

THE NIBBE FAMILY

Missionaries to Timișoara, Romania

March-August '25

Dear Praying Friends,

This season of ministry has been fruitful and challenging. We have much to rejoice about, but we have also had some heartache. We are so thankful for the privilege to serve here in Romania. God has been blessing our ministry in a tremendous way these last few months and we have much to share. This year we have had seven saved and nine baptized! We have also had many visitors and have had several join the church.

In March Arezoo's mom and sister came from Canada for a visit and to meet baby Ezra. We really enjoyed the time we were able to spend together, and Eliorah and Zion especially enjoyed spending time with Auntie and Grandma. In April, we drove across the country to Bucharest to take care of Ezra's paperwork at the United States Embassy. We were able to get his certificate of birth abroad and US passport within a couple weeks.

In May we had our college graduation. Bro. Rick Houk came from Lancaster Baptist Church and preached a great Bible conference during our graduation week. This year we had one young man graduate. The next semester starts in a few weeks, and we will have our largest freshman class since I started teaching. We have eight new students signed up for the fall semester – one from Russia, two from Spain, two from Greece, and three from Ukraine. We are greatly looking forward to the upcoming school year.

In June we traveled to Cluj. I had the honor of preaching the 25th anniversary service for Gospel Light Baptist Church. The church is going strong and is in the process of starting a Christian School next month. In July, our sending pastor and his wife came for a visit. We had a great time with them and enjoyed showing them around Timișoara and the ministries we are involved in here.

On July 25th we got word that one of our church members – Daniel Calin (age 25) – had been killed in Ukraine, just a few days prior, on July 21st. He was a dear friend and graduate of our Bible college. I had the privilege of teaching him over the course of his studies. He believed God was leading him to go to Ukraine to share the Gospel with the soldiers on the front lines. On his final training mission his base was hit by Russian drones, and several soldiers were killed. He was a bold witness and shared the gospel with each one of his comrades. We are praying for the families of the 14 other soldiers who were killed in that attack and for the salvation of Daniel's platoon.



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On August 2nd we held the memorial service for Daniel as we awaited the repatriation of his body. The whole platoon watched his memorial service. His body finally arrived on August 17th, nearly a month after he was killed, and earlier this week we were finally able to have a proper burial. Please be in prayer for his young wife, Denisa, for his family, and for our church family, as we grieve his loss. It has been a very difficult and heavy month, but we know that Daniel is with the Lord.

On October 26th we will be holding the 20th anniversary service of our church. We will be announcing to the church that we are going to be planting a church on the north side of town. Some of our church members have already expressed interest in helping us with this new church plant. We have been surveying the area and have been looking at places to rent. Please pray for God to provide the right location for the new church plant. Please pray for guidance and wisdom in this area.

One major need and prayer request we have is concerning our vehicle situation. Our current vehicle is on its last leg. I took it to a mechanic, and he told me to buy a new one because it was not worth spending any more money on it. I am hoping to be able to lease a smaller vehicle until we are able to purchase a van. The process is more complicated for foreigners, but it may be possible. We need two vehicles – a smaller one for driving the 75-mile round-trip commute to the Bible college and for errands, and a van for transporting our family and other people. Current prices for 9-seater vans range from \$50,000-\$65,000 once tax is calculated. Our options are the Renault Traffic or the Mercedes Vito. Neither is particularly fancy, as they are just converted utility vans. But the Mercedes is by far the best value, and the base model offers what the high-end Renault Traffic model offers as far as removeable seats, safety, and capability are concerned. Please pray for this need.

We also want to share a highlight from earlier this summer. Our daughter Eliorah placed her faith in Jesus about two years ago and in July she decided to be baptized. It was a great joy to baptize my daughter. We are thankful for how God is working in our family. Thank you for your prayers!

In Christ's service,

Brian, Arezoo, Eliorah, Zion & Ezra Nibbe



College graduation 2025



It was a blessing to have Bro. Rick Houk from WCBC here for graduation



The Baptist College International is truly international



It was an honor to have our pastor here in July



In June we had a church picnic



Church has been averaging between 80-100 on Sunday AM



We have had 9 people baptized over the last two months!



It was an honor to baptize my daughter in July



A dear friend and former graduate of our college joined the Ukrainian Foreign Legion and was killed while on a training mission in Ukraine. The burial was August 20th.