

## **Steve and Rosie Kennedy**

Location: Cluj-Napoca, ROMANIA

Mission: Outreach and teams ministry



Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will act....

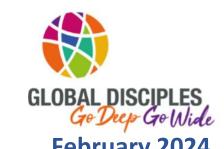
Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him. Psalm 37: 5, 7

Reflecting on the turn of the New Year, we are thankful for God's goodness, blessing and guidance.

In early December, we attended the "Echipat" ("Equipped") Conference organised by OSCER (the Organisation of Evangelical Christian Students from Romania). We enjoyed ministry and fellowship, and an opportunity to reconnect with David "Monty" Montgomery, Regional Secretary for Europe at IFES, and keynote speaker at the conference. We will spend some time in the coming months encouraging and supporting the local Cluj-Napoca OSCER student group.

On 10th December, Steve preached at Biserica Harul Domnului, a Romanian congregation that we have got to know well, and we enjoyed a blessed time of worship and fellowship together.

We spent a blessed Christmas period with family and friends in Northern Ireland, the first Christmas at home since beginning ministry in Romania. We deeply enjoyed this time of nourishment and refreshment. We were also thankful that Steve had the opportunity to preach in Orangefield Presbyterian Church, as we spent time among church family.



Since returning to Cluj-Napoca, we have reconnected with Poarta Regelui, a church plant by a Romanian couple who spent a number of years in England. We are helping Carmel and Ioana to run an Alpha Course in a coffee shop: the course began on Sunday 21st January, and we are celebrating with a young man, Razvan, who gave His life to Jesus Christ on the first evening.

Finally, we met for the first time this year with a group of teenage girls for Bible Study. The group includes our daughter, Julia, two girls from the Tóköz congregation, the daughter of an American missionary family, and we hope to see some Romanian school friends join us. The group will meet fortnightly to study the Bible together, discuss and pray.

We continue to wait on the Lord, and to seek His guidance for the future, trusting He will direct us to the pathways that He has for us. In the meantime, we enjoy His blessings, and are thankful for opportunities to continue fruitful ministry in Cluj-Napoca.

## **Give thanks for:**

- Razvan committing His life to Jesus.
- Opportunities for ministry in the last months, and those that lie before us.

## Please pray:

- For the small OSCER student group in Cluj-Napoca: that students will catch a vision for Gospel ministry among their peers in the many universities in the city.
- For the Alpha Course that will continue to run through until April that people will come, will ask their questions, and that God will move.
- That the girls' Bible Study will encourage these teenagers to live a Gospel-centred life.
- That we and the Council for Global Mission would be guided and encouraged as together we continue to consider the future and seek God's direction.



