

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I want to let you all know how your support and prayers are working in our lives, here in Romania.

I now have three babies who were abandoned in the hospital living with me. Florina came first at the beginning of August. She was 10½ months old and weighed less than 10 pounds. She was malnourished, had anemia, rickets and a staphylococous infection. She improved immediately with good food and love. You should see how she rolls around the carpet and how she eats! She's now standing, and learning to take steps. She loves people, a dear little soul.

Codrutsa (Codi for short) came 6 weeks later at 9½ months old. She had only been abandoned 1 month so was not as developmentally delayed as Florina, who had been in the hospital half of her life. Codi has a long attention span and literally laughs with delight over her toys and her bottle! She has an adorable personality.

Sylvia, who was 14½ months old, came a few weeks ago. She was in the hospital most of her life, being abandoned very early. She has the characteristics of an institutional child, but is responding very quickly to the love, food and stimulation. She's gradually rocking on all fours less and less. She's learned how to sit in the stroller now, which was very difficult for her at first, never having experienced this. Speaking of experiences, none of the three babies had ever been outdoors. Having the sun on their faces and feeling fresh air seems to delight them! Sylvia is also getting used to the high-chair. She's a bright little light and has stolen our hearts!



Sylvia, 14 ½ months



Florina



Codi



Codi, Florina and Sylvia



Florina at 10½ months before leaving the hospital



Florina at 13 months

We live in an apartment, as houses are too expensive. It's just suitable for 3 babies and myself. The main problem is the water supply. Often we have no hot or cold water, sometimes we have neither. When there is hot water, there is often no pressure. One never knows what a day will bring! I remember we had no hot water for 13 days when Florina first came to me. Water and communicating in a foreign language are certainly challenges!

I have excellent people working with me, who love the babies a lot. With prayers, these babies will be adopted either to Romanian families or internationally when the borders are open again. Then other abandoned ones could take their places here in our home.

I recently visited a friend who works in an orphanage. Again I saw the "lostness" on the children's faces. Our three babies, Florina, Codi and Sylvia could be like them, if not for you. And for this, I thank you. You are giving them the chance to grow in love and joy. They can't say thank you, but their faces say what words can't!

Wishing you God's peace.

*With love, Kathy*



Codi and Florina



Florina (in Kathy's lap), Codi and Sylvia

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