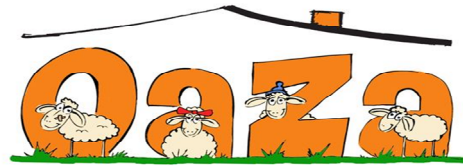


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We were lost but now we're found!

Days of Summer

In our last newsletter, we told you that in lieu of a standard week of camp we decided to try something different...and it turned out to be wonderful for everyone. In the middle of July, we took the children that were home on a trip to Hunedoara, Sibiu and Sighisoara, Romania. Not very often do the children get an opportunity to see their own country...and for our youngest ones, it was a first. We ate and slept in a complex in Sibiu supported by Child Evangelism Fellowship. Our first day we drove to Hunedoara and toured a castle then on to Sibiu to settle in and enjoyed a relaxing evening together. The following day we visited a museum of houses from all over the country and then toured downtown Sibiu in the evening. We all enjoyed the ice cream and running through the water fountains in the square. The next day, we drove to Sighisoara, a medieval fortified city and visited with new friends Dorothy and Roberta who are missionaries there. On our last day, we toured a zoological garden before returning home. It was nice to have Arnoldt with us on this trip. A few weeks later, we took the older children to an outdoor Christian music festival. This was our first attempt at



camping in tents...and it went rather well. Noel Reeder was a huge help by allowing us to borrow his tents and helped us in so many ways. In the day we relaxed and at night we worshiped along with several Romanian worship bands. Then, in late August we gave our camping skills a real test. Along with several of our children who have been reintegrated, we spent a week in a nearby village enjoying nature hikes and swimming. All of the children commented that it was nice to do some different things this summer!



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

Educational Center

In the last newsletter, we announced a new project for development of a daycare center to serve the needs of the local community nearest to Oaza. The first phase of this project is to prepare the location, Casa Bucuriei (House of Joy). The roof has been completed and we are now awaiting evaluation of the electrical and plumbing systems of the house.

If you would like more information regarding this project including raising funds or volunteering to help with renovations, please contact Laura by emailing: Laura@oaza.com

Training Initiatives

The ladies from our Moms and Babies club completed their adult education training this summer offered via a partnership between a Grundtvig project and three European Universities. Our own Noemi also participated and completed the training.

Also this summer, several of our children and staff participated in an IT training course for young people over 15 years of age.

Would you, your church or organization like to partner with us?

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Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...Grati (15)!!



Reintegration

Through our program we call "A Chance for Everyone", we continue to support five children who have been reintegrated into their biological families. This support comes in various forms depending upon the needs of the family (i.e. food, clothing, school supplies, finances, counseling). One of our families has taken initiative to build themselves a stable house in which to live...and we are helping as we are able. We would like to help make this house winter proof before cold weather begins.

Financial donations should be sent through your usual giving channels but marked "house". Volunteers to assist with construction should email: contact@oaza.com.



Volunteers/Teams

Over the summer we had the privilege of having Hannah Taylor with us as a volunteer. Hannah arrived at the end of June and stayed to the first week of August. Another summer guest was Noel Reeder who stayed with us for six weeks and lent a hand in more ways than we can count. We also had a team visit the last week of August from a church in Rushden, England who spent their time painting the entire upstairs of Shalom house while we were camping. We are ever so thankful for them and their labours! Thank you and blessings to ALL of our volunteers!

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
- roof on Casa Bucuriei completed under budget
- fun and safe summer holiday and excursions
- Our child sponsorship partners
- Noel's help over the summer months
- good relations with families in reintegration
- all staff were able to take summer holiday
- Our child sponsorship partners
- team that painted inside Casa Shalom

Prayer Points

- Children as school has begun
- Children reintegrated to families and the adjustments they face
- completion of the house for a family in reintegration
- Erwin and Eliza as they prepare for independent living
- funding for repairs of Casa Bucuriei to open daycare
- paperwork for accreditation of after-school and daycare programs

This is the fourth year that I have come to spend time with the children and staff of Oaza. It has been a delight to get know everyone better. Laura and her team, as professional and well organised as ever, continue to maintain a caring family environment. This time I have met some of the children that have returned to their own families. All of them are happy. We went on two trips to take beds, furniture and building materials to Patri's family out in the countryside at a place that sounds like Chipolata. Every effort is made to keep in touch and support all the children that have left, where possible. This summer we have visited the cultural city of Sibiu, Sighișoara, Hunedoara, an historical village, a zoo and the Drum Fest at Tauș which was a camping expedition. The Drum Fest was probably more for the younger people and I can tell you it was quite loud. Here we also enjoyed a trail through the woods and bouncing stones on the lake. Being near the foot hills of the mountain afforded excellent scenery. For me the most memorable times were those spent eating around the table, out in the open, as one big family, seeing the youngsters and adults alike all enjoying themselves. Another camping trip is planned soon. This will give the children another taste of life in the countryside and also allow a visiting team more freedom to re-decorate Shalom house. Sometimes in life we get a rare opportunity to be involved in something good, something that has a profound effect on those in need. This is one of those occasions and what a privilege and blessing it has been. Noel Reader.

Donations or monthly support information

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Attn: Romania, Oaza Childrens Homes

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Needed

We are still in need of children's computer games compatible with Windows XP operating system. Please contact us at: frankee85@gmail.com

Other happenings...

In July, the city hall sponsored an event in our local Bujac neighborhood. The children and staff received an invitation to attend. The mayor of Arad was kind enough to pose for a picture with us!



Our picture with the Mayor of Arad

Also in July, we took a daytrip out to a local mineral bath.



In August, we were visited again by the Flying Seagull Foundation who entertained us and the community children with their "clowning" around in a park near our Shalom House.



Mihai and Alex clowning around...

Other pictures from our summer...

