



# Paul & Tanya Gericke

MISSIONARIES IN ROMANIA



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## THE FATHER'S GOOD WORK

### Prayer

- Pray for safety and health as the construction crew at the camp begins building the main lodge
- Pray for wisdom as the camp staff and board continue to discern how the camp should respond to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Pray for continued financial provision as the camp steps into developing the main lodge
- Pray for fruit to come during our upcoming 4-day Hiking Trip with some of our local youth/young adults

### Praises

- Praise God for breaking ground on the main lodge project and the laying of the cornerstone
- Praise God that we along with the camp crew have remained healthy during this pandemic
- Praise God that youth ministry has been able to continue even though camps have been cancelled

*“My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”*

JOHN 5:17 (NIV)



Even in the midst of all the chaos around the world, we can still clearly see that God is at work!

This is true for us here in Romania and with the ministry of Camp Falcon Rock. We are so excited to share with you the exciting news that the Bergman family has been officially appointed as NAB missionaries to Romania! You may remember this family as they came and served alongside of us for three months back in the summer of 2018. It was during that time that they sensed the Lord was calling them to something more as a family, and that was to join the ministry at Camp Falcon Rock full time. We definitely saw God working in and through them while they were here, and we were wondering what might come of their experience. Over a number months of prayer and discernment, we, together with the Bergmans, the NAB, and the Camp Falcon Rock team/board, confirmed that this was the way God was leading all of us. We would love you to hear more of their story and the way in which they will fit into the



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camp ministry. Visit [www.rootsinromania.com](http://www.rootsinromania.com) to watch a video of Jason and Erin and their kids sharing about what God has been up to in their lives. Also, would you consider supporting them as they now try to raise the funds they need to move over here full time.

Other ways we've seen God at work in this season is through the ministry that continues at Camp Falcon Rock and in the village. Romania has begun to lift restrictions, allowing us to travel more freely without needing government permits anymore. We are also now allowed to meet indoors with groups less than 50 people, which means we've started up youth group again! The series we've been digging into over the past number of weeks is called "Broken and Redeemed," where we've been wrestling with the broken reality we see in ourselves and this world and how Jesus came and continues to bring about redemption through transformation and the advancement of the kingdom. It's been a rich series of learning together what this truth means for our current season, as well as for our lives.

As of May, the camp construction crew has been able to come back to work. With that, many construction projects have started up again and many things are getting completed. Last month the crew was able to finish our water/sewage lines and connect them to a permanent treatment system. This has been a HUGE project, and it is really exciting to see it completed. We know many of you have been praying for it, as well as having been here working on this system, so we want to say a HUGE thank you to all of you! The crew is also continuing with the root cellar

renovation to turn it into an additional cabin. This past week they began to build the brick walls, and it's so exciting to see this space transform.

In this new season, Paul and I have been working on landscaping projects. We decided to utilize this time to help camp development move forward and finish off some remaining jobs around the cabins. Over the past couple of months, we were able to build two retaining walls that surround both cabins, two levels to create seating around the cabins, and a massive patio to finish off the space in front of Cabins 1 & 2. We will continue with landscaping projects throughout August as we still need to build a patio in front of Cabins 3 & 4, as well as a path to connect the cabins to the future main lodge! Speaking of the main lodge, we are excited to share with you that construction has begun on this project! We praise God that we were able to break ground at the beginning of July on this massive build. In the middle of July, once the space had been dug out, we held a Cornerstone ceremony at the camp where the Hungarian Baptist Conference leadership team, as well as members from the churches, were invited to dedicate this project for God's purposes. Thank you to all of you who have been praying and supporting this development.

Paul and I are so grateful that we are able to live up at the camp during this season as it is such a beautiful and peaceful place to experience the lockdown. We pray that all of you are staying healthy and finding rest during this world pandemic. Thank you for continuing to partner with us and to support the kingdom work happening at Camp Falcon Rock.

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