



Full Steam Ahead!

Manda & Josh Pidgeon

Just 4% to go...

We are so excited to share with you our joy and gratefulness to all who now make up our partnership team. God has continued to humble us and make us realise all the more our dependency upon Him!

We have watched in amazement as He, Jehovah Jireh, has raised up almost all of our ongoing monthly support, and more often than not in ways we least expected.

Give thanks with us to God for His faithfulness and provision, and please continue to pray with us that He will provide the remaining 4% to bring us to 100%.

As most of you who have been following our news would be aware, we were initially hoping to move to Romania in March this year. Whilst we have continued to pray and wait on the Lord's timing, we can see God's blessings during these months of waiting.

That said, now that we have passed the 95% mark to be able to go ahead with booking our flights and putting everything else into place for our departure, we covet your prayers even further with all that needs to be done.

God's plans aren't always ours...

I wrote in our previous newsletter about a man named Arthur who I helped to get

Romanian and Slovakian Bibles to distribute in Romania a few years ago, and whom Josh and I met in person for the first time in May as he planned to return to Romania to do more ministry over the second half of this year.

With great surprise, I was shocked to hear the news from Arthur's pastor, that whilst in Athens, en route to Romania with his wife, Arthur succumbed to illness and sadly passed away. Please pray with us for his wife, family and church, as they rest in His comfort and trust God's plans, which sometimes don't make sense to us. Pray that the lives Arthur reached out to throughout many years of ministry, will testify to God's glory.

International Travels...

Due to the revised timing of our departure, our plan is now to fly out from Sydney around the 3-4th August. We will stop over in Singapore for several days rest and transition before going straight to Germany.

Part of the joy of being part of International Teams is the many connections with other workers across the world. We are very much looking forward to catching up with old and new friends from across Europe, as we head to the ITeams Renew and Connect Europe Conference, in Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany from August 12-17.

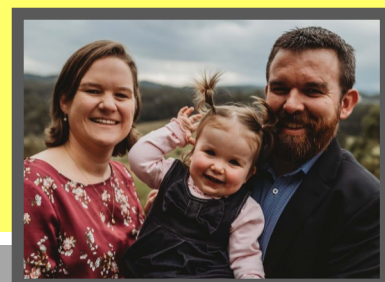
Please Pray...

» **Pray** for our family, for His sustaining grace during this time of final preparation and moving, and for good health, energy and rest.

» **Praise** God for the many blessings we've had during our extended time in Australia, and **Pray** for Isla as she grows in leaps and bounds, that she will know Jesus' love for her!

» **Praise** God for His amazing provision and that His timing is always perfect. Please **pray** that He will raise up the remaining 4% of our ongoing monthly budget to ensure that we can move to Romania fully funded.

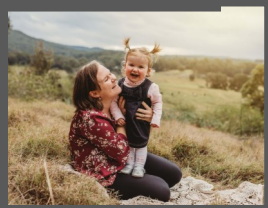
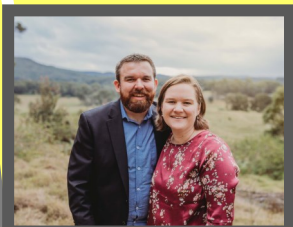
» **Pray** that we can continue to develop the RWN as we talk with workers, work on the website and start preparing for 2020's conference.



Bringing the hope of Jesus to the Roma people in Romania

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Photos: Our photo shoot for our partnership card

Upcoming Events

Farewell Opportunities
21st & 27th July

Commissioning Service
@ CHBC
10:30am, 28th July

Planning to leave
Sydney around
3-4th August

ITeams Europe Conference
In Germany
12-17th August

Arriving in Romania
around 18th August

We would appreciate your prayers for the conference, and especially for Isla as she participates in the children's program with all the TCKs (Third Culture Kids). This will be her first real exposure and the beginning of her friendships with many multilingual and multicultural children. Please pray that she will cope during the programme without us there, and that she won't become too overwhelmed by her new surroundings. Please pray for all of us also as we acclimatise to the European summer weather, and for the many conversations we will have with workers we already know, and many new connections.

From Germany, we will then fly to Bucharest and drive on to Ramnicu Valcea to begin our life as a family in our new environment. Pray that we can quickly settle into a daily routine, and that we will find a healthy balance between work, language learning and family time. We know it will take months for us to find our feet and work out what suits best, but we trust that God will provide for our physical, spiritual, mental, social and every other need that arises.

Commissioning Service...

Please continue to uphold our loved ones as we say farewell to family and friends. We do not go alone, and are so thankful to everyone who supports us in many and varied ways.

We will be having our commissioning service at 10:30am on Sunday 28th July, at Castle Hill Baptist Church. This is an opportunity to publically acknowledge our dependency upon Christ as we go, and to thank our church family and all those who support us, as we are sent to Romania to bring the hope of Jesus to those there whom we will be walking alongside and doing life with. It is our privilege to continue the work of the Roma-Workers Network, which God has given us a vision for, and we invite you to join us for our commissioning service as you support and pray for us going forwards.

Ongoing Prayer...

As we settle into life, start language lessons, continue to work on the RWN website and start planning to visit workers across the country in the coming months, we appreciate your prayers. Please pray that amidst the changes we will be growing closer to our Lord, spending time with Him, and growing closer in our marriage and as a family. It can be easy to be consumed by all that needs to be done and as we serve Him, but please continue to pray that this won't be to the neglect of our personal walks with our Lord.

As you can also see, we've been blessed to have some family photos done for us this week. We will be creating some new prayer cards in the coming week or so, to be able to give to anyone who wants them. We will leave a bunch at CHBC for our church family but for everyone else, please let us know if you would like us to post one to you to hang up in your house, as a reminder to pray for us.

We look forward to sharing with you from Romania about all that God is doing, but we also want to continue to hear how you are and how we can be praying for you. It's so easy to be 'out of sight and out of mind', but please keep in touch and we will try to do likewise.

In His hands, Manda & Josh, and Isla

Goodbye Get Togethers...

Come and join us for a lunch as we say farewell for now...

Sunday 21st July, 12-3pm

**Castle Hill Heritage Park,
Heritage Park Dr, Castle Hill**

BYO lunch and chairs

Saturday 27th July, 12-3pm

**Third Settlement Reserve,
3 Edison Parade, Winston Hills.**

BYO lunch and chairs

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11