

Dear Friends and Supporters,

What a wonderful year of work we have had, loving and taking care of abandoned babies and children. This is all because of you wanting to be a part of helping, loving and caring for these little ones. How we thank you!

As many of you know, Andrea and Codi have been with me since being abandoned as babies. They are now going to preschool/kindergarten all day and are both enjoying the experience very much. We take the tram there and Codi often sings her Sunday school songs all the way. She's a bright little



Codi and Leontin having a moment on one of our hospital visits.

light; people literally turn and stare as she sings and speaks English. She totally disproves the prejudice that says gypsies can't learn; she's extremely talkative and friendly and asks anyone questions that come into her mind. Codi wins people over who are initially unwilling to talk with her—they can't resist her charm and intelligent nature. It's lovely to see hearts open up.

One day recently at the bank, while we were waiting in a long line, the lady at the information desk gave the girls a bank stamp and paper. Codi had everyone in line smiling as she proclaimed how good her "first day on the job" was (her words)!

Andrea is very demonstrative and loving. Wherever we go outside, she picks flowers or weeds for me in her own irresistible way. Books are still her favourite; she will sit with a book longer than anything else. This will be good for her future!



Vera holding Emeric.

We have had changes in and additions to our women working in the Children's Hospital with the abandoned babies. Marina (who was hired in 2005) left to join her husband who finally found work in Spain. Elly (who was also hired in 2005) left to do counseling in churches.

Dorina, a lady with an angelic spirit, and Vera an industrious "mama" type have joined us at the hospital. Both of these women are incredibly thankful for the opportunity to work. Vera's husband had a heart attack last winter and after waiting six months finally got a small disability pension (two-thirds of which is spent on medication). Vera had been working in a sewing factory and because she fought for her two month's unpaid salary, she was replaced. I've heard of many situations like this where people work with unpaid salaries. With three teenagers at home as well as an adopted abandoned child, they were desperate.



Anisoara and Levente, a baby with hydrocephalous who has real quality of life now.



Mía holding Robert, and Dorina holding Evelin.



Kathy with Codi and Andrea.



Andrea loving her grandmother from Canada!



Rodica with Maria.



Rodica with Soledad.

Another example of how God has brought needy Romanian women and needy abandoned babies together is in the story of Rodica and Soledad.

Soledad came to our section in the hospital this spring from a state orphanage house. The large institution that housed 600 children is now closed and the children live in group homes. These group homes are dreadfully understaffed and the workers are unqualified. Soledad was two years old, blind and handicapped but she made great progress with our women loving her and exercising her daily. It was said nothing could be done with her, but she learned how to roll over, stay sitting when placed in a

chair, and most beautifully, she responded to love. We got extremely attached to her with her sweet spirit and just couldn't let her return to a life of neglect in the group home (where we heard the women working there didn't want her back). I hired Rodica to go out to the group home to care for Soledad and the other handicapped and neglected children there. Rodica has a beautiful bond with Soledad who smiles just to hear her voice; she's also teaching children who have never walked, to walk; and children who have only lain in their beds or mats, to sit up. Rodica is vivacious and her love, which has changed Soledad's life, is now changing others'.

We are so grateful that our mission has grown, for we now have four full-time women – Mia, Dorina, Vera and Rodica – and our three students on the weekends – Anisoara, Lia and Dora. All of these women thank you for your help; they consider their jobs answers to prayers. They value the little souls that God has entrusted to them, and they are devoted to the children as they continue to combat malnutrition (with nourishing food and vitamins which I am able to supply because of your generous donations), provide opportunities for exercise and stimulation that the babies would otherwise not have, and most importantly, bring love and emotional health to the children.

As we go into our 7th year of work for the well-being and happiness of abandoned babies and children in Romania, we thank you so much for your help, prayers and support. I thank you with all my heart on our women's behalf and on behalf of the children who are so deserving of love.

God bless you all,
with love, Kathy



Codi and Andrea on their bikes.



Lia comforting Vali, a 6 year old boy dropped off by his family.



Dora holding Codrutsa.



Kathy with Simona.

For a tax receipt, please make a cheque out to St. Olave's Anglican Church, 360 Windermere Ave. Toronto, ON M6S 3L4, and write "Kathy Langston's missionary support" on it. Thank you again for your kindness.

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