

NEWSLETTER



Dear supporters,

We want to say a big thank you to all of you generous people who, in different ways, have contributed to giving children and young people a happy Christmas. We hope you already know that your support gives quality of life to those who were rejected and stood no chance. Your contribution and gifts *do* make a difference. A big thank you to those of you who have supported the work over a long period of time and we would like to say welcome to those of you who are new and have recently started.

Christmas party

Approximately 300 people gathered at FCE's Christmas party. The Elim family is big

and the party obviously took place in the Club. It was a wonderful Christmas atmosphere that was enriched by the joy of



One of the family homes at the Christmas party



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meeting each other. For example, the children who lived at Casa Alba always love to meet each other and it is wonderful to see how they grow and develop in the families where they now belong.

An important part of a Romanian Christmas party is song and music. This year we had the privilege of having Adi Gliga and his band with us. http://youtube.com/watch?v=d205_WkDdsU. He travels around the world with a strong and humble message of a transformed life. As he has grown up in an orphanage and succeeded, he inspires hope to other abandoned children and young people and they feel that he understands them.



Jesus is Lord and He loves us! Come and let us Praise Him! He gives us joy!

Taken from a newsletter written by one of our volunteers...

Dear friends

I hope you have had a nice Christmas and New Year. I have had a wonderful one here. On Christmas day I was working at Brandusa, the half-way home, together with my colleague Maria. Together with the young people, we organised a wonderful and appreciated festive day. Some of the young people who had moved out were also there. In spite of being around 30 people, it felt family-like, wonderful! On Boxing day we organised a Christmas party in the Club with Christmas

food, games and a film. This was also much appreciated.

It is great to see how much has actually happened with our young people just in the last year. Instead of the hierarchy that previously existed, they are now becoming more of a group of friends who care for each other. So many of them have been suppressed for so long but are now slowly rising up and understanding that they also have a value!

We had a special moment before the clock struck twelve on New Year's eve where everyone had the opportunity to express what had been good but also hard during 2011. Everyone was honest and sincere. Nobody was laughing at anyone else's remarks and all that could be heard were positive comments.

As wonderful as it is to see the positive changes among the ones in our care, it is with pain we observe those who, due to different reasons, have decided to leave themselves on the outside. With these ones tragically we just see negative changes. Recent weeks have really made me/us aware of the dangers that lure out there. What we save our young people from is a life on the street, crime and prostitution. It is frightening to see how many orphan girls are subject to trafficking of all kinds.

Sofia Gustafsson



Sofia and Florina

Coach trip

“Early in the morning of the 14th September 2011, we embarked the coach. It was my little brother, my parents and me. The journey to Romania had begun. It was my first ever long coach trip but for certain not my last.

Even though the destination for the trip was Romania, the trip there and back was very valuable. It was amazing to see all the wonderful cities and places during the trip. There was a wonderful fellowship and unity in the group which lead to new friendships being formed.

It was a special trip for me that has meant a lot. One realises what is really important in life when seeing wonderful people who work and give their lives to help and be there for others. It was very inspiring to hear how the work has developed and how God has lead and blessed it in so many ways.

It is really difficult to express in words about the visits we did to Caminul Felix, Casa Minunata, Theranova and Marghita. It is touching to hear about all the people who have had their lives transformed due to an artificial limb, a new family, a school or a home.

This trip has really given me something to think about. What can I do for these people? I live in abundance compared to them. It is hard to understand that we are on the same planet, under the same sky with the same Creator but live under such different conditions.

Emma Andersson, Sweden

We are thankful to everyone who comes to Marghita and helps in different ways. However, those of you who do not have this possibility are equally as important. You can support the work financially and raise interest and inspire others to do the same. To be part of saving children’s lives is a big thing!



Young people love parties!

It is a very cold and harsh winter in Romania which makes the poor and destitute even more vulnerable. We know that the duvets and winter clothing we provided before Christmas has been a great help for many families. It is also very satisfying to give food packages to the needy ones but we would like to do so much more...

Warm greetings.
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"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Jesus, Matt 25:40

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