

United Church
Romania Experience Trip
July 24th – August 2nd 2020

We are so thrilled you are considering going on an experience trip to Romania this year. United Church is all about *reaching people who are not a part of any church and helping people connect to God.*

One way we reach those who are not connected to God is by giving of ourselves and serving others like Jesus did, impacting their lives in positive ways to show them that God loves them and is FOR them. At United, we do this by partnering with organizations locally and globally. This is where an experience trip fits in.

Our vision for experience trips is *to serve humbly and spread the truth of Jesus.* Experience trips help show God's love in a tangible way and impact others' lives around the world, while increasing our knowledge about the depth and width of the love of God. Serving on an experience trip is a great step and opportunity for growth in our relationship with Jesus.

The conversations, devotions, and prayers we participate in over the next few months will help prepare each of us for a life-changing experience in Romania. United Church is partnering with *Belief In Motion* to support their efforts to share the love of Jesus in Romania. We will travel to Oradea, Romania where people live in rural villages on less than \$1 a day. While in Oradea, we will serve the abandoned, impoverished, orphaned, widowed, and lonely, and share the love and good news of Jesus with them.

The purpose of this packet is to give you an overview of our experience trip to Romania. After reading through the information, if you are ready to sign up for the trip, **please fill out an online application and submit it by March 1st, along with the \$100 deposit (limited space available).**

Expectations:

- Be actively pursuing a growing relationship with Jesus Christ
- Regularly attend United Church (3 out of every 4 Sundays, at a minimum)
- Be in a small group and/or serving on a Sunday morning team
- Attend all trip team meetings
- Raise and/or pay for your trip – \$2,000*

Process:

- Fill out the online application
- Submit \$100 Deposit (refunded if not selected for the team)
- Meet with Leah Schultz for a Q&A time
- Apply for a passport (if you do not already have one)
- Attend all trip team meetings (**first meeting is Sunday, March 22nd**)
- Make scheduled payments

We believe that this trip could be life-changing for you and your walk with God, and it is our great hope that you will have the opportunity to go. Thank you for considering joining us on this trip to Romania!

Romania Experience Trip: Schedule

Trip Dates

- ❖ Depart: Friday, July 24th, 2020
- ❖ Return: Sunday, August 2nd, 2020

Trip Itinerary (subject to change)

Friday, July 24th

- ❖ Leave from BWI/PHIL

Saturday, July 25th

- ❖ Arrive in Oradea, Romania

Sunday, July 26th

- ❖ Church in Sintelec
- ❖ Lunch
- ❖ Village Visit

Monday, July 27th - Friday, July 31st (subject to change day-by-day)

- ❖ Homes of Grace
- ❖ Kids Club
- ❖ Gypsy village outreach
- ❖ Home visits to Romanian families, elderly, and shut-ins
- ❖ Distribute meals to village families
- ❖ Clean and build around compound
- ❖ Wood Chopping
- ❖ Construction
- ❖ Sports Evangelism

Saturday, August 1st

- ❖ Travel to Budapest
- ❖ Sightsee and debrief

Sunday, August 2nd

- ❖ Travel home

Team Meeting Dates / Important Dates

- ❖ March 1st – Application Deadline - **\$100 Due**
- ❖ March 22nd – Team Meeting - \$300 Due
- ❖ April 19th – Team Meeting - \$400 Due
- ❖ May 17th – Team Meeting - \$450 Due
- ❖ June 14th – Team Meeting - \$450 Due
- ❖ July 5th – Team Meeting - \$300 Due

Health Information

- ❖ No immunizations are recommended

Travel

- ❖ We will be traveling by air to Budapest, Hungary
- ❖ We will be traveling by van/bus across the border to Oradea, Romania (4 hours)
- ❖ Passports are required for this trip

Accommodations

- ❖ We will be staying at The Discipleship Center in dorm style sleeping arrangements.

Cost

- ❖ Total cost for the trip - \$2,000*
- ❖ Spending money is recommended for snacks and souvenirs

**total cost is subject to change based on flight cost*