

MINISTRY FOCUS

Voicu and Ana live and serve in Sibiu, Romania. They started out in 2000 under EFC-ER and merged with EFM in 2019. Their most recent ministry has involved:

1. Teaching English to children and adults as a tool for evangelism. Before COVID-19, they also did summer camps and a Sunday afternoon youth church program.
2. Teaching art and woodworking to children.
3. Marriage and family counseling to young couples; usually former students.
4. Hosting and leading a women's Bible study and an intercessory prayer group.
5. Continuously developing relationships in the community and shining the light of Christ, always being ready to give a reason for the hope they have.



To see more recent reflections about their years of ministry which was featured in the EFM April 2021 Prayer Letter go to <https://friendsmission.com/pray/>.

TESTIMONY

Voicu and Ana found the Lord through the ministry of Alliance Friends Church, where they grew in faith and service until being called back to Romania as missionaries in 2000. Ana received Christ at a Women's Bible Study in 1985; Voicu traded his atheist beliefs for a life-giving faith in Christ in 1989.

CALL TO MINISTRY

Right after Voicu's surrender to the Lord in 1989, Ana felt God calling the family to missions. God chose to have them wait for ten years. In 1999 at the Yearly Meeting, when Dr. John Williams launched the call to missions for 2000 and beyond, Voicu, Ana, and Christina (14 at the time) all responded, not knowing where God would send them. After much seeking and prayer support from their home church, they felt they had to return to their native land with Christ's message. They sold everything they owned in the US, and on July 30, 2000 flew to Romania with one-way tickets. They began ministry to orphaned girls, ages 9-18, in the city of Sibiu.



In 2003, a group of brothers (led by Dwane Rice) visited them in Sibiu. They were able to confirm the broader scope of God's purpose for the Marians in Romania, and EFC-ER officially took them on as Evangelical Friends missionaries.

FAVORITE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Voicu and Ana enjoy reconnecting with former students at their weddings and continuing to minister to their families. Ana also enjoys leading a Bible Study group for young women, seeing them grow in the Word, and having the opportunity to mentor and disciple them.

They love people and being able to love and serve them in whatever way they need.

BACKGROUND AND FAMILY

Both were born in Transylvania, Romania. They met briefly in 1977 before Voicu left to immigrate to the United States during Romania's harsh communist regime. While on different continents, they corresponded through "censored snail mail" until they married on October 15, 1983. After, Ana joined Voicu in the US in 1984. Voicu holds a Bachelor's degree in Art Education and owned a woodworking business in the US. Ana has a Master's degree in Finance and Accounting and worked as an accountant for nearly 17 years in the US.



Voicu's birthday is December 24, 1954 and Ana's is March 25, 1959. They have two children. Christina was born on March 7, 1985 and lives in Powell, Ohio. John was born on September 25, 1991 and lives in Sibiu, Romania.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR MARIANS?

Voicu and Ana plan to "retire" in their current home back in Sibiu, Romania, to continue serving among the people they have grown to love. Please pray for their good health and safety in days ahead. In their words, "We pray that by God's grace we'll be able to continue to teach and encourage children and youth, and see more fruit come from our ministry. We trust that the Lord of the harvest will bring other workers to this area, in his perfect time."

These were his instructions to them, "*The harvest is great, but the workers are few, so pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.*" Luke 10:2

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A LOVE GIFT

EFM and Eastern Region invites you to help honor and celebrate Voicu and Ana's faithful years of service with a love gift! Please make your tax-deductible gifts, clearly marked "Marian Love Gift" to EFM:



- Online through Marian's webpage and personal giving page at <https://catalog.friendsmission.com/marian>.
- Call EFM at **303-421-8100** to give by credit card.
- Mail a check to **EFM, PO Box 771139, Wichita, KS 67277**.

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