



## Romania Project March 9 – 20, 2015

What a great trip! The past two weeks were packed full of teaching, preaching, laughs and unbeatable hospitality. The question I was asked, with a smile, over and over again was, “Is this your first time in Romania?” They followed up by asking, “How do you like it?” Everything about the trip was great, however, the best part about the trip was the reason I came. I believe in the mission of CrossTalk Global: Equipping Biblical Communicators so that every culture can hear God’s voice.

During my time in Romania, I have experienced first hand the mission being accomplished. In less than two weeks, our team preached throughout various churches: Kent Edwards preached 9 times; Alex Stroeie and I each preached 6 times. Every chance we got, we split up and shared God’s Word in the various churches throughout Romania. Kent and I also did radio interviews and two weeks worth of devotions that will air starting next week. We taught for 10 full days. Throughout the week, we had 20 students learning new concepts in preaching. They fully engaged from 8am-5pm. Each student taught stories and preached twice during this second cohort. The days have flown by. I came to help teach strangers from another culture and I have left learning from friends. I have learned more than I could have imagined from Kent, Alex and from the countless student interactions.

It was my first trip to Romania, but I hope it won’t be my last. The people, the culture, and the food were all amazing. I joked with my kids and told them, “The best part about Romania is that they have desert with every meal.” The truth is, the best part has been those whom we have worked with: the people, the preachers, the churches and the generous hospitality. What encourages me the most is the passion and hunger for Biblical preaching. This year focused on narrative preaching. Kent modeled as he taught, explained a better approach for preaching and inspired each student as he unpacked various Biblical passages in class. Countless students exclaimed, “It is like hearing a familiar story for the first time.” It was truly amazing to watch on the last day of class, each student preach with confidence, applying what they had learned as they unpacked the stories of the Bible in their sermons. As we said our goodbyes, each express their thanks in various ways and stated that CrossTalk Global has changed their lives, helped them to become better preachers, and is strengthening their ministry in their churches.

This trip has changed my life. I am excited be apart of a movement to help equip preachers, so that every culture can hear God’s voice. I can’t wait to see what God will continue to do with CrossTalk Global in Romania and throughout the world.

Praying that each culture will hear God’s voice through the preached Word.



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