

LOVING ROMANIA

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SUFFICIENT BREAD MINISTRY

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. James 1:27

Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will take care of me. Psalm 27:10



Karate is one way we gain self-discipline and respect. Our kids also participate in Chess Club, handball, soccer and guitar.



Outdoor play



The Family Center

VISION FULFILLED, ABUNDANT PROVISION

This past year we have seen the fulfillment of a vision God placed in our hearts almost 13 years ago - a church at the family center and a purposeful, transformable transitional apartment for aged out youth. God's provision abounded with sound equipment, chairs, a video projector, ministry vans (two of them!), furniture and multiple short-term ministry teams.

Four of our kids at the center have made a public declaration of faith in Jesus Christ. They have all expressed interest in being baptized. One of the girls shared that she is no longer embarrassed to be a Christian at school. :)

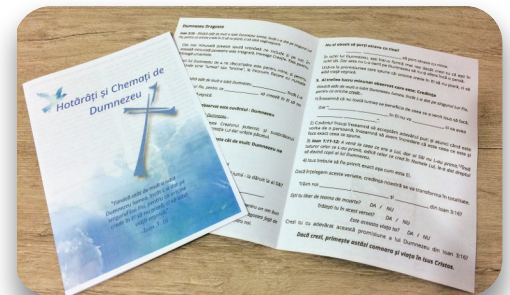
We have always felt the need to purchase a ministry van. We were renting vans multiple times a month for various outreaches and daily family center needs. We were asking the Lord for an affordable vehicle to purchase. I, personally, was overwhelmed by the idea of how we would be able to afford one. We are unable to finance anything here, so we had to have cash. Little did I know that our Father was working

(despite my lack of faith and vision) to provide us with TWO vans. I never even thought about having one van, let alone two!! God knows best; we use BOTH almost every day!

One of my favorite quotes says:

"Someone is waiting on the other side of your obedience." - Tim Storey

I think of all the times we have been on the receiving end of YOUR obedience. Your generosity is humbling and encouraging. God shines through you into the hearts of the children in our care. They experience God's provision in their lives through your obedience and sacrifice. Thank you.



Learning how to study God's Word

"Great moves of God are usually preceded by simple acts of obedience." - Steven Furtick

"A FUTURE AND A HOPE" TRANSITIONAL APARTMENT

In September, we added a fourth young man to our F&H apartment. He is still in high school but was struggling at our family center. He desperately needed some distance from the familiar environment of his local high school and personal relationships. It has been encouraging watching our older and more "seasoned" boys teach him the ropes at the apartment and help him with his homework.

Andrei continues his daily discipleship and has seen growth in them, spiritually and emotionally. The boys have individually asked to take on more responsibilities such as paying bills, helping with rent, volunteering time at the family center, etc. They are starting

to function as their own independent family. The boys with driving licenses are driving the others to exams or other educational opportunities. Teamwork at its best! Of course, we are not without our occasional drama, but the growth in these boys is encouraging and humbling.

Their weekly men's Bible study with Andrei has become more of a question and answer session instead of a lecture in front of a silent, nervous audience. Last week one of the boys said, "We can't believe it! Every time we meet as a group, you [Andrei] bring up an issue or a topic we have been personally dealing with!" Gotta love the Holy Spirit! Please continue to pray for these young men and their bright future with God at the center.

A THIRST FOR LOVE AND CONNECTION

Recently, during a "serious" game of dodgeball, our daughter, Aryana, interrupted the game requesting some water from the kitchen. One of our young boys at the family center agreed with her request and joined Andrei and her on their trek to the kitchen sink. Andrei promptly filled two drinking glasses and handed them to the kids. Aryana responded politely, "Thank you, Daddy." Immediately, Andrei heard a muffled - under the breath, "Thank you, Daddy" from the young boy, barely audible. Andrei looked him and said, "It's okay, you can say it if you want. Say 'Thank you, Daddy.'" The little boy giggled awkwardly and avoided eye contact. Shortly after, with a smile on his face, he repeated back, "Thank you, Daddy!" then

skipped back outside beaming with pride.

They are moments like these that wreck you emotionally and force you to your knees. Lord, I am not worthy of this calling. Who am I that you should call me to this place, to these children, for such a time as this?

Sometimes you've got to do more than tell people "God loves you." You may need to stay in their life and show them what that means.

-Steve P. Harmon

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PRAYER & PRAISE

Praise God for the spiritual growth we have witnessed in some of the children and young adults in our care. **Pray** for their continued passion for God and His Word. **Pray** for them to have boldness to ask questions and to walk in truth.

Pray for our daily refreshment. We have many daily responsibilities and tasks. **Pray** for our children as they continue to work alongside us and learn the language and culture. Missionary life can be lonely. **Pray** for our ability to find a balance with family time and ministry.

Pray for protection, wisdom and direction in ministry.

MINISTRY MOMENTS:



The Jesus Film in Romanian

Laundry for miles...



A little off the top, please!

