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Church-Planters to the Deaf in Romania



Training men in the local church
to reach the silent world.



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Taking a language exam!

We have now finished 120 hours of Romanian language class, **and passed our A1 Exam!**

According to international standards, individuals at level A1 of language learning can do the following:

- ◆ Understand and use frequently-used every day expressions, as well as simple phrases, to meet immediate needs;
- ◆ Introduce himself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he lives, things he has, and people he knows;
- ◆ Interact in a simple way, provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to cooperate.



Marie practices Romanian with some friends.

It has been rewarding to have a couple people comment to us on our "visible" improvement with the language since our arrival. *Thank you for your prayers for our language learning, and please continue to pray for us in this important area of our lives and the foundation for all future ministry!*

We were humbled and excited by the generosity of two different sets of travelers from two different supporting churches that visited our home with gifts for us and the kids! It was encouraging and timely when the Lord allowed them to arrive! Also, we were able to give a report via video chat to our pastor and supporting mission agency and was blessed by their advice, wisdom, and encouragement. It is a joy that we are never in the fight alone!

Language school
hours completed: 120
Goal: 480
= 25%

Though our main focus for this year is on learning the spoken and written language of Romanian, God has kindly given us a few **Deaf/sign language opportunities** that continue to motivate us on our journey:

- The last Sunday in May, a Deaf man from outside Romania was visiting family in the area and attended the church that is sponsoring our missionary visas. Though American Sign Language (ASL) is not his first language, he had had some ASL exposure. Ben interpreted parts of the (English) church service into ASL and the Deaf man repeatedly thanked him.
 - Also, at the end of May, Ben was able to have a short conversation with a **Deaf Romanian in a food court (see picture)** while the man was on break from work.
 - We were put in contact with a Romanian woman who is a professional sign language interpreter in Romania and grew up with Deaf parents. At the end of June, we interviewed her for about 2 hours (in English), learning about both the Deaf culture here and the interpreting world.
- Please pray for God to continue to guide us to key individuals in the deaf community at the right times.*



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