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Happy New Year!

The beginning of a New Year brings excitement and I wonder what God has in store for another year. I find myself thinking that in March it will begin my 14th year in Romania. I stand amazed at the goodness of God over the years and thank Him for allowing me the honor to serve HIM on the mission field. For all of you who personally know me I often say, "It's all about Him and less about me!" To God be all the Glory for the past years and as we embark upon a New Year. My prayer is that you will have a blessed and prosperous New Year!

Christmas in Romania Update (December 6th – 14th 2011):

Our annual "Christmas in Romania" always overwhelms me as we see God bring each day of ministry together. For years our ministry has collaborated with Mrs. Diane Smoot from Network Limited, Ocala, Florida, to bring the joy of Christmas to others less fortunate. After much planning and preparation, I am sure that Trudy was still thinking in her mind "Oh God, only you can bring these plans together." Nevertheless, to our surprise from the very first day God indeed took complete control. Diane and the team arrived in Cluj safely with all luggage intact.

The first day was spent with Trudy and the team packing food items, preparing and going over what everyone would be doing. As always, workmanship and togetherness is the key to ministering effectively.



Early the next morning everyone loaded the van and off to Mesesenii de Sus, Fetindia, and Mesesenii de Jos. This is always a long day, yet rewarding when you see the smiles on all the faces as they receive their packets. Suddenly, you realized it's worth the hard work. Each family received sugar, flour, corn meal, rice, margarine, canned pork meat, oil, pasta, tomato paste, canned peas, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, washcloths, scarves, hats, gloves, fruit (apples, oranges, and bananas), fresh baked bread loafs purchased from the town bakery and every child a small toy. I am sure each team member will agree that it is indeed a blessing to be able to help others and feel the love of God that comes from giving.

The foundation was given information at the end of November of a new Rroma village with around 50 kids in a town called Turda. Trudy and the team did a great job in preparing a message of hope for these young people and again everyone received gift packets. We count it all joy that this new door of opportunity was opened for us to minister God's love. Most definitely, Trudy and the team were blessed beyond measure as they ministered the love of Jesus to these Rroma kids.

Also, we were able to minister in another new facility Maria Gabriel – Family Center for girls. Our foundation "Calea Adevarului" started helping this center during the summer through humanitarian aid resources. This is the first team that has gone with us into the center. We praise Jesus for willing hearts and hands that feel the need to help others! Trudy had put together a short program and a craft activity. There again, food/gift packets were given to the girls and every worker. We thank God for the new door of opportunities that was given to help others.

The team finished their mission trip at one of my favorite centers, the "Miracle House." This is a handicap facility that teaches physically theory and everyday life skills through different types of activities. It always amazes me how when you leave the center you're more inspired through the children ministering instead of what you actually have given. As always, the team went loaded



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with food/gift packets for every young person and worker affiliated with the center in hopes to bless them. For all of us that have been to the “*Miracle House*” we definitely feel the excitement that fills the room and sense everyone’s hearts are glistening within. Nevertheless, the excitement isn’t about the gifts, it’s our presence that brings forth their excitement. You leave the center with a different outlook on what the true meaning of Christmas is all about, it isn’t gifts, it’s the love that we can share through a smile, a touch, a hug, and simply taking time to let someone know that we care. Thank you Trudy and team for all you have done to make Christmas special for others less fortunate in Romania. God bless you!

Team Gone, Requests Continue:

Then, work didn’t stop there. We received a request from a community close to Cluj (Taga Community, Gherla), to perform a Christian Program for 250 children from all surrounding schools. So, the day Network Limited left back to the States, Trudy and all the volunteers ministered the Real Message of Christmas – The birth of Jesus Christ (not Santa Clause) through skits, songs, clown moments and other funny things to 260 children and their parents and teachers.

The food and hygiene items left behind by Network Limited Team were distributed to 6 different needy families from Cluj County, which had been referred to our foundation by the Labor Dept. The families were social cases with difficult situations, living in precarious conditions. All families were so appreciative for their gift and had tears in their eyes as they responded with thank you, thank!

Calea re-accredited by the Labor Department:

Another accomplishment for 2011 that has to be mentioned is that Calea got re-approved / re-accredited by the Labor Department, after numerous inspections & approvals from officials and submitting a new file describing our activity and purposes. Yes, God has made it possible that we are an approved non-for-profit, non-governmental organization! The approval is valid for 3 years and then we have to apply for the approval again. Until then, we will enjoy the 3 years during which we will not have as much paperwork! Thank you, Jesus, for an awesome year, in which we have indeed seen Your Mighty Hand at work!

Our Thanks to you:

Thank you all for another year that you have stood with us in ministry. It was a great year ministering His Word and even though I have had some difficulties physically, God has been good. I stand in awe of God for what He has done over the last 13 years. On a daily base I find myself speaking these simple words from my lips.... “God, I give YOU all the glory!” Also, I am constantly reminded that none of our ministry efforts could have taken place without the prayers and support from all of you who have lifted us up each month through your different ways of sponsorship. Thank you and God bless you for your unselfishness in giving to others. I sincerely pray HIS wonderful blessings to flow upon you this year!

Special Thanks:

Our special appreciation to Pastor Beni Lariu (Trudy’s Pastor) for the donation of large print Romanian Bibles to our foundation because of your generosity we were able to give new Bibles to the girls at Maria Gabriel – Family Center for girls and to the workers from Meseşeni de Sus Mayor’s Office.

Wishing you a blessed and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Prayer, Health and Return to Romania:

Please continue to pray for my health, I am doing much better and still have hopes to return to Romania around the end of March. That is if I continue to do well. Thank you for your prayers and help through my medical issues. Continue to pray for sustaining health, for the ministry outreaches, and for financial support to help others with greater intensity this New Year.

Yours in Christ,
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