THE NIBBE FAMILY

Missionaries to Timișoara, Romania

May-Sept. 2026

The last several months have been incredibly busy and eventful. May, June and July were very full months, as we took a short furlough, making several stops along the eastern side of the United States and Canada. We spent a few days in Virginia where I was able to attend the graduation ceremony for my Master of Divinity in Biblical Languages. We spent most of the remaining weeks visiting supporting churches. We had not visited many of these churches since we were on deputations 10 years ago, so we really enjoyed meeting again and sharing what God has done in Romania over the past 9 years.

We had scheduled meetings on most Sundays and Wednesdays, but we were also able to do some fun things as a family along the way. Our children especially enjoyed visiting the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter as well as spending a couple of days by Lake Erie. We don't live near any large bodies of water, so that was a treat for our family. We were thankful to visit with friends in ministry along the way, and our children loved having other children their age to play with. We are especially grateful to friends and churches who provided us with a place to stay as we traveled.

In total, we traveled about 8,000 miles (13,000 km) by car! We are so thankful for God's protection over our family. We had a relatively small scare in June when a semi-truck backed into our car while we were stuck in bad traffic on a hill. Thankfully, nobody was hurt, and the rental car only suffered minor damage.

August was a busy month of ministry once we settled back into our home in Romania. At the beginning of the month, our church hosted a large missions team from California. They spent the week serving alongside our church family and preparing and planning for our upcoming VBS. We had a wonderful time with them and were truly blessed by their testimonies and love for the Lord. They did a phenomenal job executing the VBS, and it was a big success! We had several first-time visitors and some returning families as well. The children (and adults!) had a great time, and we are thankful for the seeds that were planted throughout the week.



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A couple of weeks later, our family drove from Romania to Switzerland to attend our very first BIMI field conference in Beatenburg, Switzerland. It was a refreshing time for us, as we enjoyed fellowship with our field director and his wife, as well as with the many other European missionary families who attended. Our children had a great time as well. They had a daily children's program during the services and Eliorah and Zion especially enjoyed having other English-speaking children to interact with and play with.

We arrived back home in Romania at the end of August and quickly began to prepare for the beginning of the school year, which began the first week of September. This semester I am teaching Hermeneutics and Greek, and it has been a great start to the school year. We have a few new students from Spain and Greece, and we are thankful for the opportunity to invest in these young people as they learn and to serve alongside them in local church ministry.

Our family is doing well and the children are growing. Zion turned 5 in July, shortly after we arrived back home from our furlough. Eliorah turned 8 at the end of September. Several of you have mailed us birthday cards, and we are so grateful for your love and care for our family.

We also started our homeschool year the first week of September. Zion began kindergarten and is so excited to be learning how to read. He loves to cook in the kitchen with Mama, to ride his bike outside, and to play with his Hot Wheels cars. Eliorah is now in 3rd grade. She loves to read and is especially interested in mysteries and ancient Egyptian archeology. She also loves to play with her dolls, ride her bike, and help with her brothers. Ezra is 20 months old and loves to play around with our coloring supplies and math manipulatives during school. He is learning many new words and we are enjoying watching his personality develop. He loves to laugh and be silly, and he is very curious about everything around him.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for our family. As we reflect on nearly 10 years of service here in Romania, we are so grateful for the many churches and individuals who have invested in us and cared for our family.

In Christ's service,

Brian, Arezoo, Eliorah, Zion & Ezra Nibbe



We enjoyed the BIMI field conference in August



This year's VBS was extra special. A wonderful group come from Faith Baptist in Canoga Park, California. They brought tons of energy, poured themselves into it fully, and the kids loved it! We had over 20 first time visitors. They heard a clear presentation of the Gospel, for many of them it was the first time they had heard it presented. Several of those visitors have returned since.



Sunday Evening service



Young adults Sunday school class





I am so thankful for our children: Eliorah, Zion, and Ezra. This summer was quite eventful for them. They travelled all across the US and Canada and were so well behaved in the car despite the long drives. They got to be in the US for the 250th Independence Day. Zion celebrated his 5th birthday with friends. Eliorah turned 8, and Ezra is becoming ever more talkative.

Thank you for praying for them. They are second generation Missionary Kids. While they get to experience many things on occasion in travel, they also face many challenges. They are trying to learn Romanian and to fit in with the other neighborhood kids. They have to focus in school at home and be flexible for ministry life.

They loved the time on furlough, and on this furlough, they really enjoyed their time in North America and greatly enjoyed being in the churches there. Thank you for your hospitality and kindness to us.

I want to offer a special thank you to all of you who have sent birthday cards and wishes to them over the years. They absolutely love getting a note or card for their birthday. Thank you for thinking of them and for praying for them. They need your prayers just as much as Arezoo and I.

Thank you again to everyone who got them special gifts during the furlough. They made good use of them and were very thankful. You truly helped their time to be special.