

Dear Friends,

We have some big news! After so many years of fruitful ministry in Romania, God has called us to a new opportunity, challenge, and place of ministry.

It is often said in missions that you should always be working towards the day when you can step back and pass responsibility on to local, indigenous leaders. That day has arrived in Romania. Today, Romania is now one of the most evangelical countries in Europe, with a strong evangelical church and a growing mission's movement. For sure, there is room for growth, but we have felt God telling us that it is time for Romanian Christians to take more ownership of both the state of the local church and missions in Romania. We are so proud that Romanians whom we have disciplined are now both capable and willing to further the ministries that our organization started.

This past December, Mihai was honored for his years of dedication, investment, and love for Romania. We were blessed to have friends and colleagues drive from all over Romania to join and celebrate with us. Their words of encouragement, prayers, and blessings helped to confirm that God's hand was upon us during these years of service in Romania.

So, what is next for us? For some time, our hearts have been heavy by the growing need for the gospel in Western Europe. Did you know that Europe is now the LEAST evangelized continent in the world?? That breaks our heart. After much prayer, consultation, and petitioning to God, we have accepted a new post of ministry within our same organization. We will be joining the Europe Area team, working to see ways that we can have an impact in reaching Europe for Christ.



Our new home base will be somewhere in or near the city of Genova (Genoa) in northern Italy. Why Italy? In order to work throughout Western Europe, we needed to be more centrally located. Moreover, Italian is the most similar to Romanian, and Romanians are the largest immigrant group in Italy. We should have plenty of opportunities to continue working alongside Romanians who live in Italy. Still, the major reason is that the need in Italy is staggering! It is one of the least evangelized countries in Europe, with an ever-increasing immigrant and refugee population! The needs and opportunities are plenty!

We are excited about this next adventure in our ministry. This spring we will be coming to the U.S., and we look forward to telling you all about this new chapter in our missions' lives with One Challenge (OC). We will fill you in with more details next month!

Please read the back page of our letter, where our director describes more about our transition.

May God use us in bringing revival to Europe,

Mihai & Tammy

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Dear friends of Mihai and Tammy,

I want to let you know how grateful we are for your support and prayers for the Lundells over the years. God has used each of them separately, and now together, in many ways. Our organization's ministry in Spain, Romania, and in Europe has been strengthened because of their gifts, abilities, and commitment to the Body of Christ and the expansion of his kingdom.

In Spain, God used Tammy to develop key relationships with Spaniards, to bring them closer to our Father. She served the team there with many projects, helping teach English and serve in local church ministries. She is still missed greatly there. In Romania, she has served their local church, has mentored young women, is involved at a national level in missions mobilization and in seeing sports impact youth. Mihai has served in many different roles, serving the Partners in Mission network, helping to coordinate the member care camp for Romanian missionaries, serving young adults, analyzing and presenting crucial church research data, and being a big brother to orphans. The list goes on and on about how they both have served faithfully and have had a huge impact.

As the Europe Area Director, I want to let you know how much we have appreciated Mihai's service in leadership to the Romania team for many years. Whenever people take on leadership, it means sacrificing other things – for the building up of the team, the ministry, and the individual members. I have watched as Mihai has walked alongside the members of his team, serving them, coaching them, helping them grow their own ministries. Tammy, in coming to Romania, also joined the Europe Area leadership team. Mihai and Tammy are both gifted leaders, and we are so grateful to God for them.

We are also excited because God is opening new doors for Mihai and Tammy to serve our Europe Area with One Challenge. The Lord has been nudging their hearts for some time about opening up a new work for our Europe Area, and he has been leading them to the Liguria region of Italy. They will be exploring how to best reach diaspora peoples (many Romanians have settled in this region!), discipling young Christians, and mobilizing a new generation to impact Europe for Christ. They will also begin to work more broadly at an Area level, investigating the need for new fields and helping to find the people who God has for reaching a new Europe.

As they have done in Romania, they will continue to open their home to others, particularly caring for missionaries who need rest and space for hearing from the Lord. Tammy has been receiving training in spiritual direction, and Mihai has been receiving training in caring for Christian workers. As they have researched, it seems that the Liguria region is a central spot from which they can offer a rest/retreat space.

They will continue with some of the ongoing ministries they've been part of – Mission-Net, the European Member Care board, sports ministries, etc. But they will also be exploring ways to see God raise up new Jesus followers. The area of Italy where they will call home is very dry spiritually. Through natural connections, they hope to see God move and are excited to see what develops.

I am sharing this with you so that you can encourage and support Mihai and Tammy in this big transition. I hope that you will join with me in praying for them as we see new doors opening for ministry. They will be transitioning out of leadership in Romania at the end of this year and will be spending some of 2018 in transition. They would like to be able to settle into their new home/region by the beginning of 2019.

Your prayers and support of Mihai and Tammy are very much appreciated!

Your co-laborer for the Kingdom,



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