## Ben and Marie Muldoon

# Church-Planters to the Deaf in Romania



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

### September, 2024



Language school

Goal: 480

hours completed: 360

This September is our 4-year anniversary since we presented at our first deputation meeting as "Muldoons to Romania!" We like to celebrate this month with a summary, rejoicing in some key highlights of the past year:

- We completed an additional 216 class hours, totaling 360 hours, and arriving at 75% completed of our current goal for formal education of spoken and written Romanian.
- We passed 5 important language tests (the longest one taking 4.5 hours), and can now have a simple conversation with a patient Romanian. *Please continue to pray for our language and conversational skills to develop.*
- We were able to be involved in some Gospel outreach events, as well as presenting the Gospel to some Chinese in our home. *Pray for wisdom in how to best develop these relationships in this international context.*
- Ben was able to spend roughly 60 hours of formal discipleship, and many more hours of informal discipleship, with a young Romanian named Alex, who has now moved to be trained in a local church in northern Romania with the long-term goal of returning to Bucharest to start a church.
- In regard to family, we had several of Marie's family members visit, and we were also able to celebrate our kids' birthdays as Serenity turned 3 and the twins turned 2.
- We were able to travel several times both inside and outside of Romania for rest, planning, and to establish and/or strengthen some relationships. This included a trip to a Missionary Field Conference in Croatia and Marie and Serenity being involved in her brother's wedding.

In case you missed our last blog: We're expecting number 4 in February!!



(Just one baby this time. ②) This pregnancy has proved a little more troublesome than the last two, with extra fatigue, nausea, etc. We appreciate your prayers for us as we take it a day at a time.

Our faithful babysitter, J.P., has worked for us for almost a year, and we are so grateful for her care and love for our children as we study and attend language school! A concerning situation arose after her husband, D., had a simple surgery in a local (public) hospital, and while we waited for news, Marie stayed the night with J. to keep her company. As they talked into the night, Marie had the opportunity to explain the plan of salvation (in Spanish – J.P. is from Argentina). She responded she had never heard salvation explained so clearly before. She did not choose to trust Christ then, but has continued to ask Marie spiritual questions since. Marie's nursing background was a help navigating the local hospital the following morning, and they found J.'s husband, smiling and well! D. has since contacted Ben to talk over coffee! Please continue to pray!

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