

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for being with us during another year of our mission of love to abandoned babies and children. It's been 12 years now and this year more than ever I appreciated your prayers and financial support as God brought healing to these children we serve in institutions, brought Codi and Andrea successfully

through grades 4 and 2, and me through 2 operations. Now the girls are again very involved with school and music, and I'm recovering my health, so thankful to be a part of this mission. God also gave us a wonderful visit to Canada which was my first in 7 years and the girls' first time. It was so strengthening to be with family and friends again.

Our women's care of abandoned babies in the hospital brings healing to their bodies and to their souls. Sad and starving babies arrive abandoned in the hospital and don't have the strength or will to play or smile, like Vanessa who was abandoned at birth.

Some don't have the will to live. We continue to

provide diapers, cereal and bananas, and often provide medicine and medical treatments. Vanessa who we got at 3 months old, weighing 2.5 kg is now 4 months old and able to benefit from the cereal and bananas. Our women help the babies through the necessary developmental tasks, and most importantly to bond and to love. Their sad situations completely change as the days pass and the babies receive the love they need to survive and to thrive.

In the late spring, 2 of our children who lived in the hospital were moved to a government run understaffed group home for abandoned handicapped children (*where no pictures are allowed to be taken*).

It is right beside the one that Rodica has been working in since 2006. So we decided that our 2 women Dorina and Zorita who worked with these children in the hospital should go out there with them as well, to continue being their mother and to impact the other children who have been institutionalized all their lives.

And what an impact they have made. Remus is now walking alone! Remus is 14 years old with numerous handicaps and could only get around by crawling. Because of his misshapen feet, he had to depend on someone to walk him. This didn't happen very often with the lack of personnel. Since the coming of our women to the house, Remus was walked a lot, and after only

6 months of working with him, he's now walking alone with dignity. When I saw him walking alone he was hollering with joy. Someone told him to be quiet, but he couldn't contain himself. The exquisite freedom he was experiencing was something that had to be loudly rejoiced in! This was one of the happiest days of my life.

The children are mentally and physically handicapped and can't express themselves verbally. They smile and laugh when they are happy, and are destructive and auto aggressive when they are unhappy. Cornelia, an unemployed single mother with a special love for handicapped children,



Kathy, Codi and Andrea enjoying a lovely lunch at St. Olave's



the girls baking this year in Mom's/Buni's kitchen



Vera and Vanessa



Adriana waking up in Dora's arms



Cornelia

joined us this summer to give Dorina and Zorita who work 12 hours shifts alternately, Sundays off. She says she likes to enter into the children's world. She spends time with each child and learns to relate to them in the unique way that each needs. Each child has a way of expressing himself and this must be discovered. Cornelia helps Claudiu who is 11 to learn numbers and the alphabet, and he enjoys doing this. He's now having problems with pain and has become auto aggressive, so needs more than ever someone near him to distract him and protect him.



Vera and Alin having fun



Dorina

I was recently at that house and had just entered when the supervisor approached me, asking if we could provide a woman for some hours in another house which now only has one woman during weekdays to look after 12 handicapped children. I went over to see and met the precious children, a couple very sick and confined to bed, 2 blind and crippled boys, the rest being school aged children with various handicaps that need attention and love. One little girl is constantly coming for hugs. Cornelia has just started working there 3 mornings a week, filling up these children's souls with love.



Rodica

Another wonderful healing has taken place in 10 year old Aurica's life, thanks to Rodica's dedication. Aurica's physical condition was deteriorating to the point where she was only painfree in the fetal position. As an abandoned child she was accepted into a rehabilitation hospital only with Rodica's accompaniment. For 3 weeks, sleeping in the same bed as Aurica, in a room with 9 people, often without hot water, Rodica took care of this child learning the necessary exercises for Aurica to be able to



Zorita

straighten her legs again. With Rodica's work and love during this intense time, Aurica can now sit in a chair. She's not auto aggressive anymore, is more sociable with others, and laughs now whereas she never did before. This was a deep bonding time with Rodica,

and now with Rodica's daily exercising her and continuing to love her, Aurica has recovered from the physical crisis she was in, and her emotions are being healed.

Thank you so very, very much for helping us bring not only comfort to abandoned babies and children, but healing love. May God bless your wonderful hearts!

love, Kathy



Kathy and Alexandra

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