

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

ROMANIA

General Information

- Population: 21 million
- Largest city: Bucharest – population 2 million
- Romania is a secular state and has no state religion. However, an overwhelming majority of the country's citizens identify themselves as Christians. 86.7% of the country's population identified as Orthodox Christian according to the 2002 census. The vast majority of which belongs to the Romanian Orthodox Church.
- Other major Christian denominations include Protestantism (5.2%), Roman Catholicism (4.7%) and the Romanian Greek-Catholic Church (0.9%).
- Most Hungarians within Romania identify with the Reformed tradition, using the Heidelberg and Second Helvetic Confessions.

Challenges

- The Romanians in North America need to develop intimate relationships with God. For this purpose they must understand that Jesus Christ is not a mere historical figure, but a personal God and the only one who is able to bring them salvation. The church is not an institution, but a living body made up of the believers. The Bible is available for them and is not reserved for the clergy.
- They must realize that Christianity is not a state religion into which one is born, but a personal religion into which one accedes by faith alone. The only way to enter into this religion is by repentance and faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ.

Pray for

- Boyd and Jennie Hatchel with their children Mallory, Miles, Madison, and Mason serve as International Mission Board Missionaries to the Romany (Gypsy) people group in Central and Eastern Europe. For five years they lived and ministered among the Roma in Romania. In 2005, their team's ministry expanded to include the Roma in some of the surrounding countries. To better facilitate their team's new territory, the Hatchels relocated to the Czech Republic in August 2005.
- The Baptist Union of Romania is the third-largest Baptist body in Europe (after UK and Ukraine). In 2011, 1969 churches reported 107,626 members.

Reference

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