



Paul and Tanya have been married since 2010 and have felt a strong call to serve in ministry together. Paul was a Pastor at Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, AB and Tanya was working as an English and Home Economics teacher. During a trip to Romania in 2011, they started to feel God's call to Romania to work with and disciple the next generation of young people, primarily through the development of a Christian camp called 'Camp Falcon Rock.'



Long before this call to Romania in 2011, both Paul and Tanya had a strong calling to missions in their lives at an early age. For Tanya this began as she grew up in a mission focused family who spent every second summer leading youth mission trips to Ensenada, Mexico. She also served on a construction/camp team in Rwanda. Tanya felt a call to missions and was planning to go on a longer termed mission project on her own but instead God led her to her wonderful husband Paul—who had a similar heart for ministry. On their first trip to Romania in 2011, she felt a strong call to serve there, as she witnessed a huge potential for Evangelism and leadership development through leading VBS programs and seeing the undeveloped camp property.

Paul's heart for missions and Romania started at a young age, as he was able to travel there for the first time at the age of 13 in 2000. A Romanian pastor spoke into his life at that time and said that one day he would preach in Romania—and he was right. Paul continued to lead his own mission teams to Romania. He also lived in Romania for 3 months in 2008. Throughout all of Paul's experiences, it was clear to him that God was calling him to a long-term ministry there. After taking Tanya on a couple of trips to Romania, it was clear that the project God had led both of them to was the camp ministry.

Paul and Tanya have been in Romania since the fall of 2014, helping develop Camp Falcon Rock alongside the Hungarian Baptist Convention of Romania (HBC) and National Missionaries Tamas and Tunde Modi. The NAB has had a long-standing relationship with the pastors and churches a part of the HBC and in 2000 a number of ABA churches helped purchase the camp property. Now with the Gericke's on the ground, they have been investing in the local villages, the Baptist Churches and especially the youth. Camp Falcon Rock aspires to be a year round facility that will allow people from all across Romania to connect and experience Evangelism, Education, social development, discipleship and leadership training. Currently, the camp operates by bringing camp programming directly to the villages as they are raising funds to develop camp infrastructure and buildings to allow onsite camp programming to begin. The ultimate goal is providing year round programs especially for youth, as well as providing a space to educate people about physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

In the coming years, there will be many opportunities for NAB churches to join this family of ministry partnership in Romania. We will be raising funds for the construction of the camp facilities, sending work teams, camp counselors, and all manner of servants that will benefit from this kind of loving partnership. For today, let's thank God for what HE is doing, and for the privilege we have to be participants and witnesses of His work in Romania.

"Even youths grow tired and weary and young men stumble and fall, but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:30-31

Birthdays:

Paul: March 10 Tanya: June 10

Anniversary:

December 18

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