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Please pray...

Praise for:

- Precious time with our Australian family this Christmas.
- Improvement in Luca's health and all the medical practitioners who have helped us.
- Being able to celebrate Anna's birthday with close friends.
- Adi completing his Master of Arts (Theology)
- The opportunities we have had to share our vision for ministry
- All those who have joined our support team
- Acceptance with APWM

Prayer for:

- Continued improvement in Luca's health
- Continual adjustment to being a family of four
- Wisdom in how to raise Anna and Luca to love and serve our Lord
- Upcoming events in Cootamundra and Orange
- More opportunities to share
- The remaining prayer and financial support
- Preparation for NextGen

Dear Friends and Family,

Life with two little ones means that whilst some days are long, the months pass fast and we find ourselves in December before we could believe it. Lots has been happening so please read on.....

All I want for Christmas...

Whilst we had originally hoped that we would be enjoying a white Christmas with Adi's family in Romania, we are happy to be able to spend one more Christmas here in Cootamundra with my mother and sister in sweltering 40+C heat. Anna is enjoying swimming in the pool and Luca is more than happy to chill out under the air-conditioning vents. We are thankful for the time we have with our Australian family as we know that our time with them is limited and we are certainly wanting to make the most of it.

Growing Grocotts



In our previous newsletter we shared about some health concerns we have been experiencing with Luca. We are so thankful for God's provision with the health care that we have received and although we are not "out of the woods" yet, there has been significant improvement and the pediatrician is happy with the progress that Luca has made.

A significant milestone for our family was celebrating Anna's 3rd birthday at the beginning of the month. She was very excited in anticipation of the event and thoroughly enjoyed a family trip to the Manly Aquarium on her birthday as well as a small party with some of her little friends on the weekend.

We have a Master in the house!

Another milestone for our family was Adi completing all assessments for his Master of Arts (Theology). It was a hard slog but we got there in the end. To top it off he received his marks and he has passed too! We are so thankful to God for sustaining us through the process of study and for everyone who has supported and encouraged us along the way. We have been able to complete much more than we originally anticipated and are so thankful to have been able to have this season of study and reflection. We look forward to being able to 'pay it forward' as we share what we have learnt with our brothers and sisters in Romania.

Sharing the Vision

It has been a joy and a privilege as we have continued to share our vision for encouraging and equipping the local Romanian church with people here in Australia. Our open event in Burwood was an intimate gathering but it was encouraging to be able to share at greater detail what we hope to be involved in when we return to Romania. We have dates to share in more churches here in Cootamundra as well as in Orange. We have also contacted churches in Canberra, Yamba and Brisbane and we are hoping to finalise dates to share in those locations also. If you would like us to come and speak at your church or bible study, or just want to catch up over coffee to hear more, we would be more than delighted to share with you, so please contact us and we can work out a time to meet.

Progress...

Whilst our sending mission agency is ECM, we mentioned in the previous email that we had submitted our application to APWM (Australian Presbyterian World Mission). APWM partners with mission agencies, such as ECM, to support missionaries in countries and contexts where the Presbyterian Church doesn't have formal partnerships. We are happy to tell you that we have been officially accepted and have been given the 'stamp of approval' by the Presbyterian Church. We are thankful to be a part of this agency, for the doors it opens and the prayer support it provides.

As many of you know, we are reliant on the support and generosity of churches and individuals to make it possible to be able to minister full time in Romania. It has been greatly encouraging over the past months to see people getting on board with us and, so far, we have 40% of our monthly budget pledged. We are hoping that we will be able to return to Romania before April, as ECM is holding their biannual conference in Spain in April. We would appreciate being able to attend this conference in order to meet our extended ECM family and start developing relationships with those whom we will serve with. But we need 100% of our budget pledged before we are able to return to Romania. If you have been considering joining us through regular prayer and financial support and would like to know more about supporting us in this way, please contact us or the ECM office and we'll be able to show you how.

NextGen.....again!

January is coming and that means one thing for the Grocott family- NEXTGEN! For those of you are not familiar with NextGen it is an annual conference aimed at equipping children and youth ministry leaders. It seeks to train the next generation of gospel leaders to faithfully pass on the gospel to others. For the past three years we have been attending as strand leaders sharing the training material to teach leaders how to read and understand the Bible in order to teach it to others. We are so impressed with this training material that we are hoping to be able to adapt it to be able to use in Romania also.

Thanks so much for taking the time to read this newsletter and joining us on our journey back to Romania. We would love to hear from you, and feel free to share anything that we can be praying for you. Wishing you all a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year.
Adi, Jennifer, Anna & Luca

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