

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I was sitting on the tram the other day on the way to the Children's Hospital and a phrase came to me—"breaking down the walls of rejection." This is what we're all working together to do, and this is what we're continuing to do, going into our 10th year of service. Thank you so much for your emotional, prayer and financial support that is letting love get to the injured souls of abandoned babies that have suffered rejection.



baking cookies with Mom/Buni

Andrea is now in her last year of kindergarten. She loves drawing and writes pages of lines in her own style of writing. She is usually a willing pupil for Codi, the teacher, to work with!

One of our women Rodica, works now in the understaffed state group home with abandoned children, going in the evening to the Children's Hospital to feed the evening meal. All eleven children in this home are either physically and/or mentally handicapped or have another kind of problem. For example, Adriana who is 4 has epilepsy and is violent and aggressive. Unable to talk, she has bonded with Rodica and tries to call her "mama." Rodica uses activities, games and play to get the children to socialize and get along with each other. She can see how the children are developing emotionally and verbally. Lucian is 7 with diabetes and institutional autism. He has a special affection for our Soledad who we've been caring for now for 4 years, the first part of her life in the Children's Hospital and now in this group home. When Lucian approaches and starts talking to her, Sole smiles. Rodica has become Sole's mama and Sole smiles when a worker says that Rodica is coming! Often when all the children are sick, Sole is the only one who is not. It's likely that all the love she's had these past years has strengthened her immune system. Though blind and severely



Rodica at the hospital with Stefan and Levente, both with hydrocephalous



Kathy, Andrea and Codi

Codi doesn't wake up crying in the night anymore, her rejection wounds are being healed. Both she and Andrea feel more stable now that their adoptions have finally gone through and we are a family. Codi's learning somewhat better at school in grade 2 now. Her endless hours of tutoring from the spring and right through the summer have proved worthwhile. She still sees the school psychologist once a week to get help with her learning difficulties. It's wonderful that she still really likes school in spite of the struggle.



Codi playing homework with Andrea



Lia with Rebecca and Ioana



Dorina holding Evelin

handicapped, she lifts her arms when Rodica approaches with her meal. She loves to be taken outside. When the breeze blows on her face she smiles and sighs. If not for Rodica those children would rarely be taken outside. Foreigners are not allowed in these houses and that is why there are no pictures of these children.

Our women who work in the Children's Hospital are continuing in their dedication to the abandoned babies. It's impossible to tell you about each child. One of our children Evelin is another child who is blessed by Dorina, loving to be taken outside. She also loves the sun on her face.

Abandoned babies in the hospital never have this opportunity. The surgery we provided in the spring for Evelin to close the cleft in her lip was a success and

she is eating so much better. We had heard that if her mouth was repaired, she'd be more comfortable and this would benefit her psychologically. We saw it happen! Evelin now listens attentively to stories, loves looking at books, wants to and tries to talk, physically is getting stronger and can do more things. She has her favourite people and responds to them with her big smile. Whatever the developmental lack



Dora and Maria

these children

experience, they can still smile and be happy in our women's love. The required six months have passed and Evelin can now have the operation to close her cleft palate. We are working now on trying to get this to happen.

Another of our staff Vera, often suffers to the point of tears seeing abandoned babies that have become strong and healthy under her care, taken back to their homes or huts and then returned after a few days or a few weeks so sick that some of them are dying. The hospital lets this happen a few times before sending in their social worker to start the process for the baby to be placed in foster care. Vera's and Dora's powerful love revives these babies. Their love gives them the will to live again.

Abandoned babies still keep coming. A few

times this year we have received babies found in the garbage dump. One of the main reasons for abandonment is that many women of the minority population don't have identification. Without birth certificates themselves, they don't have the ID that would qualify them for government child support. There are many social problems in this country.

Thank you so much again for your help in bringing healing love to these little souls.

God bless you,
love, Kathy



Kathy and Ana

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