



Madison, IN

Pastor Collin & Nicole Welch

Greetings to all the brothers and sisters of our federation and beyond.

I'm Collin Welch, minister at Madison Reformed Church in Madison, Indiana, where I live with my wife, Nicole, and our kids, Calvin (6) and Ingrid (3). It's an honor to share with you about the work the Lord is doing here. We are a plant overseen by Westside Reformed Church (Cincinnati) and just over a year into our formal labors here.



What God's Done:

Madison is my hometown, and an area with no nearby NAPARC churches. After a couple years of sending newsletters to friends and family about the possibility of planting a church, I led a study on covenant theology in the summer of 2019. From this study, two families—the Lichlyters and Malcoms—agreed to join a core group, which began the following summer. We hosted several events in the fall of 2020, began informal prayer services in the new year, and have now been gathering for formal worship services in the evenings since April. That same month, we added a morning Bible study. Our gracious God has helped us navigate the ongoing difficulties related to Covid19, opened doors with other congregations, and given many opportunities to share the gospel. We are thankful that the Lord has begun this work.

What He's Doing:

As of this writing, we have five families in membership, including my own. We give the Lord thanks for this, especially because

of how often people seem interested, only to depart suddenly. This summer, we have had the opportunity to host VBS. With our small size and lack of resources, this would not have been possible without the kind help of Jim Iwema at Reformed Mission Services and the team of 17 people he brought with him! They not only served us, but also our community through service

projects. We don't yet know the impact of these efforts, but the town has been very grateful, and I have had ongoing interactions with some of the families who came to VBS. In the midst of these efforts, it has been a great pleasure to lead services each week and to see lots of "lightbulbs" turn on through the Spirit's illuminating work.

What We're Asking Him to Do:

Please consider taking up these requests in your own prayers as you're able. That the Lord would: (1) Grow us in Christian maturity and keep us united during a culturally challenging time. (2) Help us choose outreach events wisely. (3) Enable us to reach residents struggling with addiction. (4) Provide churches and individuals willing to help us financially during these early years.

"To Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or imagine, according to the power that he works in us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, throughout all generations, unto ages of ages. Amen!"

Pastor Collin Welch



VBS outreach with RMS!

Bucharest, Romania

Pastor Mihai & Lidia Corcea

Greetings from Bucharest, Romania!

I hope that you are doing well and are comforted by the providential care of our Lord. It is confusing to live in a time when we are not sure if the pandemic is over. The number of cases in Romania is very low and most restrictions have been lifted. Although we are not quite sure where we stand in terms of the pandemic, we are confident the Lord has everything in his hand.

Our church planting ministry continues in Bucharest. New people keep contacting me through social media as our online content raises awareness of the church plant. We had two new members join the church earlier this year and now another visitor has started the membership course.

In July I rejoiced in conducting the wedding ceremony for a young couple who are members of our church plant. We are glad to see young people joining the church and getting married. Now we will start looking forward to baptisms and to raising the next generation of Reformed Christians in Bucharest.



During the summer months of July and August many people leave the city for extended vacations. During these months we pause some of our outreach projects and I have some more time for reading and study. It is the perfect time to pray, plan and prepare for the next season of outreach which will start in September.

We also continue making progress with the translation and publishing projects. In September we will launch the Romanian translation of *Protestant Patriarch* by

George Hadjiantoniou. This is a book about the life and work of Cyril Lucaris, the only Eastern bishop to ever be influenced by Reformation theology. We hope this will draw attention to the need for Reformation work in the Eastern churches. We are also working on translating and publishing Augustine's treatise on predestination which we believe it will be helpful in pointing out that Reformed theology is not a novelty.

We are grateful to our Lord that our family is healthy and doing well. My wife Lidia continues her work as a kindergarten teacher and our son Albert is growing up fast. He has started asking many questions, so we began teaching him the catechism.

Thank you for all the prayers and support! We are greatly encouraged by your love.

Warmly in Christ,

Rev. Mihai Corcea



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