



# She's Here!

Manda & Josh Pidgeon

Thank you for your love and prayers over the months leading up to our Smidgeon's birth. Both Josh and I are delighted to welcome Isla Ruth into our family, and look forward to introducing her to many of you soon. She was born on 22nd February at a healthy 3.8kg (8lb 6oz) and 50cm in length.

One month old today, Isla is greeting us with some smiles, growing well and loving cuddles with those who have come to visit.

We are certainly enjoying our new journey of parenthood, even with less sleep and more mess in every sense of the word- But we couldn't imagine life without our precious little girl. We are so grateful for God's gift to us, and pray that she will come to know Jesus' love for her as she continues to grow in the days, months and years ahead.

Many of you have asked what having Isla means in regards to our plans. Well, since before we even got married, our desire and hope has always been to one day grow our family whilst continuing with our plans to head (back) to Romania. So with Isla now in tow, we continue to take steps towards moving back to Romania, probably after the snow finishes next winter, and also to let family and friends celebrate Isla's first birthday with her. Of course, this will be dependant on a few factors including getting the appropriate

visas and raising the additional financial support we still need to be able to book our tickets.

That said, the coming months are still just as busy, as we learn how best to care for Isla, and juggle her needs with our work and ministry commitments.

We're grateful that Josh was able to take two weeks leave after Isla's birth, and for the support his work colleagues have given during this time. And, due to having finished my role in the ITeams office, I am now able to work from home on the Roma-Workers Network as Isla's 'routine' allows.

These past six months I have been Skyping regularly with Jeremy and Magda, a couple in Romania who have been working with me on the new Roma-Workers Network website. We hope to launch the English version of the website by the end of March, as well as opening the registration for our second biennial conference coming up in Romania this June.

I would appreciate your prayers as we finalise the website, and as I plan the conference from afar. It can easily become overwhelming as I organise the topics and speakers for the workshops, registrations and sponsorships, translators, program and everything else. But I am certainly very thankful for the help I

## Please Pray...

- » **Praise** God for Isla's safe delivery and that she is healthy and growing well.
- » **Pray** that we will grow as a family and honour God in all our actions and decisions.
- » **Praise** God for His every provision, and please **pray** that He will raise up our necessary financial shortfall to allow us to move back to Romania.
- » **Pray** for the final stages of development of the new RWN website, and that it will be a blessing to all who use it.
- » **Pray** that all the details for June's RWN conference will come together smoothly.



Sharing the love of God in Romania & Australia

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have received from colleagues and workers in Romania. And, praise God that the conference centre is booked.

We will be heading over to Romania at the end of May, with the conference being from 4-8 June. Josh and Mum will be joining me with the primary role of looking after Isla, and helping out with conference organisation where possible.

This past month I've also had conversations with a family and another lady in Australia, who are both exploring working with Rroma in Eastern Europe. They both contacted me after hearing about the conference, and are now making plans to join us in June. It is exciting to watch God bring who he wants to be part of this conference, and I only pray that news will continue to spread, especially amongst workers throughout Romania.

What is really needed now is to raise enough sponsorships for workers to attend who are otherwise are unable to. In particular, it would be a huge blessing to have workers who are Rroma themselves to be able to attend, as they desire and dream for their communities to know Christ. It is a privilege to invest in their lives, to enable them to become more effective in their own faith and ministries, and this is where you can be a blessing also. We currently have 13 workers sponsored, with a goal towards having 40 Rroma-Workers attend.

Can you help? Just AUD\$165 (EUR110) will provide for the registration, accommodation and all resources for one RWN worker to attend for the whole five days. If God is putting this on your heart, please go to [www.iteams.org.au/rwn](http://www.iteams.org.au/rwn) and select how many workers you want to support, or the amount of your one-off gift. The sooner we have sponsorships, the sooner we can invite workers to attend.

As Josh and I continue towards our move to Romania, our prayer is that God will raise up the remaining financial support we need before we can book our tickets. Our support currently sits at 55%, though we now need to consider Isla in this budget. Prayerfully, our upcoming trip to Romania in June will allow Josh and I to begin scoping out what we will need going forwards and also to finalise our budget.

Thank you again for your ongoing partnership, love and prayers. Whilst the next few months are quite busy, we would still love to share with any churches and small groups interested in our ministry and the Rroma-Workers Network. Can you help us open some doors of opportunity to come and share either in Sydney or even interstate?

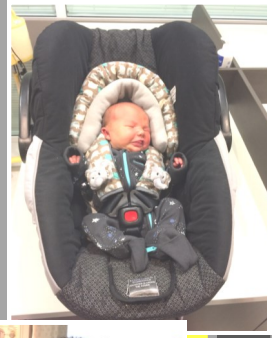
In His hands, Manda & Josh, and Isla



Photos: Isla's first month

### Upcoming Events

RWN Conference  
Vlahita, Romania  
4th - 8th June



“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.” Jeremiah 17:7-8