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UPCOMING EVENTS

THERE WILL BE AN AUSTRALIAN SHORT- TERM TEAM COMING TO TIMISOARA FROM DEC 1ST TO DEC 20TH

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I WILL BE ENJOYING A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY TO GREECE WITH MY BEST FRIEND KERRIE, OVER THE NEW YEAR!

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DAYLIGHT SAVING SYDNEY IS NOW 9 HOURS AHEAD OF TIMISOARA!

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Patient endurance...?!

~ AMANDA LEWIS; OCT 30TH 2008 ~

A Time Of RESETTLING!

It certainly seems like only a few weeks and not months between seasons! The heat of summer is gone and the leaves are now dropping like I wish the mozzies would! Winter is indeed on it's way! The only cold thing I'm looking forward to in winter, is when they turn The Mall car park into an ice-skating rink!

Since I last wrote, there has been many a mixture of events and celebrations. God has certainly answered prayers in blessing me with some wonderful [new friends](#), including some Romanians!

On the 13th Sept, I witnessed the Romanian/ Australian [wedding of Adi and Jen](#) (team mates)! It certainly was a wonderful celebration and a great mix of cultural traditions! And further more, after Adi's first visa was rejected, the exciting news that the second attempt has been accepted just goes to show God's timing and plans are just right! They will head to Australia sometime during November until around the middle of next year!

After the wedding I went back with Kathryn to the office where I managed a

bout an hours sleep before the Recreation mini bus picked me up to take me to Budapest for my flight to Birmingham, England. The following two weeks were of great blessing as I participated in the [UK ACCESS training](#) with fellow International Teams people.



Orthodox Church opposite my apartment!

I can't speak highly enough, how much I valued time away from the field after my initial transition to Romania. To me it was the time I needed to process the past four months since leaving Australia. It was time out to be able to think in English (though this was confusing at first), gaining a fresh perspective to return with! Constantly thinking and translating, even whilst sleeping, is draining and even though I don't do nearly as

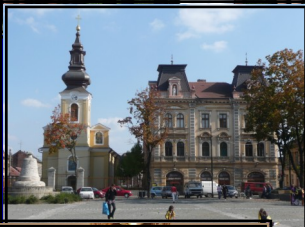
much as what I used to in Australia, nothing is 'second nature' and therefore everything is a conscious effort!

The move into my [new apartment](#) has thankfully been a smooth transition and amongst other things, I am enjoying being able to cook more 'normal' foods. I am still in the process of making my room 'homely' and will give you a visual next time. Anna and I are now in the process of getting [rent contracts](#), which I also need as part of my [visa application](#). However, with the Romanian system, everything is linked and you can't seem to do one thing without the other! They certainly love paperwork and stamps!

Please Pray...

- » **Praise** for a wonderful, refreshing time in England!
- » **Praise** for a smooth transition to my new apartment; and **Pray** for Anna's and my relationship to grow as we live together.
- » **Pray** for continued discernment and wisdom about what ministries God wants me to be involved with, and that contracts and visas can be acquired without too much hassle.
- » **Pray** for continued language learning as I do both formal and personal study; that I would understand the grammar and be able to apply it as I learn to communicate.
- » **Pray** for good health- both physically, mentally and spiritually!
- » **Pray** for this time of transition within the our IT team. For Kathryn as she settles back into Australia; for Adi and Jen as they head to Australia; and Kathleen on furlough in USA!

**"I WAIT FOR THE LORD,
MY SOUL WAITS, AND IN
HIS WORD I HOPE."
PSALM 130:5**



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The weekend after my return, Anna, Kathryn and I caught the train (which I almost missed within the minute or two) north to [Oradea](#) to visit Kelly, a fellow misso. We had a wonderful girly weekend including dinner at a medieval restaurant, and watching DVDs.

The following week I participated in a [Romanian cultural course](#) which was run over three days and was a great eye opener to various social, religious, economic and political aspects. It has certainly made me more aware of habits and traditional factors that I need to know whilst communicating with the locals.

I continue to go with the [orphans](#) on outings, and last week this including taking four in

wheelchairs and two who walk, for a walk through the park and into the centre square- Piața Victoriei. On this outing, I must say, that the kids were the happiest I've seen them- it was quite encouraging!

I am still waiting to hear news about the change in the director at the [children's hospital](#), as I mentioned in my last newsletter. I am now looking too, into the possibilities of working with [AIDS kids](#) and also at a different [baby hospital](#). But getting into contact with people is not a quick process, and requires patience. Pray that whilst I wait, The Lord would continue to open the doors for various ministries.

Not long after my arrival, I asked you to pray for [Iulia](#), a newlywed who was in a serious quad-bike accident. Well she was on the mend until there was a complication with her intestines and scar tissues; the result being another long stay in hospital. She has not long since been discharged for the second time and is slowly on the mend again.

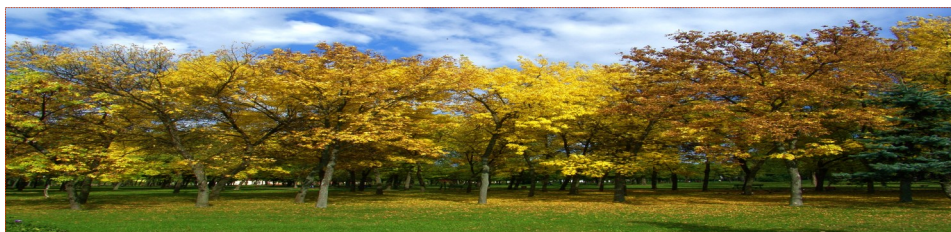
Many of you are also aware that I was having [back troubles](#), not helped by sleeping on a couch for three months. But none the less, I can happily report that with stretching and a proper mattress, it is certainly better than it was and the sternum pain is gone!

So thank you for your continued love and prayers! It's been great to talk to some of you recently and I especially enjoyed being able to Skype in at the church meeting!

Please pray for the [short-term team](#) who are coming with International Teams in December. Much of their participation will be involved with the Christmas season activities and sharing the Good News of the birth of our Saviour!

I would like to express my farewell to Kathryn Buster, who has been with our team since Jan! She is dearly loved here and may God Bless her in her return to Oz!

Photos: Wedding, Piața Traian, 'Holy Singleness' shirts, Anna and I, Kitty at our place!



**IN MEMORY OF
HADLEIGH SMITH...**

My prayers go out to his family and friends as they find comfort in the LORD.



*Hadleigh gave his life whilst serving the Lord as a pilot with MAF in Arnhem Land!
GOD BLESS!...
Matt 5:4*

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