



Mentored Ministry 720 Travel Course

Counts as one hour of Mentored Ministry credit

June 20-29, 2022

Arad/Sibiu/Cornatel, Romania ~ Budapest, Hungary

Faculty Leader ~ Dr. Randy Jessen

Total approximate cost per person ~ \$2200-\$2500 depending on airfare

The cost includes all transportation, housing, and meals. Course tuition is additional.

Advance reading and preparation:

All three 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 connect and interact by Zoom at least three times to build team relationships, prepare for the experience, and answer 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 will also 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 would be on cross-cultural sensitivity, personal spiritual formation, and the ability to reflect personally and theologically on the culturally 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: 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

Dr. Sorin Ignat, DMin Asbury Theological Seminary: Dissertation ~ Retaining the Youth of Curtici Baptist Church

Pastor Crisitan Istrate Asbury Theological Seminary DMin Student ~ United Methodist Pastor and leader of the Global Hope Association ~ House of Joy project in Cornatel, Romania.

As with any travel course, participants can often face an array of complex issues related to travel. In the age of COVID-19, this complexity is multiplied. Therefore, by signing up for this course and trip, the student affirms their acknowledgment that they are required to fulfill all course and travel requirements. While the leaders of the trip will do everything possible to ensure the trip is both safe and enriching, in the end the student is taking personal responsibility for their own personal health, safety and learning during the trip.

This trip is moving ahead based on current policies from both the countries of Hungary and Romania, as well as the CDC and federal government in the USA. However, if those policies should change (EVEN IF SUCH CHANGE OCCURS A DAY BEFORE THE TRIP IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE), the Seminary has the right to cancel the class. Any and all expenses are the responsibility of the student and not that of the Seminary.

Based on country requirements, all participants will have to have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

Draft Schedule

(Subject to Adjustment)

Monday, June 20, 2022

Meeting as a group for check in for connecting flight to Budapest

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 (Arad time ~ seven-hour difference from Wilmore time)

Arrive in Budapest with a 3-hour drive to Arad, Romania by van

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

- Visit Ana's House Christian group home for abandoned children (www.globalhope.org)
- Visit Eden's House ~ Residence for 30 adults with disabilities
- Visit the Orthodox Seminary in Arad for theological and cultural conversation with the Dean of the Seminary

Thursday, June 23, 2022

- Travel to Sibiu and Cornatel to visit the United Methodist Church
- Engage the cultural differences between Arad and Sibiu
- Experience the House of Joy
- Overnight in Sibiu as guests of the Light From Light UMC

Friday, June 24, 2022

- Return to Arad
- Seven Springs Christian Camp to meet with pastors in the area
- Visit Roman Catholic monastery in Lipova
- Cultural conversation with Pastors Iuga, Dragan, and Ignat
- Experience village life in Sistarovat

Saturday, June 25, 2022

- Meeting with area pastors for prayer
- Relaxed day of shopping on the streets of Arad
- Time for debriefing and ethnographic conversations

Sunday, June 26, 2022

- Worship at Speranta Church in the morning
- Sunday lunch ~ a cross-cultural feast!
- Discover Roma (Gypsy) culture in the Arad area
- Participate in the evening worship with Pastors

Monday, June 27, 2022

- A day of ethnographic reflection as we prepare to depart

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

- Travel to Budapest, Hungary, early in the morning
- The day is dedicated to a cultural tour of center city Budapest
- Housing at the Ibis Hotel in Budapest

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

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