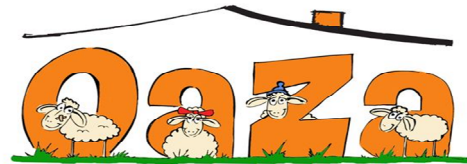


November-December 2009

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We were lost but now we're found!

Wrapping up 2009

November and December bring with them the anticipation of Winter, snow, breaks from school, and of course the holiday season and all the trimmings. At the beginning of November, only the younger children were on half-term break. Laura and the volunteers worked on several activities around the house. One of the activities was making "sweet ravioli". It was a difficult but very enjoyable task for Laura and the younger kids. Thankfully all the hard work was rewarded by the praises received when the other children tested the fruits of their labour. Another activity was visiting their friends, now reintegrated in their natural families. On November 13, Oaza held another Open House Day for the general public. We spent four wonderful hours in the presence of school friends, teachers, colleagues and guests. Three volunteers from a Millennium



Centre program came over to "close the night" with fun games. They also

initiated discussions regarding volunteering, especially sharing with the Oaza teens about opportunities with which they could participate and work towards as young adults. As we do every year on the 1st of December (National Day of Romania), the children and adults decorated the



house for Christmas. All the decorations newly handmade by the children were joyfully distributed on the tree and around the house alongside those from the previous years while listening to Christmas Carols. The first weekend in December we received a visit of our friends from Scotland. They brought presents with them for each child and for the children who have been reintegrated. High School Musical and Ben 10 bags were their favourite items. The team spent quality time with the children and

took Laura shopping for food and several important items for the Day Centre. A huge thanks to our friends from Scotland!! As December continued, several of the children began practicing for a church presentation...a skit about seeing Jesus and playing a

couple songs, Silent Night and Jingle Bells, on handchimes. They worked every day the week before Christmas and it proved to payoff. The children made their presentation at church on the Sunday before Christmas. Then on the following Sunday, the children played Silent Night on the handchimes for a joint worship service of several churches in Arad.



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Wrapping up 2009 cont.

...several churches in Arad. Several of the children went to visit their families for Christmas.

Otherwise, the rest of the children enjoyed a nice Christmas Day with gifts, food and relaxation.

On Boxing Day, the younger children spent the day at Spencer and Lynsey's home decorating cookies, playing games and watching a film together. The teens went to Scott and Paula's home and played the Wii, ate homemade stromboli and watched a film as well. The year closed out with New Year's Eve parties at Spencer and Lynsey's house for some of the younger children, Laura's house for a few others and the teens had an all-night party at Scott and Paula's house



including fireworks in downtown Arad. None of us know what 2010 will bring but we all know we can trust the Lord to provide for us and to guide us as we seek to follow Him and His ways. Please be in prayer for the children and especially for the teenagers.

We want to say a SPECIAL thank you to all who donated money and

Christmas gifts for the children. There are so many of you...and your generosity speaks volumes to us about your love and support of the children. May God pour our His blessings upon all of you!

Birthdays

We are happy to share that Ervin celebrated 20 years in November and Patri turned 11 in December!



Reintegration

We were so happy to be able to visit (except AnneMarie) all of the children involved in reintegration and present them with gifts as well as food and provisions for Christmas. Due to icy roads our visits were delayed until just before Christmas and the New Year. Please continue to pray for these families. These children include: AnneMarie, Cristi, Raul, Raluca, Alin and Patri.



Educational Centre

On the Sunday before Christmas, the children involved in the Educational Centre, specifically the after-school club, presented a program to their parents and the community. They made recitations of poems, sang songs, and played Jingle Bells on the handchimes. We are thankful to the local priest for allowing Oaza to utilize the community centre free of charge for this presentation. We continue to seek funding for renovations for House of Joy to use as a day centre. If you would like more information regarding this project including raising funds or volunteering to help with renovations, please contact Laura by emailing: contact@oaza.com



Growing Up

In December, the social services finalized the paperwork for Elizabeth and Ervin to move into an assisted-living program specifically designed for young adults coming out of care programs such as Oaza. They both share an apartment with another young adult and their rent is provided for them. They must work to provide their own utilities and food. Social services assists them in finding employment (Eliza has been excellent at having employment for over one year now). There is also a round –the-clock on-site assistant at the apartment building. We continue to be in contact with Ervin and Eliza and will help to provide for them as they have need. Please be in prayer for Ervin to find employment suitable for him and for both of them as they continue through this transition.

Praise Points

- God's provisions financially
- God's provision of great volunteers
- Our child sponsorship partners
- Provision of funds to assist with next phase of renovation for daycare
- Growing trusting relationships with families of reintegrated children
- Additional committed volunteers to support children in after-school program
- A wonderful Christmas for Oaza children and for the children reintegrated and their families.
- Money to bless homeless families through Christmas
- Beginning of after-school program

Prayer Points

- Music exams for Nando and Patri
- Teenagers in their times of personal maturing which create challenges
- Children and their families during reintegration period
- Completion of the house for one of the families in reintegration
- Erwin and Eliza in their new settings
- Children and their natural families as they grow to know one another better
- We are thankful for God's provisions but contributions are falling short of what we need monthly
- Provision of teams and finances to complete daycare

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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.)

Laura in Scotland

As part of the Federation Plus, Oaza visited the town of Gyula Hungary together with representatives of Arad City and 4 other charities. Arad and Gyula are twin towns and visits like this one are carefully selected in order to increase collaboration between various institutions of both towns. During the visit the delegation was shown a children's home, an elderly facility and the Romanian High School.



Friends

Eli and Eliseo Saltaleggio have decided to stay on with us through the end of February. We are so pleased. Their assistance at Shalom is beyond description.



A special **THANK YOU** to all who give us feedback and encouragement in our ministry. Thank you also for your prayers...we are still in ministry because you have remained faithful and stood beside us.

May God Bless you all,
Laura & Team



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