

2024 Yearbook



Thank you!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Thank you for joining me on my missions journey the past eight months, what a time it has been! I think we all say this every year, and I believe we mean it every time, but I can't believe how quickly this year has flown by! I am truly thankful for every donation and every prayer sponsor, you have made such a difference in the Kingdom. I hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season celebrating family, friends, and the joy that the Savior brings.

So much has happened this year that I thought it might be fun to send a "yearbook" summarizing the last six months, I hope you enjoy! 💜



I tried goose for the first time in Hungary!



I tried freshly roasted chestnuts for the first time too, thanks to Sis. Patterson!



Sis. Patterson & I decorated oranges for Christmas



- ★ July was a very hot month with most days being in the 100's! Our missions team got together to celebrate the Fourth of July, we had a great time!
- ★ Romania made it to the Euro Cup for the first time in 24 years!
- ★ We began having English services the evenings of the first Sunday of every month. We're targeting the northern part of the city and utilize a hotel conference room.



★A man from a city about 6 hours away was reading the Bible and saw the necessity of Jesus name baptism and got connected with Viața Nouă. Shortly after we had a rooftop baptism!

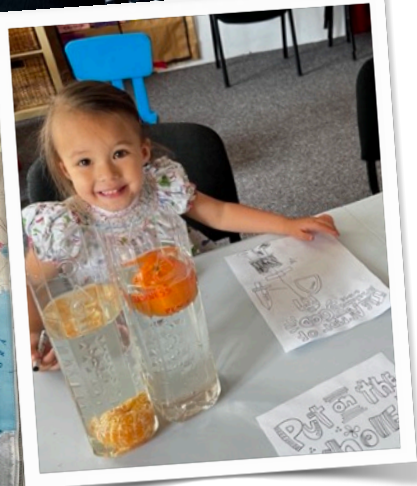
★I was so blessed to be able to attend European Youth Congress and Because of The Times in Barcelona, Spain. It was such an amazing experience, the services, the worship, meeting new friends and seeing old ones. A highlight for me was being able to see my Pastor and his family, it really did my heart good!

★On my way back from Bucharest I had an overnight layover in Warsaw, Poland. My tour guides were the local AIMer girls, we had a short time, but a great time!



August

- ★ The day before our English service I spent time passing out invites to English service and did a 4 mile prayer walk.
- ★ In Sunday school I taught that if we put on the full armor of God we will withstand life's storm, but if we don't we could sink.
- ★ We had a team meeting where we reviewed all of the cities in Romania where there have been connections made throughout the years. Many people and cities have been impacted by the Patterson's ministry, please pray for the seeds that have been planted.
- ★ I've been making connections with a friend here in Bucharest, pray that her and her family's walk with God strengthens and grows.
 - ★ I had my interview for my residency permit and passed!
 - ★ A group of us traveled to Timișoara, a city about 8 hours away, to renovate the inside of our newest church. There was much work to be done before our first service at the end of the week, but we were able to accomplish it all!





★ September was filled with culture and giving some visiting AIMER's tours. Bucharest is such a beautiful city with gorgeous architecture and a robust love for the arts. In the US we have departments in the government, here they call them ministries. The Ministry of Culture put on a week full of free concerts, lucky for me it was right down the street so I went multiple times, it was amazing!

- ★ I took the Wilkins, originally AIMER's to Moldova, to The Communist Museum, it was very interesting to see how they lived, what became their new normal. We saw a very used prison blanket and read about the conditions in the concentration camps. We also learned that in 1983 buying a typewriter could only be done with authorities approval so if any typed information appeared that went against the government they could easily locate the source. The revolution took place in December of 1989, with it really being not that long ago, much has changed in Romania.
- ★ We explored Old Town and visited one of the Romanian Orthodox churches from 1724, it is so beautiful, the pictures don't do it justice! I've been multiple times but am still amazed each time I go back.
- ★ An AIMER from Sweden was also here in Bucharest who had connections to a European dirt bike race, so we went! It was such a unique, once in a lifetime experience!

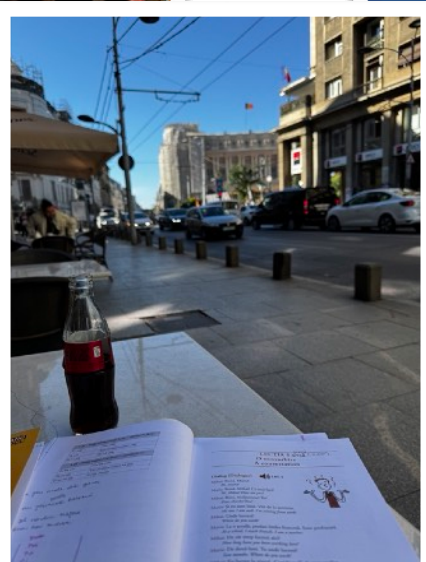




★ In October I was able to take a two week intensive language course thanks to a special donation. It was very intense, but very beneficial! If you've ever learned another language you know two weeks isn't enough, but it is a really good start! While in class I was able to make some connections that I am still meeting with, please pray that it continues to grow!

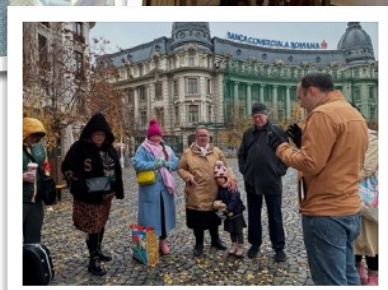
★ Bucharest's Ministry of Culture put on a really cool light show too, it was fun to attend!

★ I was so blessed to be able to attend our Romanian Leadership Retreat in Sinaia, Romania. There was a whole day dedicated to the AIMers and then the rest of the team joined in for team building and training. I really enjoyed the mountains while we were there, it was such a beautiful time spiritually and visually!





- ★ For the month of November we had an AIMer join us, Madison, who was also from Ohio! It was fun to have a fellow Ohioan with us for a few weeks!
- ★ The Pattersons took myself and another AIMer on a trip to Timișoara, Romania and then we drove on to Budapest, Hungary. While in Timișoara I played piano and helped lead worship, we taught Sunday school and talked about the Good Shepherd who always takes care of us.
- ★ We continued on to Budapest, it was such a blessing to be in church with them, there was a sweet presence of God. I shared a short message and lead a worship song, afterwards the AIMer and I taught Sunday school. We spent a couple of days exploring Budapest and I absolutely fell in love with the city!
- ★ The Patterson's hosted a delicious Thanksgiving dinner, we had a really wonderful time with our special guests, missionaries from Moldova and Bulgaria!
- ★ We had an outreach event downtown Bucharest where we passed out fliers, sang, held posters and talked with those walking through the city, it was a successful (but cold) time!





- ★ December 1st is National Day in Romania, similar to Independence Day in the states. We celebrated at church with decorations, traditional Romanian food and a special Romanian song sang by the children.
- ★ It was wonderful to have the McBrides, missionaries from Moldova, and the Covey's, missionaries from Bulgaria, stay over from Thanksgiving and attend our Romanian service as well as the English service.
- ★ One of the AIMer's in Bucharest returned home to the states after her one year term.
- ★ Thalia, a Spanish speaking member of Viața Nouă was baptized!
- ★ I was able to help shop and prepare 25 food bags and 55 gifts for children and families across 4 cities in Romania, it was so fulfilling to be a part of the Christmas Project!
- ★ I spent Christmas Eve with some friends from Austria, please pray for open hearts and the opportunity to share Christ with them. Christmas Day the Pattersons hosted a wonderful Scottish dinner, it was so good to be surrounded by love and my missions family!



