

Bryan and Pam Risner

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Bryan and Pam Risner serve in Santandrei, Romania, a town near the larger city of Oradea, close to the Hungarian border. Their ministry focuses on planting churches and making disciples who make disciples.



Ministry Focus

The Risners share the gospel through relational evangelism and outreach programs, seeking to establish new churches while building meaningful relationships. Their ministry includes:

- Annual VBS programs for children.
- English camps to engage with the community.
- Christmas shoe and coat drives to serve families in need.
- Weekly children's programs to teach biblical truths from an early age.
- Relational evangelism courses, equipping believers to share their faith effectively.

Main Goal

Their primary mission is to plant new churches in Romania, reaching people through personal connections, community outreach, and discipleship training.

The People They Serve

Bryan and Pam minister to the Romanian, Gypsy, and Hungarian communities, each with unique cultural and social dynamics.

Challenges

- Religious Traditions vs. Biblical Truths – Many cultural traditions are mistakenly viewed as biblical doctrine.
- Legalism in Traditional Churches – The influence of legalistic practices creates barriers to genuine faith and spiritual growth.
- Tensions Between Romanians & Gypsies – Social and ethnic divisions make unity within the church difficult.

Spiritual Landscape

- 90% of Romanians believe in God, yet only 36.1% attend church weekly.
- The pandemic significantly reduced church attendance across the country.
- 85.3% of Romanians identify as Orthodox Christians, with smaller Catholic, Reformed, and Pentecostal populations.

Prayer Requests

- That new church plants will take root and grow.
- That discipleship efforts will lead to lasting faith in Christ.
- For hearts to be open to the gospel amid cultural and religious traditions.
- For unity among the Romanian, Gypsy, and Hungarian communities.