebrating 25 years in Romania and their solid church-planting ministry reflects the fruit of principled plodding.

For those who remember the euphoria surrounding the fall of the Iron Curtain, Romania has largely been a disappointment to church planters. The first missionaries wondered whether they had anything to offer these spiritual giants, who had been refined by decades of persecution under the strong arm of the atheistic state. But the missionaries' presumptions painted far too rosy a picture of the real challenges to church planting in Romania, not the least of which are its pervasive Armenian theology and the legacy of compromise from the government's intrusion into every recognized religious body. Yet, for those who are willing to keep their hands to the plow, Romania remains an open door. These three BWM families demonstrate that faith and perseverance will ultimately bring forth eternal fruit.



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Prayer & Praise Items

- Tamara's knee injury continues to trouble her. She has an appointment with an orthopedic doctor next week.
- Please continue praying for the Sehesteds as they search for a new church building in Hunedoara.
- Please continue praying for Ray Virtue in Hamburg as he battles cancer.
- Praise the Lord for a tremendous foreign trip to Romania.
- Praise the Lord for His watch care over my family while I was in Romania.

Christmas greetings and best wishes to all our faithful prayer partners.

