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Normally, when you hear your child speaking words you don't know, you mark it off as gibberish. Over here, though, we have to decide if it is gibberish or Romanian. For example, a couple weeks ago, Caleb said, "Buburuză," (boo-boo-ROO-zuh) as he pointed to a drawing of a ladybug. Having never heard of this word before, we grabbed our Romanian-English dictionary. Sure enough, Caleb was right. He had taught us something in Romanian that he had learned at the gradiniță (kindergarten). We are beginning to hear more and more Romanian from our children, for which we are grateful. The weather is beautiful now for the children to play outside with the other children in our apartment building. **Please pray for Abby and Caleb's Romanian to really grow this summer.**

Our Romanian is continuing to expand and get "cleaner" with less and less grammatical mistakes. We finish our third semester of Romanian lessons this Friday. Our summer schedule will provide different opportunities for us to practice Romanian.

One of our summer events will include a trip up to the northern part of Moldova. Our plan is to start our first church up north during our second term. We will be meeting with some believers that we know up north to find out what areas they know of that do not have a gospel-preaching church. We want to know where God would have us start the first church. Also, during our time up north, I will be preaching a week of

Christian camp... in Romanian. **Please pray for us to clearly see the Lord's leading on what area to start the church and for God to bless the week of camp with souls saved.**

At the beginning of May, Stephanie's younger sister, Kelly, and her husband, Terry, visited us for a week. During their time here, they held an evangelistic piano concert. Kelly played five classical pieces and five sacred pieces. In the middle of the concert, Terry shared his salvation testimony and gave the gospel. After the concert, we handed out a church brochure/gospel tract to each person. We had invited a number of people and some did come, including a couple of American Peace Corp workers. Stephanie has started to get to know, our Romanian teacher, and our auto insurance agent. **Pray that the seeds of the gospel that were planted or watered would continue to grow.**



Piano concert evangelization at the music school

There are several people with whom we been able to discuss the gospel more thoroughly. I went through the gospel again with Vasile, but he continues to think it is for "fanatics" instead of for every person. Also, I have been witnessing to our landlord and his father (Victor and Peter). We found out

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Prayer Requests & Praises:

- Praise the Lord for the evangelistic concert going well.
- Praise the Lord for Abby & Caleb's progress with Romanian.
- Pray for continued language progress.
- Pray for Catia, Vasile, Aliona, Victor, Ducia, Qassim, and Gemima's salvation.
- Pray for God to bless our trip up north with safety, wisdom, and souls saved.
- Pray for our landlord's mother to be healed physically and even more so, spiritually.
- Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

recently that Victor's mother had cancer surgery and is having a difficult recovery. **Please pray her healing. Also, pray for them to trust Christ as their Savior and find their hope in Him.**

We were recently asked by one of our supporting churches to put together a video about our first year here. We wanted to share the link with you to give you an opportunity to see it, too. We wanted to make the video as open and real as possible, showing the challenges that most missionary families face during their first year or so. More importantly, though, we wanted to share how God's grace is always sufficient to meet each of those challenges. You may find the video on our website at:

<http://grossmissionaries.com/2011video.html>

Thank you again for your many prayers and faithful support. We have been encouraged by many of you who have emailed us or sent us letters to let us know you are praying for us. May God bless you.