

## Steve and Rosie Kennedy

**OCTOBER 2021**

Location: **Cluj-Napoca, ROMANIA**

Mission: **Outreach and teams ministry**



*Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness... Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Psalm 150:1-2,6*

In some respects the month of September seems a more poignant marker of a new year than January. Following the rest and (hopeful) change of pace that comes with the summer months, all the activities restart; school, church, etc. At times all of these restarts can be overwhelming, but despite these strange times that we continue to live in, we are so grateful that school has restarted for our girls, and that connections made last year were reestablished as they returned to the classroom with ease and confidence.

Over the past few weeks there have been some great contacts and discussions regarding student ministry. We hope to plan a couple of events closer to Christmas that will bring together groups of students for both social and practical activities. University students will return to the city during the last week in September.

Rosie has joined the Cluj International Women's Club (CIWC). This group has various meetings during the week and are also active in the city in ways as diverse as a forest cleanup for World Cleanup Day, through to practical support for a women's shelter. Rosie is very thankful for this group and the possibilities it provides for the whole family: for friendship, help and guidance for living in Cluj-Napoca, but also for the group's wider outlook to serve the city. Their strapline is 'Bloom where you are planted.'

We are moving the Cluj Christian Fellowship (CCF) English service to the first Sunday in the month at the earlier time of 4pm. Our monthly prayer meeting for the ministry and the city will take place on the last Sunday of the month at

5pm. These take effect from October and we feel that these changes will help to serve those involved in and attending the ministry moving forward. We praise God for a very encouraging English service in September. Steve preached on Psalm 150 to end a short series in the Psalms called 'Songs of Hope'. There was a wonderful sense of God's presence as we worshipped together and considered what it means to 'Praise the Lord'. We are never too sure who will attend the services, and so we were delighted to welcome lots of returning people as well as some new faces.

God is moving and bringing people to us and we are so thrilled to be here and part of his work in this corner of the globe. Prayers have been answered and we continue to trust and praise the Lord: as Psalm 150 describes, both in the loud and vibrant, and the still and quiet times.



### Prayer points

- Praise God for a good return to school for Julia (13) and Lucy (10).
- Pray for the ongoing discussions and planning for the student work, and for the students as they start or return to study. Praise God for the contacts he has given us regarding student ministry.
- Praise God for the Cluj International Women's Club. Pray for Rosie as she meets the women each week and for wisdom in conversation as she builds relationships and shares why the family have come to Cluj-Napoca.
- Pray for the ongoing work of CCF and the proposed changes to dates and times of meetings. Pray for Steve as he plans and prepares the preaching schedule and monthly worship.