

## News Update

### Romania

#### A new project model

This year sees the launch of a very new type of project for Next Level International.

Instead of the usual 5 year project incorporating Leadership Development and Church Planting, we will be expanding our time in Romania, we will be involved in a 10 year pilot project that will bring together not only Leadership Development and Church Planting but other organisations to see different layers of church and society influenced.

Worship Academy, a very successful ministry focusing on raising the level of worship within churches, they are currently expanding across Europe, a social

action program aimed at community needs such as helping provide education for the very poor, of which there is a very large percentage in the region we will be involved in, it is probably one of the most depressed economic regions of all of Romania. The gypsy population are



Historic site—Constanta

once again amongst the most underprivileged and poverty stricken. While on a trip there recently Kevin Westfield, the Short Term Missions team leader visited a Gypsy home, he

found it hard to believe he was still in Europe, what he saw was a very basic single room house that was home to 12 people made up of two families, half the house was dirt floor the other half was floorboards, this was the eating and sleeping area for the whole group. Due to the lack of recognition of nationality, the gypsies there are subsequently classed as non citizens and basic things like social services unavailable to them.

The Proton Foundation will also be involved in helping to start business initiatives for the church planters as well as running training courses for leaders of business, local government, education and police, within each of the local communities that a church planter is located.

## Support Update

Great news, our car in Australia has been sold, this is a huge relief for us and has taken a lot of pressure off our shoulders. Thankyou for your prayers through this time, we appreciate your wonderful dedication. With that problem behind us now we are pressing on to build our support up so that we

can concentrate and devote our full attention to the work at hand.

We have managed to slightly stabilise our support at the moment with the car no longer draining our resources. I met with Gary Rucci from Edge International Church recently, he is

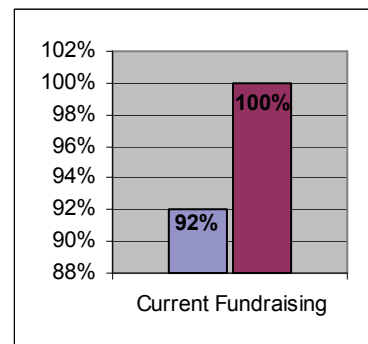
the European Region coordinator for the AOG world missions and also overseeing missions at Edge West, (formerly Westside) our home church.

Please continue to pray for us, we do appreciate your love and support.

Scott & Lynda

#### Prayer Requests:

- Asha's health to continue to improve
- Support that was lost to be replaced
- Increase our current level of support
- Good health and safety while traveling
- See the sun at least once!



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Scott & Lynda Thomson are living in Bedworth, UK and working with Next Level International. NLI is called to empower a new generation of leaders to equip, transform and expand the Church throughout Europe. With three of their four children they have re-located to the UK. Scott is the Director of Operations at NLI. With ministry opportunities in Western, Central & Eastern Europe, as well as pastoral ministry responsibilities in the UK.

NLI is a totally self supporting organisation and as such the Thomson's need to raise their own support. You can be involved in this exciting work in Europe by supporting them monthly, yearly or with a one off donation.

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## Romania project cont...



*Romanian hotel*

The target region for this project is in the Southeast area of Romania around the

port city of Constanta. This area of Romania is the most under-evangelised and under-reached area of the entire nation, and is ready for a strategic effort to develop new leaders, plant new churches and see all strata of society impacted.

Constanta is an ancient city named after Constantia, the sister of Constantine the Great, was first inhabited in 700 BC as a Greek colony but in 29 BC was invaded by the Romans. It is the second largest city in Romania with a population of around 350,000. To this ancient city Next level International is to begin what we hope will be an historic long term

project.

Please pray for us as we establish partnerships and relationships with national leaders and future church planters. Pray for favour with the local authorities and community groups, that they will see that our intentions are to bring blessing and hope to many, creating social, spiritual and economic improvement.

To find out more about church planting and leadership development check out the web.

[www.nlieurope.com](http://www.nlieurope.com)

## Thomson Family Update

It seems like an eternity since the last newsletter update yet it is only 3 months! We have been extremely busy the last few months.

Scott has been to Canada and the USA with the Executive Director of NLI, Ian Green. Ian spoke at both the Ontario young adults conference and the BC district ministers conference for the PAOC, (Canadian AOG). While there they met with a number of key business people to look at the viability of some business models that would help future church planters to sustain an income beyond the usual project term.

A very short trip to Romania the week after getting back from Canada and a trip to Blackpool to man the stand for NLI at the national AOG conference for the UK. Then into Southern Italy the first weekend in May to assess the viability of taking short term missions teams in there.

Lynda is finding the bank work challenging



*Lynda, Scott, Asha & Daniel*

at times while enjoying different opportunities outside of work. We are hoping to increase our levels of support so Lynda can give more of her time to NLI. This is a long term goal for us but we know that God is always faithful.

Shannon will have to go back to Australia to apply for a work permit this year, unfortunately it can't be done from the UK so it

is an added cost and no guarantee of success, please pray for her to have success.

Asha's little business is growing quickly and has been a huge blessing and has given her an opportunity to integrate into the community.

Daniel is now progressing through to University standard exams which will count as credit towards a university course. His recent performances went very well and he received distinctions for his playing.

We have also upgraded the website with a new look and feel that will give you a greater opportunity to interact with us.

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— Blessings from the Thomson's