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"LOCKED IN" WITH CHRIST

A month and a half after my arrival here, COVID-19 arrived in Romania. I experienced anxiety and fear in the beginning and found myself, along with others, being quarantined in my home. After a few days of struggling with this, **the Lord gave me these words, "You shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord."** Psalm 118:17 I prayed, asking the Lord to remove my anxiety and fear, and since then I've been at peace. **I am grateful!**

Moving to a new country and adjusting to a new culture and new surroundings comes with missionary life, but throwing in COVID-19 has intensified my re-adjustment to overseas life!

This virus has given me more time with the Lord and for prayer, and allows me to be able to slow down. A verse from Psalm 97:10 recently came to my attention: "Let those who love the Lord hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked."

What does the word 'guard' mean? It means to keep, protect, care, watch, preserve, or lock in. **"Lock in" immediately got my attention and I sensed the Lord telling me that I am "locked in" with Him during this quarantine!** His desire is to have me draw near to Him during this time so even though I am locked in with Christ, I am free, secure and at peace with Him. **He is guarding my soul like a fortress even though I am 'locked in' with little opportunity to go out just to get essential things to eat, live and survive.** It is actually freeing to be locked in with Christ during COVID-19. **Free in the Spirit yet limited physically in what I can do.**

How are you? What are your days like? I would love to hear from you. I pray that you will feel God's closeness and love during this time.

PRAISE:

Thank you so much for your financial support and prayers, especially during this time! Thank you to those who have encouraged me, prayed with me and sent me notes. You are very much loved and appreciated!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

When the restrictions lift, I will be able to continue my residence visa process. Please pray for this process to go quickly and smoothly so I can legally remain in the country.

Pray that I will begin to master the basics of both Romanian Sign Language and spoken Romanian. Pray that I can soon interact with the Romanian people to improve my skills in both languages.





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BENI EDITING

FULL CIRCLE

From Hungary and back to Romania

It is now 20 years this May since I moved to Budapest, Hungary! Little did I know then that I would be going around the world in a full circle before returning to settle in Oradea, Romania, which is only 4 hours east of Budapest!

When I lived in Budapest, Hungary, I was with the DOOR International team training and equipping Deaf Christian leaders. I assisted them in my role as Hospitality and Special Events Coordinator. Among those Deaf leaders were Laci and Nina Bortos. They came to us from Romania for a year of training, graduating from our program before joining our team for the next five years. By then, their children, Claudia and Beni, had joined their family! After we parted ways, I lived in four different countries.

Now that I am here in Romania, I am back with Laci and Nina and their children, who have now grown up! I serve on the Global Sign Languages Team. Laci is involved in translating the Bible into Romanian Sign Language. I assist him as an administrative assistant, doing reports for the translation team. His daughter, Claudia (age 18) is my Romanian Sign language teacher! Claudia will be joining the translation team as one of the signers, and her brother Beni is currently training to be a volunteer editor for the team. It is a joy to be with the Bortos family again, along with their Deaf church and the team! Please join me in praying for the Romanian Sign Language Bible translation team and their consultants as they continue the translation work. They are now working on the book of Mark. Pray for the Global Sign Languages Team as we support and encourage the translation team.

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