



By HIS Grace...

based in Vienna

serving in Central Europe

Schicht Gut

Finish Well



Tim and Lori Ford Prayer Letter - August, 2012

Continuing the Journey....

In many ways we feel we are crossing a bridge into some uncharted territory. Leaving what we have known all our lives, but what is on the other side of the bridge? Will we fit in? Can we lay down our American baggage and be the aroma of Christ to the people of Central and Eastern Europe? We yearn for that, and to become instruments in the spread of the Gospel of Grace throughout the region.

We are thankful we are not going alone!! We have a team we will be joining on the other side of the bridge and God has begun the process of gathering a group of ministry partners on this side, praying for successful ministry, financing the ministry and being a support to us personally. We are encouraged by God through you.



Making Progress - Update to Original List Posted in February

Learn German - this is a requirement to receive our residency permit which we will need to apply for a preferred visa. **Test passed! We still have a ton to learn, but we can get our visas!**

Transition Jobs - from working full time in the Denton Bible Church missions office to full time support raising. **Joe Calfee has replaced Tim in the Serve Office and we are transitioning to full time support raising!**

Recruit a Support Team - we need people praying for us and supporting us financially. We are blessed to have Lori's teacher retirement, but we still need to raise our remaining salary as well as ministry expenses. **We have felt the prayers of and had encouragement from literally hundreds of people. What a blessing that has been. We are 25% of the way toward completing the financial support team!**

Purge - our 35th wedding anniversary is on June 18, 2012. We need to separate the precious from the not so precious things we have accumulated over the years and decide what to take with us. **We are ready to begin this process. Pray for wisdom as we make these decisions.**

Stay focused - our heart's desire is to not get caught up in the details of this process, but to keep our relationships with Christ central. **This is a moment by moment struggle, if you pray nothing else for us, please pray for this.**

Prayer Requests

Pray for Tim as he travels to Romania and Moldova with Mike Scheer, Jim Brosch and Matt Eck to help with an Expository Preaching Class in Romania and to start a BTCP in Moldova October 14-20. Pray the pastors we will be working with will be encouraged in their ministry, for clear communication and that God is glorified.

Pray for us as we transition to full time support raising; for diligence to the process of meeting with potential ministry partners, for our ability to share the vision God has laid on our hearts, and that we would not allow our fear of man to keep us from sharing with people God may want involved in this opportunity.

Continue to pray Lori's foot is on the mend. It is showing real healing and rarely gives her trouble. She can walk a couple of miles and work out. Continued prayers are needed because our feet will be our primary mode of transportation.

Continue to pray that God would keep our hearts fully devoted to Him during this preparation period, and continue to burden our hearts for the people of Austria, Central Europe and beyond.

Hebrews 10:32

But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings. (ESV)

THANK YOU

.... To all of you who are praying for us, we already feel those prayers.

.... To those of you who have started supporting us financially

You each are a blessing to us!



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