

Dear Friends in Christ,

We thank you for your prayers for the work in Romania and the Balkans.

School has begun here for the children and the mountains are cooling off. While we look forward to the routine of school we also have to adjust to it as many of you do! Still, this adjustment means a new rhythm for ministry. Already there is more preaching, travel for supporting the Romanian Church and working to help elsewhere on the schedule.

This newsletter serves as a sort of capstone to our summer activities focusing on some of the things we have done to, Lord willing, care for our children and those of other missionary families serving here.

Thank you again for your prayers and partnership in the Gospel.

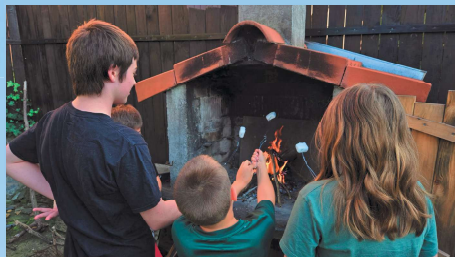
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## S'MORES FROM AMERICA!



*Missionary kids roasting American marshmallows for "American S'mores"*

A month or two ago my wife shared how we tried to make s'mores with ingredients we can find here. The attempt, while good, was short of expectation.

Fast-forward to the beginning of August. We were at the Eurasia Region Missionary retreat. Mr. David Fiala (with LCMS Mission Advancement) was in attendance and he shared a gift bag for us from Messiah Lutheran School in Weldon Spring, MO. Inside were all the classic ingredients Jet-Puffed Marshmallows, Hershey's chocolate and Honeymaid Graham crackers.

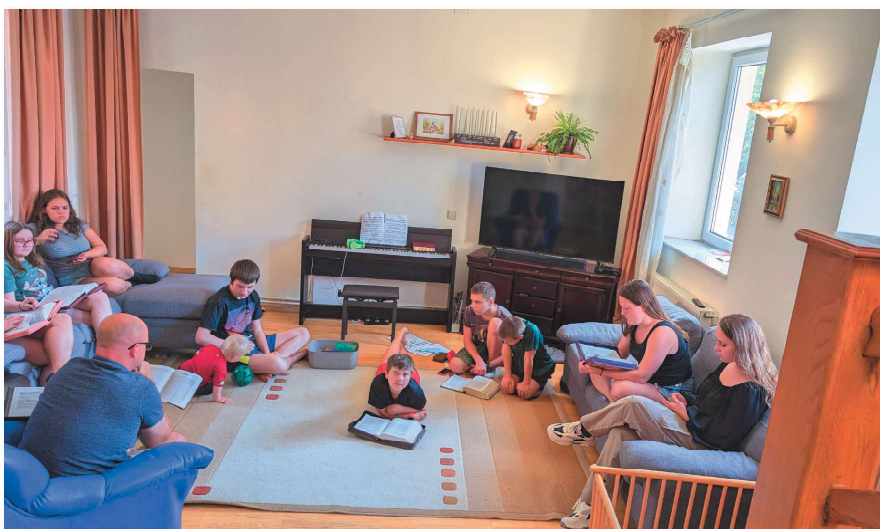
We shared them with the other missionary kids and some Romanian friends whom we had over for dinner. What a wonderful gift for the care of missionaries and even sharing American culture with Romanians! Thank you Messiah Lutheran!



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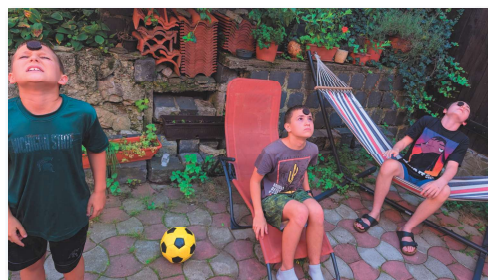
## Summer Youth Group



*Bible Study for the older youth (and Simeon!)*

We find ourselves in an interesting situation here in Braşov. We are one of three LCMS Missionary families here. One will soon be moving to a new location on the field, but we will soon be welcoming more. The reason for this is that Braşov will be the headquarters for the Eurasia Region of the Office of International Mission of the LCMS.

Our region is the largest geographically and also very complicated with so many different governments languages and various requirements from place to place. Having our administrative workers in one place will, Lord willing, serve the over all mission work and how we serve alongside our partner churches throughout the region.



*Some boys intent to get their Oreo!*

But it still remains that we have a lot of LCMS people and children here. One thing we offered over the summer was "Youth Group"

one day a month. Some of these kids have not had youth opportunities like this and others miss it. We gathered for prayers, an hour long Bible Study/ Discussion, snacks, and games. Nothing flashy, but a good time in the Word and for good fun together. Of course we also invited Romanians, but unfortunately they could not attend. In this setting being missionary families also means caring for each other. We pray that this time not only drew these youth closer to God and one another, but also prepared them to share their faith with others as we live and serve here together.

-Rev. Jordon Andreassen



# Family Updates



## KID'S CORNER—ABIGAIL (16)

### Favorite thing about Romania?

The safety and ability to walk anywhere we want. And coffee shops :).

### What do you miss about America?

High-school sports and my Aberdeen friends.

### What is something different between America and Romania?

The food is healthier here. Authority figures are very kind and friendly, but I think they could be a little more strict.

### What is your favorite Romanian word?

Părerile" means "opinions." It is my favorite because it is really funny to hear mom try to say it. I also like "lalelele" which means "the tulips."

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our ability to find vaccines for Simeon. It seems availability is quite limited where we live.
- The upcoming conference for the Romanian Church that the pastors here would be strengthened and encouraged in their faith and ministry and that others in attendance may hear the beauty of Lutheran theology.

## WE GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Our friends around the world that keep in touch with us and help us feel connected.
- Opportunities to make friends here in Romania and learn from them.

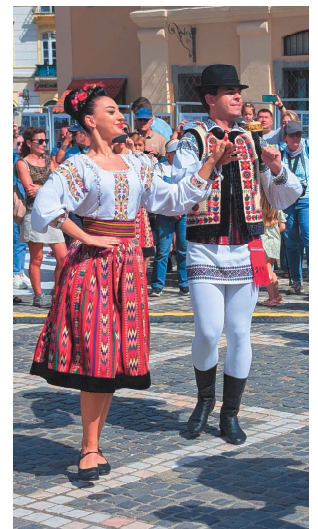
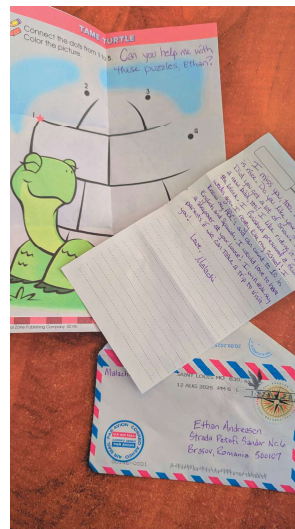


We have a car to use and Alison is getting much more comfortable driving around the city. (Jordon has been driving comfortably for some time now!) The kids still ride the bus to and from school each morning and mom, dad, and the littles ride it occasionally. Simeon and his bright blonde hair is still a source of much pleasure for many of the "Bunici" (Grandparents).

We had some Romanian friends over for dinner one night and they gifted us zacuscă, which is a red pepper dip. The girls packed it for their lunches!

Ethan enjoys getting mail from his missionary friend that lives in the Dominican Republic. And Bethany got some mail from a family friend in Illinois. It takes about one month for things to get to us by mail

There was a traditional music and dance festival downtown so we enjoyed watching the dancing one day.



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at [lcms.org/service](https://lcms.org/service). Click on "Service Opportunities."

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