



Pressing Forward

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Reflecting on the last three months, I know that I have only got through them by God's grace and your many prayers!

God gave me the image recently, that as I look at my life, it's like looking at a music score. As I move forward and create each note on the staff, some notes ring higher and others lower, but the final resound will be a unique melody that rings true to the life God created for me. So as I look at the notes played recently I can see God's composition and I look forward to seeing His masterpiece unfold.

Reconciling with the changes in my life over the past few months, I am slowly finding the ability to enjoy events and the day-to-day activities without Dad around.

As a family we spent the day at Jamberoo Recreation park (our Christmas present from Mum and Dad), and Mum and I went to see the stage-show 'War Horse' (Dad's 60th birthday present that He was never able to use). Nonetheless, I'm constantly being reminded of the blessing it is to be able to spend this year with my family.

Both Mum's and my April birthdays were enjoyed with ice cream cake

and laughter, and I was also privileged to spend a week in March with Kez and Shez, splitting myself in two on the Gold Coast and in Toowoomba.

I continue to have much to be thankful for as April brought all my (Mum's) family together for my cousin Chris' wedding to Megs. And I also had the privilege to witness the very God-honouring wedding of Mandy from college.

Beginning my new job in the International Teams office at the end of February, I continue to adjust to the role of Executive Assistant and all that comes with it. Organising events and the website and being PA to Janice, our National Director, I am enjoying being able to experience and have an input from this side of the organisation, which I pray will have an impact to those on the field, including myself when I get back to Romania.

Another privilege has been to join CHBC's missions team whilst I'm here, which I pray will be an encouragement to the team as we pray and move to a greater mission focus as a church, both locally, to our mission family and to the rest of the world.

Re-joining a Bible Study, which I

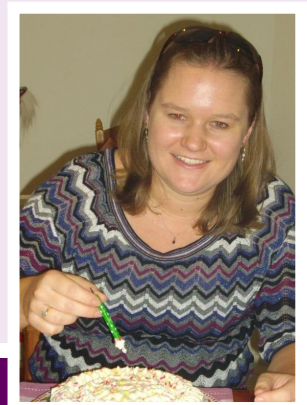
Please Pray...

» **Praise** God for the way He has continued to guide me toward living life and doing His ministry in Râmnicu Vâlcea.

» **Praise** God for the provision of my job at International Teams and the flexibility this provides as I raise support and plan to return to Romania.

» **Pray** for the preparations for my vision trip in August to Vâlcea and the I.T. Europe conference in Germany.

» **Pray** for my family and I as we continue to grieve after Dad's passing, and **Pray** for us as we adjust to life without him here.



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didn't feel able to balance with my college commitments, is another new blessing that I pray will both grow my faith and prayerfully enable me to share what I have been so privileged to learn over the past two years. I continue to pray that God would give me the wisdom to share and be teachable all the more.

On Sat 4th May, I had the privilege of spending the day on a refugee camp with eight families from such countries as Iraq, Egypt and Palestine. It once more made me realise that being around people and sharing life with them is very much the heart God has given me, and that whilst working in an office is great and a gift from God for such a time as this, I am looking forward more and more to heading to Romania and sharing with those who are still to hear about a hope that only comes because of what Jesus has done.

I am furthermore looking forward to being part of RIDE for Refugees in Brisbane on 25th May, and pray God would continue to bless this ministry for our global Refugee ministries. rideforrefugees.com.au

I have now begun the process of re-raising my support to head to Râmnicu Vâlcea, Romania in 2014 and invite you to pray about how you can be involved in this journey with me. I have a dream to create a prayer calendar with at least three names allocated to each day of the month, ensuring that this ministry to which God has called me is always being lifted up in prayer. Please let me know if you would like to be part of this and tell me what day you would like to choose.

I am currently preparing to head to Vâlcea in August where I hope to begin establishing relationships with Mike and Elvira and the others I will be working alongside. I will be stopping over in Timișoara, where I previously lived (2008-2010) to visit friends, before heading to Râmnicu Vâlcea where I will be joining in on one of the Roma (Gypsy) camps, before going to Germany for an I.Teams Europe Conference. I hope to have more of an idea about exact budgets etc. when I return, though I have begun to raise my support, knowing I am a long way off from being able to move there long-term. Please join me in praying for God to raise up those to financially partner with me in the journey ahead, whether it be as little as \$50 per month, every amount will get me closer the 90% of pledged funds I need to be able to book my tickets.

I also invite you to let me know if your church, Bible Study group or women's group etc. would be interested in having me share about this journey. I know it is not only my life that is impacted by what He is doing, but I pray you too would be encouraged, as you serve Him in whatever direction He sends you.

I am excited to watch God bring about His plans once more and to compose His score for my life. He certainly hasn't stopped entertaining me with His sense of humour and creativity yet. Dare I say, watch this space!

In His hands, Manda.

Photos: (front page): Refugee Camp (Above): My first day in the IT office; Kez and my birthdays; Chris' monopoly themed wedding; Mandy's wedding; me on the giant swing at the Refugee Camp.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**RIDE for Refugees,
in Brisbane
22nd - 26th May**

**Vâlcea Vision Trip &
IT-Europe Conference
2nd- 26th August**