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We were lost but now we're found!

Holiday of Neighbors



On May 26, Oaza was asked by the office of the mayor of Arad to be a host home for a EU celebration called Sarbatoarea Vecinilor (Neighbors Day holiday). Invitations were given to neighbors, food was prepared, and the gate was opened inviting any of the neighbors to visit and fellowship with one another. Several of the neighbors came and the younger children shared puppets and a song with them.



May Day

In Romania, May 1 is a holiday where families often go to the forest for a barbecue and to relax. No different for us... The teens went with Roxanna and others to a forest near Lipova where they had barbecue and sport activities with another youth group from a church in Cicir. The younger kids spent the day with Patri and Cezar and Spencer and Lynsey also having a barbecue and to enjoy time together.

Mini-Bus

It is with great pleasure that we write about the purchase of our slightly-used-but-new-to-us mini-bus. Through the generous donations of our supporters and a large one-time gift from a sister ministry, we had enough funds to purchase a 2006 Volks-



wagon. It is so good to be able to transport the children safely and quickly to and from church and other places. We feel as though we cannot say THANK YOU enough to you, our supporters...and we give thanks and praise to the Lord!

Oaza and our Community of Faith

We had the awesome privilege of being invited to make a presentation at a newer church in our community, Cuvantul Vietii (Word of Life). Laura spoke about how Oaza began and the children gave a puppet presentation and sang. This is the FIRST church in our community, except Emmanuel, to make a commitment to supporting Oaza monthly. We praise God for this



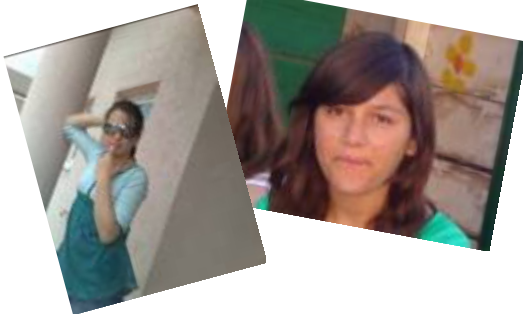
opportunity. Please pray for this church to be blessed as they bless us!

End of School and Holiday

School was official out in the middle of June, so the children are now on holiday. Patri and Nando are taking some summer school classes to help them get caught up with their new school. Grati and Tutu were assigned high schools according to their grades where they will attend this fall. We are also celebrating the graduation of Eliza and Erwin! We are proud of them both! Currently, Eliza is working, and both are making preparations to live on their own under the guidance of Oaza. Please pray for Eliza and Erwin...this is a big step and we want to see them succeed! This summer in lieu of renting a camping facility we are choosing to try something a little more adventurous. More details in the next newsletter!

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...Sorina (16) and Anne-Marie (14)! We also celebrated Laura's birthday in May! We want to say a special thank you for the birthday gifts you have sent to the children. They are always appreciated and received with joy.



Clubs help Moms

Moms from our Moms and Babies club have been given a second chance to further their education. A partnership was formed in a Grundtvig project for adult education between three European Universities. Oaza was chosen by the "Vasile Goldis" University of West Arad as the practical application in the project giving 15 moms free training and another qualifications.



We celebrated International Children's Day on May 30th together with a group of people from the New Hope Trust in Scotland. We organized several games (the parachute being the most loved) and competitions. All of the children received gifts and prizes.



Transitions

Due to the age of the structure, House of Joy has been in need of repairs and renovation and we can no longer use it as a home for the children. So we have been asking the Lord what to do. Additionally, over the last several years, moms from the community have been speaking with Laura regularly about opening a childcare center for the general public. This type of project would help the poor, at-risk families in our community without discrimination to race or social status. So, after much thought and prayer, we have decided to open a daycare center in the Bujac community in the location of our House of Joy. Attached to this newsletter is a document outlining our plan for this ministry.

We felt like our first step was to collect estimates for renovation which came to about 50,000 euro. Feeling a little unsure of ourselves, we decided to set this before the Lord and asked Him to confirm or deny this plan. At our first presentation of the plan, a team from New Hope Trust (Scotland)

presented us with a donation in the exact amount necessary to cover the first step which is the cost of the roof. They did not know of the plan nor the amount prior to our presentation. We ALL saw this as a confirmation from the Lord.

At this moment, the renovation of the roof structure and new tiles is near completion. We are awaiting further renovations until we have the funds raised. Can you help us in this way to raise funds for this new project to help our community?

Here is what comes next in the project:

hydro insulation: 4000 euro
flooring/walls/ceilings/doors/
plastering: 19600 euro
plumbing and heating system:
5700 euro
electrical: 2400 euro
external insulation : 4500 euro
tables and chairs 150 euro
special mattresses 750 euro



New roof at House of Joy

Community Clubs

The community club program started again. Lynsey is teaching the English club and Paula is teaching a music club and is trying to get things sorted for a computer club. If you have any children's computer games (for PC) laying around, please consider sending them to us for use in this club. Email: frankee85@gmail.com

Correspondence

Please consider sending a note to the children to just say hello and that you are praying for them. Please be sure to send any correspondence or packages to the following address:

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(packages received without a persons name are charged a customs fee. Please use Laura's name on all packages.)

Praise Points

- God's provisions financially
- Safe arrival of Hannah to work with us through August
- Completion of school for all children and graduation of Eliza and Erwin
- Our child sponsorship partners
- Voichita's recovery following surgery
- Further relationship contact with families of the children
- Beginning of renovation on House of Joy
- Our child sponsorship partners
- Mini-bus purchase
- For Oaza staff as they continue their training towards social work degrees
- Word of Life Church as our first Romanian church partnership in ministry
- Work of Oaza being broadcast via local Christian radio interview

Prayer Points

- Children who struggled in school and pending exams
- Children reintegrated to families and the adjustments they face
- A job for Erwin
- Erwin and Eliza as they prepare for independent living
- Submission of paperwork to receive our license to practice
- Grati, Tutu and Sorina who will attend high school beginning in September
- Money to continue renovations on House of Joy

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Thank you for your concern, prayers, financial and spiritual support and your continued involvement in all we do at Oaza.

May God Bless you all, **Laura & Team**