



**Mentored Ministry 720  
Travel Course  
Counts as one hour of  
Mentored Ministry credit  
July 11-20, 2023**



**Sibiu and Arad, Romania  
with a day in Budapest  
Dr. Randy Jessen**

**Advance reading and preparation:**

All standard MM720 books will be required reading prior to travel  
Students must watch the MM720 video on ethnographic research prior to travel

The group will be limited to 10 students. We will connect and interact online at least three times through Zoom to build team relationships, prepare for the experience, and take care of all your questions.

**Daily experience:**

Each day will open with group devotions, early morning prayer and preparation for the experience that is about to unfold. The day closes with group gatherings for reflection and a time to debrief. Each student would also be required to keep a daily journal that includes reminders about the experience and images of seeing God in action. The evening sessions will also focus on our ethnographic style conversations related to individual discovery and our shared experience as a group. The focus will be on cross-cultural discovery, cultural sensitivity, personal spiritual formation, and the ability to reflect personally and theologically on dynamic experiences.

In addition, we will have direct input, instruction, and insights from the following English-speaking academic and pastoral leaders in Romania:

**Dr. Romica Iuga, PhD** University of Bucharest: Dissertation ~ The Missionary Dynamics of The Contemporary Romanian Baptist Church. Affiliate member of the Faculty of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Bucharest teaching in the area of Missiology.

**Dr. Ovi Dragan, DMin** Asbury Theological Seminary: Dissertation ~ Biblical Preaching

**Cost:** Total *approximate* cost per person breaks down into two components:

1. Personal airfare (we will book through a travel agent at the current rates) approximately \$1400
2. In-country costs (transportation, housing, meals etc.) \$800 per person

Total expense should be under \$2500 per person depending on airfare values in that season.

## **Draft Schedule**

The daily schedule is subject to adjustment

### **Tuesday, July 11, 2023**

Meeting as a group for check in for connecting flight

### **Wednesday, July 12, 2023 (Arad time ~ seven-hour difference from Eastern time)**

Arrive in Sibiu, Romania in time for an evening meal with the Light from Light United Methodist Church

### **Thursday, July 13, 2023**

Experience the Super Kids Academy

Discover the history and unique cultural history of the walled city of Sibiu

Travel to the town of Cornatel to experience the House of Joy

Group time to reflect on our own personal cultural background

### **Friday, July 14, 2023**

Travel by van to Arad, Romania on the western border

Visit Ana's House ~ Christian group home for abandoned children

Visit Eden House ~ Residence for 30 adults with disabilities

### **Saturday, July 15, 2023**

Tour the Orthodox Cathedral in downtown Arad ~ discuss the cultural dynamics

Visit the Orthodox Seminary in Arad for theological-cultural conversation

### **Sunday, July 16, 2023**

Worship at Speranta Church in the morning

Sunday lunch ~ a cross-cultural feast!

Discover Roma culture in the Arad area

Participate in the evening worship with area Pastors

### **Monday, July 17, 2023**

Travel to Seven Springs Christian Camp to meet with pastors in the area

Visit Roman Catholic monastery in Lipova

Cultural conversation with Pastors Iuga and Dragan

Experience village life in Sistarovat

### **Tuesday, July 18, 2023**

A day of discovery, recovery and ethnographic research as we prepare to depart

### **Wednesday, July 19, 2023**

Travel to Budapest, Hungary, early in the morning for a cultural tour of Budapest

Housing at the Ibis Hotel in Budapest

### **Thursday, July 20, 2023**

Fly out of Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport (BUD) ~ Arrive back in USA