

HFTN - ROMANIA

2009 Year-End Review

Projects Report

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The Lord provided favor we simply didn't expect in 2009. Praise God for his marvelous grace!

2009 HFTN Projects, Brasov, Transylvania, Romania

MAJOR PROJECTS

FARM 10 RENOVATIONS

As it was for the residents of Farm 11 in 2008, our first goal was to gain the trust of the residents at Farm 10 as well. They had heard about our work at Farm 11 which made this task much easier.

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INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL WORKSHOP

A first for HFTN-Romania, to fly in specialists from all over Europe to perform a very delicate operation on a young boy and to incorporate this into an International Workshop raising the standard of care in the Eastern European Region. What started as one case, ended in six children receiving life changing surgery.

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FARM 11 WATER PROJECT

For over 2 years we have been looking for solutions to the sewage problem at Farm 11. This health risk to the population there was without solution until now!

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Farm 10 Renovations



Farm 11 Water Project



Medical Workshop (Alexandru)

A simple action in the right direction can change a child's life forever!



Farm 10 Renovations

When we arrived at Farm 10, they stood quietly in front of us hesitating to ask if we were the people who had renovated the farm down the road. When one of them finally proposed the question, he then added “would you consider us too?” with a hopeful expectancy combined with caution and a little embarrassment for posing the question.

When we responded that, “Yes, we are here to ask you if you would like to be considered as the next candidates for our social assistance project.” Their faces lit up with glee and they looked at each other with



“You have brought a ray of sunshine into our lives. You are people of Gold, God Bless You!”

indescribable joy. There was not the need for a full year of relationship building as in the previous project as we have clearly carved a good reputation for ourselves in the community. We were received with gladness and started work right away. The windows and exteriors are completed and we would like to schedule the roof repair for Spring 2010.





Operating room with new overhead video equipment purchased for workshop



View from workshop room

International Medical Workshop

GENITAL MALFORMATIONS IN ROMANIA

We started this project in 2009 as a response to the need of a young boy, Alexandru, in a remote village of Romania who was facing the shame and life long trepidation of genital malformation. As a result of a malformed urethra, he was unable to urinate properly, was incontinent, and faced intense shame and ridicule from his peers. We discussed his case with doctors in Romania, one of whom had done surgery on him to re-route his urethra to his colon. He still faced very complicated routines of his daily bodily functions, but was unable to continue with reconstructive surgery in Romania due to lack of knowledge in the medical field.

THE NEED FOR SURGERY OUTSIDE ROMANIA

We contacted Dr. Thomas Boemers in Koln Germany, the leading surgeon for the EU in genital malformation, who advised us of the procedures necessary at a cost of 60,000 EUR. Since these costs were outside our budget, the idea arose to ask Dr.

Boemers if he would be willing to come to Romania and perform the surgery here as part of an international workshop with doctors from all parts of Romania. He graciously agreed and waived any payment for the surgery.

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP BORN. 30 DOCTORS FROM 4 COUNTRIES ATTEND

The workshop was born and expanded quickly to include 30 doctors from Romania, The Republic of Moldova, Austria, and Germany. 6 children, including Alexandru, were successfully operated on with life changing procedures which have now also been learned by doctors from all regions of Romania who would otherwise not have had the skill to help children in their area. Since the workshop started, we discovered a staggering number of children with this condition. The joy we now have is that there are doctors throughout the country, and neighboring countries, who can now perform these surgeries successfully!

Alexandru has one more operation scheduled at age 16, and will be able to lead a normal life, having children of his own!



Alexandru on right



Workshop continued

NATIONAL PRESS ARRIVES

The national Romanian press arrived from two stations to interview HFTN-Romania and the Doctors about this ground breaking event in Romania.



Six children underwent surgery who would otherwise not have had the chance. The next workshop is being planned in Chisinau, Republica Moldova 2010. We anxiously await to see what the Lord has in store!



Farm 11 Water Project

2 YEARS IN THE MAKING. A VERY CHALLENGING PROJECT IN ROMANIA

When we initially started the renovations at Farm 11, it seemed like a simple solution to bring them fresh water and to repair the drain that was blocked at the rear of the property. This farm was built some 50 years ago and the sewer water was routed via underground cement pipes to the larger open canal some 250 meters away. Since that time, the pipes have become blocked and now the land that they pass through has been sold. This being the case, we were not able to dig up the ground to repair the drain and in addition, the new EU laws make it impossible for us to drain sewer water to open canals. There were no systems available in Romania for us to resolve this very challenging problem and the city hall had delayed responding to our requests given the complexities.

Recently we discovered that a new water purifying system has just been imported to Romania. It consists of an initial reservoir that holds the waste water coming from the homes. This reservoir has a pump which injects oxogen at a constant rate into the tank to consume most of the bacteria contained there. Once this process is complete, it then pumps 95% clean water into a 2nd reservoir where it then pumps this water out when it reaches a certain level. This system has been approved by the government and is the perfect alternative for this project given that the farm is so far from any city sewer system. To power the small pump, we have recently secured a contract with the city to provide free electricity and in the same contract have just now received authority to

enter the new owners property to clean the drains running to the distant canal.

The project will start in Spring 2010 and should be completed within few months. Included in this project will be a new drainage system for the apartments, with "first time" drains and water for the houses. We will also install a toilet and sink in each home which have never had basic hygiene facilities.

This project will remove the current problem of children arriving at the hospital with bacterial infections. Everyone deserves clean water to live a healthier life!



Water purification Station

Cleaning Process



Social Worker: Cristina Birsan
Teacher: Izabella Boriceanu



Farm 11 Integration and Adult Literacy

LEARNING TO READ OPENS THE DOORS
FOR A BETTER FUTURE

INTEGRATION PROJECT FOR THE CHILDREN

Many of the children at farm 11 have not completed grade school. They are wonderfully intelligent kids, but given their circumstances were often required to stay at home and help their families so the parents could work. Our literacy project now comprises of one full time social worker and an international volunteer to bring education and an introduction to the Gospel of Christ. Not only do they learn academics, but are brought up to speed in the computer world with educational games and more!

ADULT LITERACY

A young man of 19 came up to me at the farm and asked, "can I join the younger kids in the computer class too? I only have grade 7 and would like to learn more". An astounding "Of course you can!" was our



reply.

Not only is he now in our computer class but is also attending the classes of our full time registered Romanian teacher who is at the farm 3 days a week teaching adults with no or minimal education what they will need to re-enter school in preparation for our higher level diploma course **"HOME**

Adults who go through our literacy training are approved to enter the government sponsored "2nd Chance" program to obtain their grade 8 diploma. This enables them to enter the HFTN Home Care Program.

"HOME CARE" diploma course: (developed and taught by our jurist Cornelia Iacob)

Adults with Gr. 8 from farm 11 and local communities, are invited to take part in our Home Care Program, which provides a diploma and is recognized by the EU.



Farm 10 & 11 Kids Camp

Camp Director: Ecaterina Guguianu



Over 60 children from Farm 10 & 11 were transported to the Sibiu Christian Children's Camp this summer for a week of fun filled activities. For children who live without running water and who are not integrated into modern Romanian society, such an experience is life changing! They experienced joy, fun, love, games, songs, interaction with many other children, and a general sense of acceptance and purpose. They learn personal hygiene, guitar, reading, how to cook, clean, participate and work as a team, as well as many other life skills in a loving and caring environment. Camp is a great way to talk openly of the joy of knowing Christ. The children receive this message gladly!



At this years camp, all of our HFTN long term volunteers participated by performing Christian music, helping with games and events, and generally contributing to a very successful camp experience!

Hospital Project

Project Manager: Sarah Bertold
Assistant Manager: Steffi Vogel

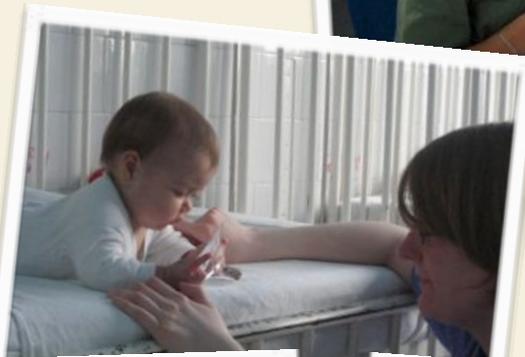
In 2009, our team of international volunteers changed over 48,000 diapers while offering care and comfort to many infants who otherwise would have little to no physical stimulation.

In past years, though we provide diapers for the entire hospital, we have worked primarily on the 3rd and 4th floors. This year, we have expanded to the maternity ward and now the 5th floor which cares for older children who suffer from many handicaps as well as psychiatric disorders.

In 2009, our long term volunteer team has grown to 8 persons who have moved from America, England, and Germany to live and offer their help here in Brasov at the HFTN Brasov Children's Hospital Project.



Maternity Ward



The first five years are critical in a child's development.

HFTN - Romania is privileged to contribute to the emotional well being of the babies in the Hospital's care.



Long Term Volunteers



Teams 2009



HOME MAKEOVER (BUDILA)

This year's team from Lion of Judah in Victoria, BC, Canada, came to Romania and made over the home of the Andris Family in the village of Budila. What an amazing transformation! Not only was their house transformed, but their souls as well. The team had a chance to pray with this family and they experienced a breakthrough with the Lord. Wonderful!



PHOTO SHOOT AT THE FARMS

Our next team came from Abbotsford and Surrey BC and did a photo shoot at our farms projects. Most of these families had never had a family portrait taken and were immeasurably blessed by this event!



VOLUNTEERS TEAM AT THE HOSPITAL

The last team of the year came to us from the USA and gave of their time and hearts to hold, care for, and change many abandoned infants at the hospital. The impact loving arms have on an infant can be life changing for them!





Helping students develop marketing skills, build self esteem, experience leadership, and practice community service with the goal that they become successful young adults

Business & Ethics

In Coalition with B&E - Developed and Taught by: Rinda Reiss



Grade 10 students from middle Class Romania are trained in a 6 month course on how to run a “non corrupt” business. Their task is to actually start a business together which includes preparing a business plan, business strategy and implementation. They learn the basic principles of running a business, accounting, business ethics and working as a team to accomplish the goal.



Christmas Hampers



Van loads of Food Staples such as flour, oil, rice, sugar, pasta, condiments, chocolate, and many other Christmas goodies were delivered to 250 people in our projects at Farm 10 & 11. It's a great time of year, just before the cold snap hits Eastern Europe, to arrive with such welcomed supplies. Families will have a Merry Christmas this year and will be able to bake many of their traditional treats for the children. In addition, we put together gift bags for the children at the hospital, the staff there, 80 teen orphans at a local orphanage, 10 families in our sponsorship program, and for many youth in the Gypsy Village of Budila. More than 675 people in all this year!..



Hampers filled with Cheer



We were able to help over 675 people this year by delivering hampers and gift bags. Our biggest Hamper Project ever!



Home Care and Health Mediator

Diploma Courses
 Instructor: Cornelia Iacob

We are very excited to introduce this year a Diploma course for the residents of our farm projects and surrounding areas. Cornelia has developed a Home Care course whereby people in our projects can receive a diploma to take care of the elderly at home. This course is recognized by the Romanian government as well as all the EU countries. Two years in the making for approval of the curriculum. The course starts this winter.

In addition, Cornelia has developed a Health Mediator course for the Gypsy communities in our region. Selected persons can receive a governmentally recognized diploma to work in their community as the Health Mediator with sponsored salaries paid by the government. An exciting opportunity for them which will bring more development to these impoverished areas.

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a very big THANK YOU for your help in 2009. We are so pleased with what the Lord has done this year and the lives that have been changed. So many families reached, children saved from life long medical problems, and Christ's love shared. We would be honored if you could partner with us again in 2010, our 13th year in Romania!

In Him,

Mark and Coreen Biech
 President. Vice President
 Hope for the Nations - Romania

