

Lugoj • Letters

Prayer letter for the Howertons missionaries to Romania • June 2019

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

By now many of you have received the letter from our area field director in regard to our relocating back to the States. We are aware that you may have questions in regard to our transition back to the States, which will be September 1, 2019. We would like to answer some of these questions with this letter as well as ask that you pray for us during this transition.

What's changing at Providence Baptist Church?

First, we cannot believe that we have been missionaries for 19 years. During our years of service as missionary in Romania, we have had the privilege of seeing God do His work in the lives of many Romanians. We have been able to be a part of planting a local church that desires to strengthen believers and make disciples. We are praising the Lord for His faithfulness in beginning his work here in Romania and we are grateful that "... *He which hath begun a good work ... will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.*" (Philippians 1:6) Our passion for Romania and the ministry of Providence Baptist Church in Lugoj, Romania will never change. The only thing that will change is our role. We are praising the Lord for the partnership with a local Romanian pastor who will continue to proclaim the truth and shepherd the believers of Providence Baptist Church.

Why are we relocating to the States?

As many of you are aware, we have encountered many difficulties within our family. These difficulties have led us to ask God what He would want us to do regarding our family. Joyce and I, through much prayer and counsel, have come to the conclusion that we must focus on our family and their needs right now. In order to fully accomplish this, we must relocate to the States in order to receive the best support and counsel necessary.

Where will we be relocating in the States?

We have decided to relocate in Greenville, SC. Our goal, above all else will be to find healing and help for our family. The Lord has opened up many things already that will help our family during this time. We will be closer to our daughter, Gina, so we can visit her and support her as we work towards bringing her back home. Our children will be able to attend a Christian school. We already have a good support system in Greenville, SC, as well as the possibility for counseling for our family.

What's not changing?

We know that we will continue to promote adoption and to assist in the training and encouraging of other adoptive and foster parents. Even though we are unaware of what our next step of ministry will be, we rest assured that our God is sovereign, therefore we can trust Him.

What we are asking from our supporters?

First, we are asking for your prayers. Second, we are requesting that you would consider supporting us financially until March 2020. We will have many needs with the upcoming move, such as a house, car, job, furniture, etc. Our desire, as part of our transition back to the States will be able to visit all our supporters and give one final update about what God has accomplished. I will be contacting you soon about the possibility of coming to give this final update, and to thank you for your support over the last 19 years.

How to pray for us?

Pray for the transition in the leadership at Providence Baptist Church.
Pray that our house and car will sell.
Pray that God would clearly lead us to the future ministry and/or work He has for us.
Pray for our children.
Pray for the key people in our community that we have met. They are in the process of receiving training to better help kids from hard places.

God is faithful and He will continue to be faithful. We are trusting in Him and His sovereign and gracious care for our family. We are grateful for the years we were able to minister in Romania and we are grateful that He will continue to build His Church in Lugoj, Romania.

In Christ's service,

The Howertons

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