

# CBC IN ROMANIA!

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S SHORT TERM MISSIONS TRIP TO BUCHAREST, ROMANIA – JULY 2019



## A WORD FROM OUR MISSIONARY

July 22-27, 2019. A memorable week at camp with Aliaj (Alloy), our youth group from Bucharest. Thankful for how God worked in all of our hearts. We are not HOME yet, but we can surely get a taste of HOME in such sweet community, in His presence.

- Diana Anton

## ROMANIA '19

In July of 2019, Calvary Baptist Church sent a team of 8 high school students and young adults with our family pastor, Pastor Jim Lokey, to Bucharest, Romania to work with a kids youth and sports camp. The camp is hosted by one of Calvary's full time supported missionaries, Diana and Bogdan Anton and works with at-risk youth to share the love of Christ.

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Upon arriving in Bucharest and after getting a good night's sleep, we went to a local village to minister to children. The Anton's have a consistent ministry presence in this village and they wanted us to see what village ministry among the less fortunate is like. Our team did a great job of serving. We led games, helped serve a meal, and 2 of our team members shared their stories of how they came to know Christ. Here are a couple of photos from the day in the village:



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- Pastor Jim Lokey



After that, we went through orientation and received training on Romanian history, culture, and how to minister effectively in this context. Our missionaries led these training times.

From there, we traveled to the mountains of Romania near a town called Fagaras to help lead the youth camp with our missionaries. While we were there, Pastor Jim got to teach a little each morning from God's Word. We had team members share a testimony each day. We helped lead worship and we helped lead during the recreation time. In addition to these ways of sharing, we also did a lot of relational ministry talking with the students, asking them about their spiritual beliefs, and dialoging on the messages we were hearing while at camp. Here are a few photos of us serving at camp:



Overall, the trip went really well and our team made the most of the opportunities we were given. This is a fantastic partnership for Calvary. Pastor Jim spoke to the Antons about the possibility of additional types of trips to Romania. We talked about the option of a trip focused on ministry to children and teenagers in villages outside of Bucharest. We also talked about the option of a sports/evangelism trip in different parts of Romania. We definitely want to continue this camp ministry as well.

Thank you, Calvary family, for sending us, supporting us, and praying for us. It was a wonderful experience and we look forward to continuing the partnership with the Antons.

- Pastor Jim Lokey and Team

# About Our Missionaries:



## Date of Birth:

Diana: July 29, 1981

Bogdan: March 11, 1989

## Years since Commission

**Diana**

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**Bogdan**

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## Prayer Request

•Please keep us in your prayers for spiritual protection. We often are in oppressive and hard contexts, and we need to be strong in faith and encouraged, with our eyes on our Jesus.

•For the schools in Bucharest - we're praying for 2 schools that would be open to have us, Christians, come and teach relational English to their students. This would be a huge opportunity for the Gospel.

•To be able to get financially stable and reach 100% of our target. Fundraising is a difficult process for us, with little time to devote to it, and with ministry needs growing constantly.

•For healthy rhythms for our family. We want to have a day of Sabbath, of rest with our Lord each week.

## Ministry Focus:

Youth Ministry, Evangelism and Discipleship

## About my Ministry:

We are serving in the capital city of Romania, Bucharest. The percentage of the followers of Jesus in our city is less than 1%. Our youth ministry, as part of our local church - Missio Dei, is focused on discipleship. All of our programs are not just organized to have interesting activities for the young people, but to help them become mature in Christ, as disciples who make disciples. One main focus is evangelism. We create opportunities to connect with un-churched young people and to build into these relationships as we show them Jesus, both in our words and in our actions.

Bogdan started a ministry that uses sports to connect with teenage boys. Because he came to know our Lord through a volleyball outreach, he is using his passion for basketball and soccer to bring Jesus to boys who come from non-evangelical backgrounds. He is also training other coaches in Romania and is working on creating a national team that offers both equipping, as well as constant encouragement.

Diana is discipling young women into the ways of Jesus in the local church, and is mentoring women leaders around the country of Romania. She wrote a Christmas devotional for December 2017 that many women used to connect with God. There is a huge need for Bible studies and teaching in Romanian, and God has been using her gifts in this direction more and more.