





# Encourage & Equip

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## Please pray...

### Praise for:

- God's sovereignty, providence & perfect timing.
- His promise that he will never leave us or forsake us.
- The blessing of a third pregnancy & that the baby is growing well.
- Ability to help at AMEC local conferences & for all those able to attend.
- Encouraging changes at Sfânta Treime church.
- Chance to attend ECM Biennial conference.

### Prayer for:

- Health & patience during pregnancy.
- Provision of funds & workers to get the house ready before September.
- All those who attended local AMEC conferences to be able to put into practise what they learned.
- Growth & potential partnerships with other small churches for specific ministries.
- An encouraging & refreshing time at Biennial.
- Easter celebrations.
- Encouraging time with Adi's sister & family.

Dear Friends and Family,

I'm sure that most of you would be familiar with the verses from Ecclesiastes 3, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens". I am almost equally sure that you have experienced the feeling of something coming at an unexpected time and thinking "What? Now? Really?". But as followers of Jesus, we trust in God's sovereignty and perfect timing in all things, even when it doesn't seem to coincide with the plans that we had laid out. As we are reminded in Proverbs 16:9, "In their hearts, humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." God's plans are far greater than anything we can map out and when God establishes something in His perfect timing, we need to hold fast to His promise that, "The LORD Himself goes before you; He will be with you. He will never leave you or forsake you. Do not be afraid or discouraged." (Deuteronomy 31:8) What the Lord has planned out may be daunting and seemingly overwhelming, but we are safe and secure in His hands, no matter what the future may hold.

### "I thought it was impossible!"

Not all of you would be aware of the challenges that Adi and I had falling pregnant with Anna and Luca, so we were very thankful to God for their miraculous appearances. So, it is with even more surprise and amazement that we find ourselves pregnant for the third time! This was certainly unexpected and unplanned on our behalf and as Anna exclaimed when we told her, "I thought it was impossible for you to have another baby", to which I replied "so did I". But we were reminded of Jesus' words, "with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26) Whilst this news was initially daunting, we are trusting in God's providence and His promises we mentioned earlier. With my age (44yrs) there are extra risk factors, and just like with Anna and Luca I have been struggling with hyperemesis gravidarum, but we trust that God is with us and will carry us through any other challenges that may arise.

There are some implications of the timing of this surprise baby though, the biggest being that it's due date of 26 September means that we need to reschedule our home assignment for 2026. It is disappointing to not be able to come to Australia this year, but this way when we come next year, you'll get to meet the latest Grocott! The other implication is that there is now a real urgency to get the house into a state that we can move into before September. We really need God's intervention, as we need additional funds, as well as tradespeople to be able to ensure that we can finish what is needed so that we can move in before the baby is born in September.

### AMEC Activities...

Thank you all for your prayers regarding the module that was part of the online AMEC training course "PEC 1" (Teaching Children Effectively 1) that Adi led on 10 Feb. Adi was happy with how it went and received encouraging feedback from our colleagues who led other parts of the course. Unfortunately, the face-

One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.  
PSALM 145:4

to-face training that had been planned for 17-25 February in Timisoara needed to be postponed due to lack of participants. Please pray with us that we may find a way to make this course more accessible to people in our region and that it will be able to go ahead at a later date.



Every second year, AMEC holds regional conferences, to ensure that more people are able to attend, compared to the national conference that is held in the alternate year. This year is a regional conference year and Adi and I are very excited that we can assist in three local AMEC conferences, over three Saturdays in three different counties. The first was on 22 March in our home city of Timisoara, the second was on the 29 March in Drobeta-Turnu Severin and the third will be on 5 April in Careneşeş. The theme is "Beyond Words"- challenging and equipping children's workers to find ways to teach Biblical truths in engaging and interactive ways. Pray that those who attended were encouraged and equipped to use new and creative methods to teach the Scriptures to the children in their churches and communities.

## Church changes...

In previous prayer letters we have shared the ongoing challenges that our small Baptist church has faced over the past five years. In October 2023, the members of Sfânta Treime committed to some radical changes in our church to aid in healthy growth within the church, but also to improve our witness and outreach to those in our community. Over the past 1 ½ years the church has been conducting 'reviews' and is has been encouraging to see changes both within the prayer and relational life of the church, as well as the initiative reaching out to our brothers from Benin. At our most recent annual congregational meeting in March, the decision was passed to continue as a church, but acknowledging our small membership, we have made a commitment to seek our partnerships with other churches in certain ministries where we do not have the numbers or leaders to sustain a particular ministry (ie youth fellowship). As a church we continue to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and direction for the future of Sfânta Treime, praying that we will be a church fellowship unified in loving and serving one another and the community around us.

## Upcoming Excitement...

As I am writing this, we are in our final preparations to attend the ECM Biennial conference in Roquetas de Mar, Spain from the 9-16 April. We are super excited to be attending our second Biennial and are looking forward to catching up with old friends as well as meeting many new Aussie families who have recently joined the ECM family, including our new national director for Australia, Rob Petrini. We'll fill you in on with all the details in our next prayer letter. When we arrive back from Spain, we hit the ground running with celebrating Easter. Our church has plans for both Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. Please pray that these times of reflection and celebration will bring glory to God. Also, Adi's sister, Cristina, her husband, Reiner, and their son, Nico, will be travelling from Germany to spend the Easter holidays together. Please pray that we will have an encouraging time together, and that we will be able to share and demonstrate the hope that Easter gives, with them.

Our deepest appreciation for your prayers and partnership in the Gospel. May the celebration of Easter bring you much hope and joy, as you reflect on Jesus' sacrifice that brings reconciliation between us and our Heavenly Father.

In His Strength, Adi, Jennifer, Anna and Luca

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