

Chosen Foundation Romania - Potter's House

Dear Friends,

We now see that the leaves have fallen from the trees...it is a sign that winter has arrived ...While seeing this, I was thinking of the words the Lord Jesus said about recognizing the signs of the times we live in. We can recognize this time as the season when we all need to teach the Word of God more than ever as the time of the Lord Jesus' return is coming soon. We all are the hands that God is using to touch the un-touchable.

For eight years, God allowed the ministry of Chosen Romania Foundation-Potter's House to take place. Children, young people and families have been in our care and it has made a huge difference in their lives.

Dinel, now a 20-year-old young man says" *Potter's House has been my home for seven years...I didn't know my mom and when I think of my father, I immediately loose it because of his drinking problem. Even though I am working now, I still come to Potter's House to help, to talk and to take part in the TEEN ASSIST PROGRAM. I feel at home at the Potter's House and now I am happy to help the leaders teach the younger children.*"

Our lives would be empty and meaningless without the Lord Jesus Christ... We are coming close to Christmas, when we remember again about His birth... Our wish is that we would increase His glory through our praise... that we would sing as the angels did... that we would follow as the shepherds... and bring all we have to Him... bring our Hearts to HIM...

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2009 with your family and friends.

Christmas Program Plan

- Christmas Drama with children
- Giving shoe boxes
- Presentation of Christmas Message in an old Castle at Hunedoara
- Presentation of Christmas Message in churches and public places

Potter's House Needs:

- Daily Needs
- Winter clothes and winter shoes
- Musical Instruments for the orchestra
- Renewal of accreditation
- Resources to extend the Potters House building
- A dishwasher and a microwave
- Craft Materials



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Summer activities have finished at the Potter's House. We are looking back and **praise God for**

- providing our every need, for every child and every leader to attend the camps
- Being our Shelter and our Protector. Much prayer was done for the rain to stop. The answer came and the mountains of clouds were moved, allowing sun to shine....

Summer Activities

SUMMER PROGRAM – it offered an opportunity for new children to hear the Word of God. Besides our children from Potter's House, it was an outreach to the community, bringing together 40-50 children daily. It was done with the help of two teams - an answer to our prayers.

- The team from **Denton Bible Church**, Texas, led by Mr. Arthur, offered a great help to the team at Potter's House. They came for a week and a bond was immediately created with the children. Brother Ed, singer at the Opera in USA, made a great impact as a Bible story teller. They were teaching on "**Creation.**"
- The second team of 11 people came from the south of Ireland and was led by Clive. They are old friends of our ministry, but every time they come they bring a new atmosphere and much love. This year they were teaching on "**Fruits of the Spirit.**"

Summer Camps

The English camp was organized for 25 children in Nelu's parent's yard, in tents. We are so happy that our whole extended family loves the children and is welcoming them in their homes.



Denisa, Nelu and I were working together with Becky and Hamilton, Kathryn from Australia, and two of our teenagers, Maria and Tabita.

The teaching was on Hebrews 11, running the race! **Becky says it was a wonderful time where many children from different villages learned how to pray, sing songs in praise, memorize Scripture and learn about Jesus, with some English and Sport thrown in too! When asked if they wanted to make Jesus the Lord of their lives, many said, "Yes!" Many new relationships were made and old ones built upon and the group felt much like**

Dorina, the camp coordinator, says: "**God says in I Chronicles that if we will be humble and we will obey, He will listen and will heal the nations. We did that in this camp and we saw God work in the children's lives.**"

*We learned the secret of victory. It was the power of prayers that changed lives. Before the summer camp, God had sent two angels in **Wendy and Phil McConnell** from N Ireland to pray together over the land, the teaching place, the food section...Like the people of Israel, we have surrounded the whole land with prayer and God's presence*

Praise the Lord for

- Being our Shelter and our Protector. - Changing our hearts and for the lives of the children who were committed to the Lord.

The Potter's House Camp was wonderful. It brought more than 100 people together. It was a life-changing camp, under the teaching on "**CHANGE OUR ATTITUDES.**"

God brought teams from S. Ireland (led by Rosie), Germany (led by Klaus) and Australia (Becky and Hamilton).

The camp was organized in Fardea, in tents and on the land that Chosen Foundation is currently praying about regarding the building of a campsite. It was a blessing...Leaders and children were at peace and had great joy and fun times. Every leader was fulfilling his responsibilities with love and commitment.

The most significant moment was the Sunday Service which was organized in the big tent. Over 115 people, including people from the village and the mayor, were on their knees praising God in prayer and songs led by Denisa. It was such a holy atmosphere...Klaus said that he saw the angels over the tent...

A new school year

A new school year has begun at the Potter's House. It is very exciting to see how the children, whom you knew, are now wonderful teenagers enrolled in the TEEN ASSIST PROGRAM. A new generation of beautiful children has come to the Potter's House and their faces motivate us all to love them and work with them.

Denis's mom died of a brain tumor. However, he is enjoying homework with Dorina. Also, he loves the crafts that Becky and Jill are doing.

Nelu and I feel very blessed to work at the Potter's House with:

- Dorina - for six years we work together, raising another generation now.
- Denisa - our beautiful psychologist, bringing her love for children and worship of the Lord.
- Sanda - our social worker, our answer to prayer after Nelie moved to work for the mayor's office.
- Sister Dorina - the food is always good because of sister Dorina!



Faithful Volunteers

God has surprised us this year again...Our prayers for school supplies was answered by God who sent Bio-clinica lab with all the notebooks, the crayons and the books the children need. Thank you, Lord.

Potter's House has potatoes for the whole year...A woman, Ana, from the village donated 7 big bags...thank YOU, Lord.

God has blessed us with faithful volunteers:

Jill, from N Ireland, came to work with the children for nine months. Her smile and her love for the children won our hearts. We are impressed with her, as she is studying Romanian language and also teaching the children ...Her love in the hugs for children give the message...JILL SAYS "God has poured many blessings on my life through Oana, Nelu, the staff and children at the Potter's House. Everyone has been so nice and friendly. They have made me feel very welcome. I am really enjoying my time here. I have been here for 4 weeks and have already received tremendous blessings working with the children and the staff. I have found it humbling and very rewarding. I am really looking forward to the rest of my time here and to see God continuing to work in the lives of the precious children at the Potter's House."

Becky and Hamilton from Australia are wonderful and professional. This is their second year in Romania and lives have been impacted by them.

Faithful and good teachers, both of them are working hard .Hamilton just began a wood class with the teen boys. Becky is teaching English and crafts.

Daily Activity

Children come daily...eat together, clean together...pray together. Then homework ...and the fun activities.

We are all getting ready for the new Christmas mission time...Drama is there...costumes will be made...songs are being taught...we are praying and asking God: Who will be the preacher this year?

The team is working again on new accreditation papers. It seems like more and more paper work needs to be done...No one enjoys it. It is more rewarding to spend time with children. If you see the little Claudiu how many hugs he gives; you would wish to stay with him the whole day...

God is working miracles today. He is bringing people to serve...to give. In John 13: 3-4, we are reminded about our identity...we know where we come from ...where we are going...so, we all are encouraged to take the basin and the towel as the Lord Jesus did and serve others.

God is faithful to us, changing children's lives and families.



Prayer

Our Family

- My health (I am pregnant, praise God, but with complications and need to lie in bed.

Each one of us has gone through many trials and has felt the power of your prayers. We would like to be there for one another and continue the battle, where we know that we are not fighting against the flesh, but the power of darkness. Only the Truth can help us all remain strong and faithful.

Christmas Program

- Christmas drama with children, giving shoe boxes, presentation of Christmas message in an old Castle at Hunedoara, churches and public places.

May the faithfulness of the Lord throughout the Potter's House story encourage you to trust God, to wait on Him and His resources, to delight in Him as He will bless you with His peace.

Psalm 37:4 is close to our hearts and we are trusting our lives/ministry to His hands.

May you be blessed as you are searching for HIM and HIS righteousness.

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