

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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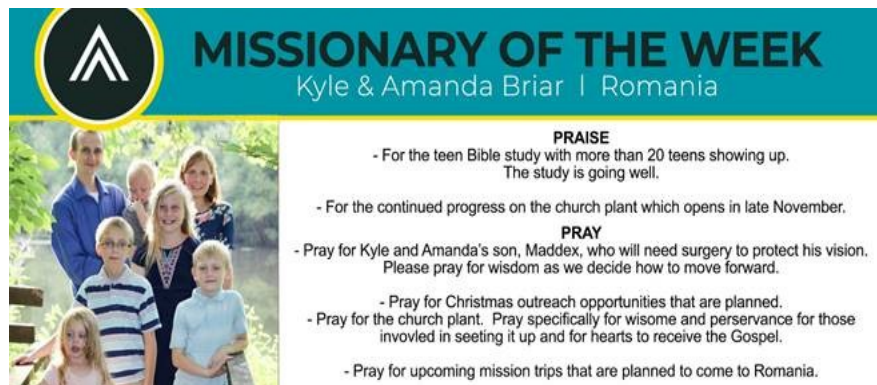
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**MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK**  
Kyle & Amanda Briar | Romania

**PRAISE**

- For the teen Bible study with more than 20 teens showing up. The study is going well.
- For the continued progress on the church plant which opens in late November.

**PRAY**

- Pray for Kyle and Amanda’s son, Maddex, who will need surgery to protect his vision. Please pray for wisdom as we decide how to move forward.
- Pray for Christmas outreach opportunities that are planned.
- Pray for the church plant. Pray specifically for wisdom and perseverance for those involved in seeing it up and for hearts to receive the Gospel.
- Pray for upcoming mission trips that are planned to come to Romania.



Handout: 06/02/24  
Study Date: 06/09/24

## Forgive One Another

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”  
(Ephesians 4:32)

If only all people would follow these commands, it would be a heavenly world. Paul’s imperative here encompasses the whole of the Christian life towards one another. Though he does not say in this verse to love one another, he does show key component parts of Christian love by this statement. The previous verse dealt with anger and malice, showing that there is no place for them in the heart of a Christian. Kindness, compassion, and forgiveness are what will take the place of those things in the heart of a believer

The grounds for this behavior is that this is the way our Master, our teacher, Jesus Christ behaved towards us. His death on the cross atoned for our sin, bringing us peace with God, redemption, justification, and adoption as his sons and daughters in Christ. But the other thing Christ accomplished on the cross was a perfect example of how we should be toward others. Our kindness is grounded in God’s kindness for us in sending his Son. Our compassion is modeled on Jesus’ compassion in his earthly ministry, and on the cross. And most importantly, our forgiveness is made possible by his forgiveness of us and is a model for us to imitate toward others. Thanks to Christ’s sacrifice, we are wholly unable to see a person’s sin against us as unpardonable. If we are unable to forgive, then we have not yet been forgiven (Mt 6:15).

### #1 “Be kind...”

Our being is rooted in God’s creation of us. We exist because he exists and spoke us into being. As we are being, we should live in kindness. Kindness should be a state of our being.

### #2 “... tenderhearted,”

Compassion comes from being willing to feel along with others what they might be feeling. It is to understand the state and the pain someone is in and to show that we understand.

### #3 “forgiving each other,”

Forgiveness is a superpower for the Christian who wants to live in perfect peace. We forgive others because God is the ultimate rememberer of wrongs on our behalf. He wants to be the one to exact vengeance when it is necessary (Ro 12:19). Forgiveness removes anger and wrath from our shoulders and leaves us in peace.

### #4 “even as in God in Christ forgave you.”

We forgive because we have been forgiven. God forgave us “in Christ.” His amazing plan to save the world was to send his Son to live on the earth, to never sin, but then die for the sin of the world. Whoever believes in him has been forgiven and will be able to forgive others.

Resource: [connectusfund.org](http://connectusfund.org)

## KEY VERSE

Ephesians 4:32 (NKJV)

*“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”*

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Monday: Ephesians 4:32

#### Introduction

1. According to the article on Ephesians 4:32 on pg. 1 what are four key commands we are to follow as part of our Christian walk?
2. We are called by Ephesians 4:32 to *“forgive one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”* Share an incident when YOU succeeded at this?

### Tuesday: Ephesians. 4:31; Ephesians. 4:32c; Ephesians. 1:3,7

#### Put Away Bitterness That Grieves The Father & The Son

3. Referencing Ephesians 4:31 we are to put away all of our bitterness. How are you motivated to do this knowing the Father gave His only Son for us?
4. In Ephesians 1:7 we learn that *“we have redemption through His blood.”* How do you imagine He feels when we don't pay His grace forward?

### Wednesday: Ephesians 4:30; Ephesians 1:13-14

#### Put Away Bitterness That Grieves The Holy Spirit

5. What warning does Ephesians 4:30 offer us concerning the Holy Spirit?
6. According to Ephesians 1:13-14 through what process were we *“sealed with the Holy Spirit”*? What *“guarantee”* do we gain by following Him?

### Thursday: Eph. 4:32a Titus 3:4-5; Eph. 5:1; Col. 3:12-13a

#### Be Kind To One Another

7. Titus 3:4 documents *“the kindness and the love our God our savior.”* What should we be learning through *“His mercy”* about love and kindness?
8. In Ephesians 5:1 we as believers are called to *“be imitators of God.”* What command in Ephesians 4:32a gives us a good place to start?
9. *“As the elect of God”* what characteristics are we called to *“put on”*?

### Friday: Eph. 4:32b; Eph. 4:32c; I Pet. 3:8-9; Mat. 7:12; Eph.2:7-9

#### Be Tenderhearted And Forgive As God Forgave You

10. Ephesians 4:32b calls us as believers to be *“tenderhearted.”* How can I Peter 3:8-9 and Matthew 7:12 help us to achieve that?
11. Ephesians 4:32c commands us to *“forgive one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”* What practices help you achieve this (ex: prayer)?
12. What connection do you make between God's *“grace”* upon us and our call to forgive one another in Ephesians 2:7-9? Is our grace deserved?