

The Spillmans

JJ, Allison, Riley, and William

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Dear supporting churches and friends,

Happy New Year! Greetings from Utah. We are just under one week from our return to Romania! Our first flight is scheduled to depart Salt Lake City on the 27th, and we will arrive in Cluj on the 28th. Please pray for us as we prepare to return to Romania. We are thankful for a shorter flight over the Atlantic since we will be flying from Newark to Munich for the second flight. Please pray with us that we have no difficulty entering the country and for all of our luggage to arrive safely.

We are so thankful for the safe birth of our son and the opportunity afterward to report to twenty-two supporting churches and two new churches, in addition to the four we were with in July. We just finished our last meeting here in Utah and look forward to returning to ministry at our church in Cluj. While we were gone, some work was done and we now have enough classrooms for us to be able to have our own Ukrainian Sunday School classroom. Lord willing, we will begin our class with Lenya's family, who I have mentioned in previous letters.

We are also thankful for the time we have had with our families here in the States. For Thanksgiving, we were able to be with the Spillman side of the family in South Dakota, and for Christmas, we were with the Watson side of our family in Oregon. It was such a blessing to be able to see our family, some of whom we haven't seen for three years. Please pray with us for the salvation of one of Allison's brothers, who we saw while in Oregon.

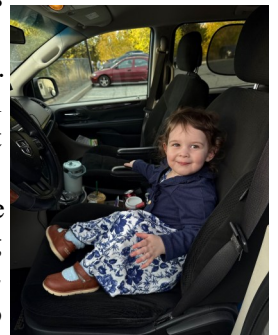
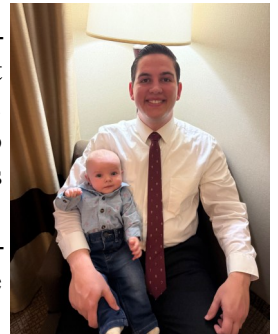
On February 14th we are scheduled to have an appointment to apply for our religious visas. Praise the Lord, we already have most of the paperwork necessary for the application. After we arrive in Romania, we will be able to gather the last few documents we need. Please pray with us that they accept our applications without any further complications.

As always, we also ask for your prayers for peace and the spread of the Gospel in Ukraine. The last few weeks have in particular been difficult for the city we ultimately plan to begin church planting in. Sumy is the launching area for Ukraine's attack in the Kursk region of Russia, so it is not a big surprise that they are receiving increasing attacks as the war continues. Our plans for now are to return to Cluj-Napoca, Romania and continue ministering there until next year. At the beginning of next year we will look at, Lord willing, preparing for our move to Ukraine, should the war be over. We are so thankful that God has given us a city and church to minister in while we wait for His timing to move to Ukraine.

In Christ,

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"Striving together for the faith of the Gospel in Ukraine"

Philippians 1:27