

# Lugoj • Letters

Prayer letter for the Howertons serving in Lugoj, Romania • February 2020

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Dear Faithful friends and Supporters,

I want to apologize for not having sent a prayer letter sooner. As many of you know we have been back in the States since September 2019. As we announced in our last letter, we are home indefinitely, and we are praying for the Lord to show us what the next phase of our ministry will be. We appreciate your continued prayers and support for this time of transition.

The focus of our new ministry here in the States has been our family. Since our move back the Lord has done some great things for our family and we would love to share some of them with you. We also want to give you some things to continue to pray for on our behalf. One of the great things the Lord has done for our family is to provide a great place for three of our boys to go to school. A local Christian school in the Greenville area gave us a great scholarship so the boys could attend this year. This opportunity for Andrew, Joey and Nate has helped them tremendously. In fact, it has been encouraging to see how well they have all done academically this school year. It has also been encouraging to be able to spend time with Zachary, our oldest son, who is now a junior in college. Just recently our son Spencer joined the Army. We are thankful that he wants to serve in this way. Please pray for him now as he is in the middle of his 10 week long basic training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC.

Another great thing the Lord has done for us has been regarding Gina. The Lord has provided a great place to help Gina and us, called Wilderness Way Camp School. It is only one hour away from where we are living now. In this program Gina can visit us every six weeks for four days, which allows us to remain connected and to see what progress she is making. We are so grateful for this program which has worked with girls for over 35 years. Please continue to pray for Gina as she is in this program. Pray that she will receive instruction and make true changes in her life and behavior.

During our transition, the Lord has also provided great things for us financially. He has provided for us a house to purchase. He has provided for us so we could put the boys in Christian school, as well as Gina in this program. God truly has been good to us during this time and we know that He will always be faithful.

As far as things in Romania go, we are praising the Lord for providing a Romanian Pastor, Andrei Sipos, at Providence Baptist Church. Baron has been in contact with him as well as some of the people. The transition to him as Pastor has been relatively smooth. However, please continue to pray for Providence Baptist Church during this very difficult time of transition.



One last thing, please pray for us. Specifically, please pray as we seek the Lord's will for our next phase of ministry. Baron is seeking a ministry that will allow him to make visits back to Romania occasionally and to serve and shepherd his children. Please pray for Joyce as she studies for a refresher nursing class. She is hoping by July/August to practice nursing again.

We are so thankful for your support during this transition. All of our supporters have been so gracious in supporting us during this time and many will continue to support us until August 2020. We are also thankful for those churches that wanted us to give an update about all God has been doing. If you would want Baron to come, please contact Him at [bhowerton@biblicalministries.org](mailto:bhowerton@biblicalministries.org)

Thanks so much for your prayers and support.

**Baron, Joyce, and family**

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