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“What does toacă mean?” Abby asked this out of the blue at breakfast this week. I ran and got our priceless Romanian/English dictionary to find out if it was even a word. Sure enough, it was! Abby has been showing more and more signs of learning the Romanian language from the kindergarten. In the past, when she would ask how to say something in Romanian, we would give her the answer. Now we are the ones starting to learn new words from her! The kindergarten is not Abby and Caleb’s favorite place (except for the days they have a puppet show), but we are thrilled to see some progress with the language. **Please continue to pray for them to behave well and learn the language.**



Caleb with kindergarten teacher



Ford’s church-plant here in Hincești, where we currently help minister.

Our language school is well underway but has not been going as we had planned. Due to the children being sick for the past several weeks, I have stayed home several days to let Stephanie go to the lessons. The good news is that Stephanie has had focused learning time without having to take care of Daniel during our lessons. I have noticed a significant increase in her abilities to communicate to the people over the past month and a half. **Continue praying for our entire family to learn the language correctly.**

I wish I could tell you of a wonderful last visit with Catia before she left for America. Unfortunately, she

moved out of her apartment earlier than expected. Thankfully we were able to go through the Gospel with her before she left, but we are praying for believers in America to continue watering the seed during her time there. **Please pray for her and for believers to be bold witnesses to those around them, especially to those from other countries because they tend to be very open.**

Tudor and I have been able to talk a couple times, but only for a short time. Once while he was at work and the other in passing. We want to have him and his wife over for a meal but are waiting for us all to get over the colds first. He is currently going through some personal

trials with his employer. **Please pray for his problem to get resolved and for us to have a longer meeting together.**

Two weeks ago, the Ford family left for a short 3 month furlough. They have been such a help to us over the past nine months, and now we get to return the favor in a small way. The church has a good group of men to keep the church moving along. I get to take care of some day-to-day tasks and even

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Prayer Requests & Praises:

- Praise the Lord for Abby and Caleb’s progression with Romanian.
- Praise the Lord for Stephanie’s progress with Romanian.
- Pray for continued learning of Romanian during this fall semester.
- Pray for Catia, Vasile, Aliona, Victor, Ducia, Qassim, and Gemima’s salvation.
- Pray for Tudor’s spiritual growth.
- Pray for our children to adjust to the challenges of being in the kindergarten where they understand very little.
- Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

preach a number of times during the Fords’ time in the States. By God’s grace, I stumbled through my first message entirely in Romanian a few weeks ago and will have more practice during this time. **Please pray for the Fords to be refreshed and have safe travels during their furlough. Also, please pray for the church to remain strong and stable, and pray that I will keep up with my additional tasks and become more accustomed to preaching in Romanian.**

On a personal note, we wanted to say a special thank you to those who have shown your love and care through additional measures. We have received birthday and anniversary cards, emails, and even some care packages. We greatly appreciate your thoughts, prayers, and sacrifices for us. You have truly made us feel a part of your church missionary family and ministry. Thank you all for your continual prayers and financial support. May the Lord find us faithful in the harvest field.