

The Spillmans

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Dear supporting churches and friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support this year. It feels like we just began 2025 a month or two ago. As we prepare for Thanksgiving this week, Romania has already switched into full Christmas mode. The music in the stores, the decorations, and the advertisements all remind us that the countdown to Christmas has begun in earnest. While much of Europe and the world prepare to celebrate, it is a reminder to us that a different countdown started many years ago, the countdown to Christ's return. May God help us to move with purpose during this time when Christ and His birth are already on the minds of people.

The first Sunday of October was the day our church celebrated Romania's version of Thanksgiving. We had a bit of a different service with Pastor Nibbe, Adam Zander, and me taking about 15-20 minutes each to preach on thankfulness. Afterwards, we had a potluck, with games and time to fellowship. Our church also had a children's activity at a pumpkin patch near Cluj. It was a blessing for our kids to have a good time outside while the weather was good, and for us as parents to be able to have an extra opportunity to fellowship.

In November, we had our first meal after the Sunday morning service for some folks from the U.S. Air Force base near us. Six were able to come this time, and we hope, Lord willing, to be able to do this monthly. Praise the Lord, He gives us so many wonderful opportunities to serve people from all over the world right here in Cluj.

Because of some construction near our church building, the ground has shifted. With that, the structure of our building is sound, but the floor in the auditorium has some significant cracks in it, and the platform has begun to bow in the middle. We are looking at options to repair the floor and platform, but there aren't any cheap solutions. Please pray for us to have wisdom and the resources necessary to solve this problem before the end of the year. If you would like to give a special gift to this ministry need, please use the word 'Auditorium' as the designation when sending support to us through BIMi.

The winter months in Ukraine are often the hardest because much of Russia's attacks have been aimed at destroying the infrastructure needed to provide warmth and electricity to people's homes. There are talks even now of a peace deal that aims to have a solution by the end of this week. Ultimately, we know Ukraine is in the Lord's hand, and He knows what is best for the eternal future of those in Ukraine. Please pray with us for peace, wisdom for our leaders, an open door for the Gospel, and His mercy and protection for the Ukrainian people.

In Christ,

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Philippians 1:27