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Location: Cluj-Napoca, ROMANIA Mission: Outreach and teams ministry



we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.' 1 John 1:2-3

At the forefront of our thoughts in recent weeks has been our work with international students. This small group of students, all of another faith or of none, each have unique stories of how they came to be in Cluj-Napoca from places as diverse as France, Mauritius and Bangladesh.

Some have come for the opportunities of study in a thriving European city; others have come as an escape from a difficult situation. Some pay their own fees and expenses, and are able to travel home on vacations; others are on a somewhat limited scholarship, with little

to live on and no opportunity to return home until the end of their studies. Some study in their mother tongue, others are required to learn Romanian and complete their studies in that language. We are privileged to have been able to create a sense of hospitality, community, even (as one student said to us recently) family for these young adults during these important and formative years.

Between 10th and 12th March, we were able to partner in Sibiu with OSCER (Organizatia Studenților Crestini Evanghelici din România, and the country partner to IFES) for a conference seeking to further develop International Student Ministry.



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It was a blessing to worship, pray, discuss and envision with a multi-national group from student ministries in Bucharest, Iași and Cluj-Napoca. A prayer walk in Cluj with OSCER representatives the following week helped us to further seek God's wisdom and guidance in this ministry. It is our desire to expand our student outreach ministry, as well as gather with Christian international 'The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and students to begin Bible study and worship gatherings.



Some of the International Students group

ISM Conference



Prayer Points

Give thanks:

- For the encouragement of time with those from OSCER and IFES in this ministry
- For the opportunities that there are in this international student city

Pray for:

- A suitable meeting space, close to the student accommodation and universities, to develop a regular pattern of meeting
- Opportunities to build a network of church supporters • and Christian students who will engage with this ministry



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