

Andreasens in Romania: September 2026 Newsletter

Dear Friends in Christ,

We thank you for your prayers as we do the work of the Lord in Romania and the Balkans.

The Lord works in ways which are often not clear to our human understanding. The last two years have been full of experiences, challenges and wonderful developments in the Mission in Romania and the Balkans.

With the growth and addition of Romanian men as pastors my local role has slowly diminished as part of good growth of the church. This means I have begun serving as the temporary local chaplain for our LCMS personnel and families here in Brasov, while continuing work in Greece (from afar) and as the Area Facilitator. All this continues to shift and will continually mean being ready to allow work of the kingdom to be handed off to others. The Gospel is on the move, and Christ is at work for this we greatly rejoice and pray that you do as well!

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

In Christ,

Rev. Jordon and Alison Andreasen



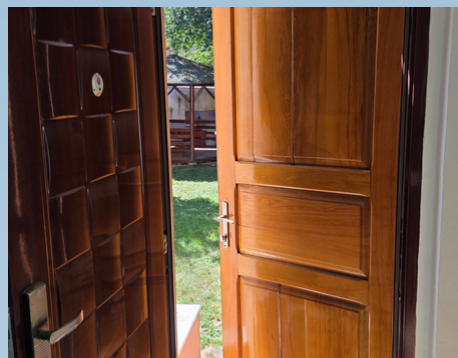
SERVING THE LORD IN ROMANIA and the BALKANS

NEWS FROM THE ANDREASEN FAMILY



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Knock (or drill) and the Door Will Be Opened



The back door is now fully functional!

Since we acquired the Brasov Lutheran Outreach Center building we have not been able to use the back doors. We never received keys for them!

So, recently my son Aaron and I worked to drill out the old locks and replace them. European doors utilize replaceable lock cylinders which are very easy to replace.

But when you don't have the keys it takes a bit more doing. As a joke I recently saw put it, "Don't let anyone stop you from doing that 30 minute job, because those 2 hours will be the best 6 hours of your day."

After we finished Aaron, commented, "Dad, this was awesome today. I learned not to give up! But keep trying new ideas."

This little repair will serve to make the building even more fully functional as we develop efforts to reach out in Brasov.



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Serving in New Ways



The Chapel/Multipurpose space at the Brasov Lutheran Outreach Center

Serving the church with the Office of International Mission is a dynamic and constantly changing reality. This is both the same and different from parish life. Over the last two years my role has shifted several times! This has come with a level of stress and frustration, but also a need to constantly turn to the Lord in prayer and for guidance through His Word.

Realities and needs change. For instance while I continue to serve in Greece as the primary missionary, we are on the cusp of switching the work to the local language more and more. However, this will require the assistance of those that already speak it or who are actively learning.

In Romania we have three pastors, one deacon (plans need to be made for preparation for ordination) and one student. These are all native Romanians / Moldovans. They are all wonderful theologians and pastors or pastors in the making. After 8 years of work this is an outstanding beginning to the church!

My work as Area Facilitator is continuing to develop, this is primarily an administrative role in assistance to the Regional Director.

At the same time the numbers of OIM people increase in Brasov with a great discrepancy of Romanian language acquisition. This means that while I continue my work as Area Facilitator, in Greece and only as a fill in pastor in Romania, I also add a temporary local chaplain work. This work is not directed as outreach, but for the spiritual care of all the OIM personnel and families in Brasov.

The temporary nature of this chaplain work means that it will come to an end. The Area Facilitator role is pragmatically difficult from Brasov (travel time and costs). Additionally, it is very important for me to be engaged more directly in mission as a pastor serving people.

All of this means that we have begun discussing potential locations where there may be better stewardship of time and money for Area Facilitator work and which connects me and my family more fully in mission. May God bless the work that continues and also prepare in advance a work for us to continue serving to bring the Good News of Jesus wherever we might be.

Rev. Jordon Andreasen