

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you so much for helping us in our 11 year old mission of bringing love and comfort to abandoned babies and children here in Romania. Like other years, miracles have happened that could not have happened without your prayers and financial support.

Codi and Andrea testify to God's goodness and to yours. Andrea who 9 years ago was lying paralyzed in her hospital crib until 8 months of age is now playing the piano beautifully, is the fastest runner in her class and is



Andrea practising

learning well at school. I transferred her to the state art/music school to begin grade 2 where she gets 2 piano lessons a week with which she is very happy. She wanted to be with Codi who transferred there in the spring. This new school situation has been great for Codi, bringing about real changes in her attitude, behaviour and learning ability. She's only just passing, needing many hours of tutoring, but her overall development is significant. Not being able to bend her thumbs, she plays the flute. One day we will all play music together.



Kathy, Andrea and Codi

Mom made the trip over again this year, her visits

mean a lot to us. Codi and Andrea loved taking their grandmother to the market alone and translating for her.



Codi practising

Our work in the hospital continues to bless abandoned babies and children due to the untiring devotion of our women.

Evelin a severely handicapped child who was left to die, is making amazing progress emotionally and physically. This child, now 6 years old, who only stared without expression and who was without control of her limbs is now grasping a balloon and moving her left leg trying to learn how to walk. She laughs with hilarity and tries to communicate with sounds which our women understand. Evelin has her own unique way of kissing "mama" Dorina. Our women love and develop the other abandoned babies that find themselves left in the hospital, like 8 month old Erika who like many, suffer multiple abandonments.



Buni/Mom with the girls on their school trip

Rodica continues to do wonderful things with the children in the understaffed state group home, who are all handicapped in some way and who are basically

forgotten by society. For the severely handicapped ones, Rodica's love is the only joy they know. I was able to get into this house (not being able to previously due to the ban on foreigners entering, though the ban on photos is still in place) to take them a food mixer. Theirs was broken and was not going to be replaced and many of the children need their food ground in order to eat. These are precious children. Elec a very special 10 year old spent most of the visit in my arms. He and the 10 others are blessed to have Rodica to be their mama. The motivation behind her work is for the children to feel loved and they do. Nine year old Lucian who has autism always asks her to come in on the weekends which is a very big step for him being autistic.



Evelin so happy playing with the balloon



Dorina and Erika

The children who can't communicate verbally, smile when she comes near them. Soledad who is blind, smiles when Rodica enters her room, even before Rodica says anything. When others tell Soledad that she is coming, she smiles. Though previously totally without affect and mostly paralyzed, she can now express herself



Zorita and Andrea

and move her limbs. Rodica gets the children out of their beds and into the living room to interact. Some of the children who were aggressive with the others are not now. Lucian and Elec go to Soledad and in their own way talk to her and pat her gently when she's propped up on the couch with pillows. This makes her very happy. Rodica also takes the children outside for fresh air. Soledad yells for joy when she's in the swing. Lucian needs movement for his diabetes and he and Elec are proud of themselves for bringing in wood in the winter.



Rodica with Soledad during a hospital visit

Some of the weaker children are admitted regularly to the hospital, and Rodica who works there with our children 2 afternoons/evenings a week, goes in as well on the other afternoons to stay by these



Vera and Samuel

children from the group home. This

has been happening a lot lately. She helps them eat as the staff has no time, and keeps them from having yet more feelings of abandonment.

On another wing of the hospital, Vera's work with the small abandoned babies has changed forever many of their lives. We have received dying and extremely sick abandoned babies who have made miraculous recoveries. The most dramatic of these was Csilla who was brought in dying from starvation, rat bitten and burned, weighing 4.6 kg at 14 months of age. She ended up walking and became a very happy, laughing child. Even babies that were expected to die recovered, as is what happened to 2 of the babies we had this summer. Right now 4 month old Samuel here in the photo, has recovered from death growing into this beautiful baby. We are happy when these beautiful babies after becoming well go into foster care or are adopted, to begin a new life.

Thank you for providing millions of moments of love that no one will ever see. Moments that are dispelling loneliness, that are bringing love, comfort and hope. We are all extremely grateful.

God bless you,

love, Kathy



Kathy and Gyongi

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