



MISSIONS REACHING ROMANIANS IN THE UNITED STATES



MARIUS & FLORENTINA CALUGARU

Marius & Florentina were both born in Bucharest, Romania in 1972. They met and were eventually married in March of 1991. Four years later they entered ministry as worship pastors. They also ministered to youth, children, and worked with children's hospitals. Marius is an accomplished vocalist. The Calugaru's have two daughters, Tanya (21) and Jessica (16).

The Calugaru's immigrated to the United States in 2005. Since that time they have served as worship and youth pastors in Clovis, Westminster, and Lakewood. The Calugaru's are preparing to plant a church in Southern California in hopes to reach some 160,000 Romanians who need Jesus.

A LITTLE BACKGROUND INFO

Romania is believed to have gotten its name from the Roman empire. There is some historical evidence that after the fall of Rome, there were a group of Romans who were ashamed of their place in history as to what happened to Jesus when He was crucified. They relocated to the area they occupy today and although resuming Roman culture, they distanced themselves from the barbaric Roman ways. The country, however, has been a place of many wars for centuries after centuries. They have also inter-mixed over centuries with the Muldavians and Wallachians who lived in the area.

Romania became a part of the U.S.S.R. after World War II. A man by the name of Nicolae Ceausescu came into power in 1965. His regime was somewhat ruthless and reminiscent to that of Pharaoh of Egypt during the days of Moses. He heavily taxed the people until they themselves were mostly broke and spent millions building extravagant palaces and government buildings for himself. There was a revolution in 1989 which eventually resulted in Romania's current more democratic state. The years of the past, however, left Romania in financial hardship and with an orphan population that is staggering. The capitol of Romania is the city of Bucharest. Bucharest is a city of approximately two million people and is the sixth largest city in the European Union.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

Cornerstone currently supports two missionaries in Romania. JJ & Nelia Ferrell are missionaries to the youth of Romania and work with Teen Challenge. Reagan Glugosh is the founder and director of Hagar Maternal Center, a ministry to abandoned babies.



PERSONAL APPLICATIONS//MISSIONS

MARIUS & FLORENTINA CALUGARU: REACHING ROMANIANS

Since missions is one of the primary focuses of cornerstone, let's discussed what we learned this week in our Sunday service.

QUESTIONS

Did you learn anything new about the country and/or culture this missionary is serving in?

What did you know already, that was confirmed?

How do you think your faith might be different if you had grown up where this missionary is serving?

What are some of the ways hearing from this missionary impacted you?

What did you learn about God?

What did you learn about how culture impacts the way people live and understand the gospel?

As a follower of Christ, what did you learn that can help you be a more fully devoted disciple?

CLOSING SCRIPTURES

- » Matthew 28:19: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
- » II Peter 3:9: "...God is patient with you... God does not want anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."