

Adventure English Camp 2008

September 7, 2008

Dear Friends,

We send you warm greetings from Bucharest. Summer has quickly coming to an end and our children have already started school. We wanted to write and share how the Lord worked at the three different **Adventure English Camps** that we held in July. It seems as though recruiting has gotten more difficult, as many students work or travel in the European Union now. We always pray that the Lord would have the people at the camps that He wants there.

This was definitely true once again this year, even though it didn't seem so at the beginning.

After four years in the same location we moved our camps to a different place. This can sometimes mean a lot of frustration, which there was at times, but overall we were glad for the new location. We were in a breathtaking place, surrounded by beautiful mountains, deep blue skies and lots and lots of green. After a year in Bucharest this was a welcomed change for us as a family.

It would be impossible to share all of the ways we saw God work, but here are a few snapshots. Financially we thought we would be in

the hole due to students cancelling the first week, but the Lord surprised us and showed us that He provides. On our way to the camp friends called to say that they wanted to give a substantial gift toward the camp. All we could say was, "Thank you God!"

The second week we had a group of guys from Bucharest who came to the camps for an inexpensive vacation in the mountains. We can't say that they were really interested in anything that we had to offer. Several even stopped coming to the English classes and the Bible discussion groups. However, others from their group were interested, but they observed everything from a distance. At the end of the week Mike drove them to a bus stop. One young man apologized for his rude behavior during the camp and said that we treated him much better than he treated us. Another guy said that he had never experienced a week like he had and that he liked every aspect of the camp. This young man, Alex, since coming back from camp has expressed interest in finding out what we as Christians believe.

There were 2 students from Vietnam who seemed to love studying and discussion the Bible. The questions they brought to our discussion groups were both refreshing and challenging. Another young man, Gabi, on the last day asked how a person could begin a relationship with God. With each of these students and the rest that came, our one desire was to help them see what the Bible has to say about life, priorities and how God has revealed Himself to us.

Many, many more stories could be told and we wish at times that you could meet some of the students that we have come to love. We are so grateful for the opportunity to be here in this country, at this time, trying to reach a new, very different student generation than the ones we first met 13 years ago.





This fall in September we will be having a retreat with the leaders from across Romania where we hope to accomplish a few things that will be key to the future of OSCER. We would really appreciate your prayers for us as we meet from September 8-12. Our goals for this time are to re-look at what makes us OSCER. Then we want to look at the student population of today in Romania and try and see how it has changed in just the past 5 years and then to look at how we as OSCER

may need to readjust some of the ways we do things to better reach the Romanian university students of today.



Our two summer teams (top) The team from North Point Church (lower) Luke and his team from the UK.

We want to THANK YOU for your prayers and financial support. We appreciate it greatly and we thank God for the continued ways that He provides for us. Thank you so much for making it possible for us to be here in Romania to serve the students and staff of OSCER. Please note the address of our blog: <http://yorklink.blogspot.com/>. Also, if you would like to receive this prayer letter by email let us know at yorklink@earthlink.net. Thank you!

In Him,

Mike & Kris