

LOVING ROMANIA

Sufficient Bread Ministry

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Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it

Psalm 81:10

I urge each of you to view our God as a living God. Our Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Too often our minds wander down a dangerous road, worrying about tomorrows provisions, worrying about what people around us might be saying, lies spoken, the enemy reaching out to devour. I was cast down many times in my life because of these thoughts and imaginations. I wish to remind the children of God TODAY, that He does not forsake, even in our day, those who rely on Him.

I write about orphans, because they are before me daily and by God's mercy He has placed them in my life to force me to my knees and tear my heart until it is no longer my fleshly heart that breaks for them but the heart of their Father that beats for them.

The children you support are often tortured by the thought of growing older and ending up in the poorhouse. They initially do not see God as a living God, a Heavenly Father that provides for those who put their trust in Him. All earthly fathers have failed them.

Sufficient Bread Ministry desires to be instrumental in strengthening their faith by giving them not only scriptures from the Word of God of His willingness and

ability to help all those who rely on Him, but to show proof, that He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

God has challenged me, and I ask for your support in prayer. We will trust only on Him to provide for our needs. We will be bold in sharing with the children that we will wait upon the Lord for his provision. God's provision for Sufficient Bread Ministry will be visible proof to the unchanging faithfulness of the Lord. We have many needs. The Lord knows them all. We will take God at His word and rely on it.

Our presence in Romania is to be used by God to help these abandoned children to be successful in this life. To train them up in the fear of God. But our first and primary object is that God might be magnified that the orphans under our care are provided with all they need, not as an outcome of human strength, only by prayer and faith.

I wish I could write you more often to share with you our needs and the daily work going on, but sometimes it is more remarkable and gives God more glory when He puts the children on your heart, without me asking you, and through your obedience we see that God is still faithful and still hears prayers. Praise the LORD!

Renewed and READY! Returning with faith, joy and love. Lord, we give you all the PRAISE!

Recently, I read the newsletter we wrote awhile back about returning to the states for a time to renew and refocus our ministry. I remembered the thoughts and feelings I was experiencing when I wrote those words, feelings of excitement and the pressure of responsibility. We are rapidly approaching the end of our obligations in the states and preparing to once again uproot our family and return home to Romania.

It is a beautiful thing to see how God is continuously molding Andrei and I into the servants he desires us to become. Every time He calls us to return to the states He shows us new things about ourselves and uncovers a little more of the plan He has for our family and Romania.

There were many challenges we had to overcome while we supervised the ministry stateside. I have been blessed to see Andrei take on these challenges and remain faithful to the call God has placed on his life. I also want to thank each of you who have continued to support the ministry during this time off the field. We appreciate your understanding that even though our family was stateside the needs and daily ministry at Betania and the F&H apartment continued.

Our Lord provided an amazing job for me to support my family's needs here in the states, allowing your funds to not only fully support the ministry over in Romania but also allow us to put some money aside in savings. We will be using those saved funds to continue to help aged-out youth in our "Future and a Hope" Program. Your faithfulness to our ministry has touched our family and we are incredibly grateful.

Hello Dear Ones,...

Recently a supporter asked for information about our ministry from Betania Family Center. This is the response that the administrator wrote back. His words blessed us. His letter is a reflection of your support and monthly sacrifices you have made. Enjoy!

Hello Dear Ones,

In our history at the Betania Family Center, over 18 years, by the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are glad that we had with us the Andries family, Andrei and Kelle and their organization from America. Through all these years we have had their help and reliable support for the work of the Lord. There has not been a religious holiday or birthday, that Andrei and Kelle were not involved. They gave financially for Christmas dinner or New Years, or June 1st (Children's Day), and birthday parties for the children at Betania. They conduct children's programs, religious studies in the Word of God, kid's games, creative activities and more.

But their contribution has not stopped here; they are involved in the children's education at Betania, paying monthly for years for us to hire a math teacher to tutor the children. They have also paid for a psychologist to tend to the needs of children...

The Andries family and their organization is a blessing for Betania Family Center and to my family, being in the Lord's work over 22 years, he has carried us through it all. He has taken care of us through this wonderful family and their organization.

May our good God bless you all and the gates of Betania are open and waiting.

With all brotherly love,

The Crisan Family and Betania Family Center

When Mr. Crisan says, "the gates of Betania are open and waiting," he means it! We have a guesthouse on the grounds built specifically to house supporters who want to come and live among the children and see first hand what goes on at the family center. If any of you want to come visit please let us know. The Crisan and Andries families would love the fellowship.

The Power of Obedience

A few months back I was asked at a women's retreat, "What would these children do if it wasn't for you?" This caught me off guard and my initial thought was, "Well, God would send someone else (ofcourse)." But just as I was about to respond a lightening bolt struck my heart. "NO! That is not truth. I called you to do this. How many people have come to help you in the past 13 years? Three short term teams. Three groups in 13 years! I have chosen YOU my daughter, and you have been obedient."



BAM! These words hit me like a train! I thought about it for days after.

God once again touched my heart while helping my daughter with a class project. I came across this quote by Amelia Earhart.

"Never do things others can do and will do, if there are things others cannot do or will not do."

Again, my Father gripped my heart. This is why we do what we do...because others either cannot or will not. We do this out of obedience to the Father.

Brothers and sisters, God is using YOU for His special purpose, to shine His light. To share His Love. To shape His people. YOU are making a difference in ways you don't even realize - and you are very much appreciated.

God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

Prayer Requests and Praise Reports

- **FAMILY CENTER:** We recently added 4 more children to our numbers. They are siblings who lost their father and then were abandoned by their mother. Please keep them in prayer as they continue to adapt to their new life at the center. I can't wait to meet them and share with them about their faithful Father in Heaven.
- Continue to pray for the transitional youth of Romania. That they would walk in the power of the Spirit and not by their own might.
- Pray for Betania Family Center. That God might be magnified in the lives of the children living there.

THANK YOU, FATHER! We give YOU praise!