



## Activity Report

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Glory to God who daily gives us the victory! We cannot count how many of God's miracles we have witnessed. And we believe that the future of this ministry is in His hands. He promises us through His Word that *"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you"* (Isaiah 46:4).

We are certain that God called us to this ministry to bring a drop of joy into the lives of the lost, as well as to share with them the Word of God. For us, the number one thing is to fulfill God's will and to work hard to be worthy of this calling.

We believe that our girls in Bethany House need a healthy foundation. This is the reason why we continue to have a spiritual time with them every day for prayer, songs, Bible study, fellowship, verse memory and for sharing spiritual experiences. We are the ones who share the Good News with them, but God is the one who touches their hearts and makes the seed grow. Generally we see progress in the girls' lives, but sometimes there can be regression. Please support us in prayer, praying that God will pour out His wisdom, knowledge and discernment to enable us to raise the girls for His kingdom.

Also, please pray for the humanitarian aid that we continue to offer people who are in need, so that they too will see it as a blessing that comes from God. Pray that their hearts will be touched by the Holy Spirit and that they will be motivated to seek Him. Our desire is to not only help them with their material needs, but also with their spiritual needs. Pray that God will open doors for us to share about Him, and the name of our God will be blessed and praised.

This month the leaders at Bethany House have started a course about counseling and psychological growth. This will give us a better understanding of the development phases of each child and the problems that they are facing in adolescence as a result of the trauma of their childhood. Understanding the problems will enable us to help the girls try to overcome them.

In this period, benefiting from good weather, we went together to the farm. We worked in the garden where we planted some fruit trees and vegetable seeds. We have some more planting to do when the weather becomes warmer. We grow our own produce every year because we save some money by having our own vegetables, and it also gives the girls good habits. We believe that it is the girls' responsibility to save and produce in life; not just to be a spender or a person who has not. As well as teaching the girls the Word of God, to live correctly, and to be good students at school, we also want them to learn many useful skills such as cooking, sewing, crochet, and gardening. Children who come from orphanages are not normally taught these basic skills, so our purpose is to give the girls a good foundation, which will help them to find and keep a job when it is time for them to leave Bethany House.

At the end of the month we were visited by a group of young people from Bucharest; four boys and two girls. The boys are in their last year at the Pentecostal Theological Institute. One of the girls is a nurse and the other has worked with children in other

foundations. Our girls felt really good in their company and interacted well with them. This is important for us as we try to bring Godly influence into the girl's lives.

We want to thank those of you who have been praying for Ionela, a single mother who has serious problems with her eyes. We have been to several different doctors looking for a way to help her. They eventually decided that surgery would not be of help in Ionela's case. One eye specialist was particularly helpful and recommended us to get some special glasses for her. Now she is able to see better and is able to read, whereas before this was very difficult. This has been quite costly, with a number of trips to Bucharest along with the consultations and the expense of the glasses. We wish to thank those who were sensitive to her needs and we believe God will repay you for your kindness. Your generosity has brought much joy.

God bless you for all that you do for us! We are thankful that you are with us in this ministry. For this reason we send you these reports. We enjoy telling you about the goings on here at Bethany House and the things we have been able to realize through your help.

### **Prayer and praise points**

- There is a possibility of a project, in collaboration with the mayor and the local authorities, that would involve starting a day-care or educational center in a very poor part of the city. In the 15 years I (Daniela) have been here nothing has been put in place to help the people who live in this area. There are many children who live there whose parents are too poor to send them to school. Even though last year was very hard for us financially, we are very moved by this situation and would like to do something for these people. So at the moment we have a very difficult decision about whether to follow the rational part of us that says we cannot afford to get involved in this project, or whether to follow the emotional part that says we want to help. So please intercede for us and pray that God will lead us in the right direction.
- Pray that God's divine protection will be over our lives and over the lives of our children.
- Please continue to pray for an ongoing problem at our farm. Some of the neighbors there wish to do bad things such as stealing from us, and the police have been indifferent about this problem. We believe that God will make things right for us and help turn our enemies into friends.



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