

Romania here i come!

~ AMANDA LEWIS; APRIL 25TH 2008 ~



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UPCOMING EVENT

MY COMMISSIONING AND FAREWELL

**WHERE: CASTLE HILL
BAPTIST CHURCH**

WHEN: 11TH MAY

TIME: 6:00-8:00 PM

ALL WELCOME!

SUPPER AFTER!

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A Time Of JOY!

For almost a year now, i have been preparing to leave to start serving with International Teams in Timisoara, Romania. The aimed departure has been to leave in May 2008, though the timing of this has surely tested my stress levels!

Last Saturday (19th Apr), I held a "Tastes of Romania Night" from which almost \$5500 was raised. Praise God!

Of course everyone was then asking me, what does that mean for my current, total financial position...

So, questioning this myself, on Tuesday I went to International Teams and we sat down to go through the sums...

We printed off the latest summary, and, looking at that, it seemed there was still about another '\$700 per month' to raise! With less than three weeks to go- I couldn't see myself leaving on 'my' scheduled date of May 12th!

Janice (from IT) then said- 'lets see what we can add up with the one-off

gifts!' So, after deducting the setup costs, we divided the rest into monthly amounts! When Janice had done the sums she looked at me with a great smile and told me we were at 87%!!

Well, you can imagine my reaction- but the first thing I asked was 'does that mean i can book my ticket?' Janice said she would give me the benefit of the doubt of the 3% (90% is the target for being allowed to book tickets) Well, i was pretty happy by that stage!!!

But that's not the end...



TIMIȘOARA, ROMANIA

On looking over all that we had- Janice suddenly said- 'hang on, we haven't added in Saturday night's amounts'... So calculating these extra amounts- Janice looked at me and said quietly:

'Manda- you've got 100%!'

Let's just say i was speechless! There were lots of ums and ah's and 'reality checks', before Janice called out so the whole office could hear 'We have 100%'- Everyone ran into the office, and there was much laughing and hugging and jumping and dancing around the small 3 metre squared office- not to mention the tears!

Please Pray...

» Please pray for me as i transition from being able to do daily activities without even thinking, to being as able as a babe- and completely dependant on my Heavenly Father. May He use me in my weakness, and show me what He wants me to do, and grow me into who he wants me to be!

» May I know that He is with me, every step of the way- that I would rejoice in both the good and the tough times, and praise His name in my life daily!

» For safe travels and for good health- both physically, mentally and spiritually!

» For quick language and cultural learning, and, as I get to know the team, may I find peace in where I fit in and play a part!



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ANZAC DAY

**AS WE REMEMBER THE
SACRIFICE OF SO MANY,
MAY WE REFLECT ON
THE ULTIMATE**



**SACRIFICE OF
OUR LORD
JESUS
CHRIST, WHO
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"LEST WE FORGET"

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And tears of mixed emotion they were!

I am sooo grateful to God for all that He has done. His leading, guiding hand and His Grace which is sufficient for all! He is at work and it is Good!

Give praise to the Lord, His Loves endures forever!

So now it is that I leave in just over 2 weeks, to begin a new journey of faith, and continue walking with my Lord!

THE WAY AHEAD...

The past year has been a time of training and preparation. Training and Preparing for something... though I have yet to find out what!

None the less, I feel equipped and ready to take the next step!

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him. 1 Cor 2:9

So what plans lay ahead?

When I finally reach Timisoara, after 8 days of travel, I will be placed in a Romanian family for about the first three months.

During this time I will be engrossed in the Romanian language and culture and try and learn as much as possible.

After this time, my language lessons will decrease in intensity, though will still continue both formally and of course informally.

But after that... Well... Let's leave it to God for now!

Stay tuned in for what's to come!

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MY TRAVEL ITINERARY

12TH MAY: FLY FROM SYDNEY TO LONDON (23.HRS)

13TH: ARRIVE IN LONDON;

FLY FROM LONDON TO

LYON, FRANCE (1.HR)

STAY IN LYON

13TH. 14TH. 15TH

16TH: TRAIN FROM LYON TO MILAN, ITALY (6.HRS)

STAY IN MILAN

16TH. 17TH. 18TH. 19TH

20TH: FLY FROM MILAN TO TIMISOARA (2.HRS)

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