

The Spillmans

JJ, Allison, Riley, and William

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Dear supporting churches and friends,

We want to thank you for your prayers and support for the last 5 years. Allison and I started deputation during the last week of June 2020, and it is amazing to see how far God has brought us. We now have two awesome kids, a wonderful church here in Cluj, Romania, and several Ukrainian families that God has brought to us to minister to. Thank you for being a major part of our ministry. We also wanted to say a special thank you to the churches and individuals who have given extra in the last few months. You have been such a blessing to us.

We wrote in November about a new ministry opportunity for the service members from the U.S. Air Force base nearby. We were able to have another meal in December, but in January it didn't work out. Please pray with us that this ministry grows. We are thankful for each time that God gives us to serve the military.

For Christmas, our church had its first children's Christmas program. It was such a blessing being able to work with the kids in the months leading up to it. I knew that a Christmas play by children from ages 3-6 would be interesting, and they didn't disappoint. Despite the argument over who Baby Jesus belonged to (my mistake for bringing a toy from home 😊, lesson learned), the kids did a great job, and it was a blessing to our church family. They sang two Christmas songs in Romanian, so this was Riley's first time singing in front of others in a language other than English. Allison and I are so proud of her and the other children and their hard work.

We are still resolving the issue with the floor in our auditorium. Please pray with us that we are able to gather the funds necessary for this repair. There was a small chance that a land insurance policy, which is mandated by the government, would cover the costs of the repairs. We learned a little while ago that they are denying our claim. We know the Lord has a plan and trust Him to provide us with the means we need to take care of it.

The winter in Ukraine has been the coldest since before the war, and Russia's attacks have been overwhelmingly aimed at destroying civilian infrastructure. They want to do anything they can to demoralize Ukrainians. Just about every day, I receive alerts on my phone about power outages or problems with water or natural gas in places like Kyiv and Odesa because of these attacks. Please pray that they can restore the necessary utilities to keep them warm and healthy, and for the Believers who continue to serve the Lord despite of their dire circumstances.

In Christ,

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Philippians 1:27