

## Steve and Rosie Kennedy

Location: **Cluj-Napoca, ROMANIA**

Mission: **Outreach and teams ministry**



Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!  
*Psalm 27:14*

In the recent days, we have enjoyed celebrating the holiday of Thanksgiving alongside a number of American friends we have got to know in Cluj-Napoca. Coming close on the heels of Thanksgiving is the beginning of the season of Advent. Together, these two celebrations have held particular resonance for us.

Having brought to a close our time of service in the Tóköz Reformed Church congregation on 31st October, we have spent time reflecting and giving thanks for the fruitfulness and blessings of God during the past 3 years of ministry in Cluj-Napoca. In our fellowship and ministry at Cluj Christian Fellowship, in our friendships and social circles, and in our own lives of faith as disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are also taking time, in conversation with the Council for Global Mission, to consider our future sphere of ministry, seeking the Lord's way forward and waiting for His wisdom and direction.

During this time, we welcome ministry opportunities. From 30th November to 3rd December, we will attend the "Echipat" ("Equipped") Conference organised by OSCER (the Organisation of Evangelical Christian Students from Romania). On 10th December, Steve will preach at Biserica Harul Domnului, a Romanian congregation that we have got to know well.

## December/January 2024

We are also looking forward to spending the Christmas period with family and friends in Northern Ireland, the first Christmas at home since beginning ministry in Romania.

We are reminded that the Bible often takes a positive view of waiting, because typically waiting in Scripture is accompanied with, and in response to, a promise. Especially at this time, we remember the promise of the coming of Jesus Christ. When we place the promises of God alongside our reflections of thankfulness, we enter this Season of Advent encouraged, hopeful, and excited for the future ahead.

### Prayer points

#### Give thanks for:

- God's blessings, guiding and faithfulness to the CCF community of faith over the past 3 years, since beginning in November 2020.

#### Please pray:

- for the community of faith at CCF, as they prayerfully consider a time of transition and change.
- that we and the Council for Global Mission would be guided and encouraged as together we consider the future and seek God's direction.
- a sense of the peace and assurance of God in a time of uncertainty: that we will rest secure in the knowledge of God's sovereignty and love.