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Mentoring Ministry Update:

DURING THE LAST THREE MONTHS, our Mentoring ministry organized quite a few activities for the children and youth from CP2. One of the highlights was the cooking classes we had for the youth. Even the staff and leadership of CP2 appreciated the meals prepared under the supervision of our staff. The children had a blast and want to repeat this event as soon as possible.

The last three months, each week in chapel we studied biblical characters: Esther, Paul, Samson, John the Baptist, Zechariah, Jonah, Abraham and Timothy. The children were challenged by each Bible character and learned from their mistakes and strengths. The orphan youth from CP2 visited the Gypsy church in Sabolciu a few times and helped minister to the children there. At Christmas we went caroling to each Gypsy home in Sabolciu, thus bringing joy to each family.

The CP2 youth prepared a Christmas play that was featured at the Arcadia Theater in Oradea. We had over 200 adults and children in the audience. This year we had a special Christmas dinner for all the orphans from CP2. We recruited 30 student volunteers to help and prepared a special Christmas program for the children. We served meals for everyone, interacted with the children, and had a memorable time together. With this occasion we want to thank each donor for your financial support that made this ministry possible.



Foster care party



Christmas Foster care party

Update on Malvina:

DO YOU REMEMBER MALVINA the girl who was only 9 lbs when she was seven months old? The girl the doctor told us "better to feed a dog than her, she will die for sure"? Well, she is now in first grade and excited to be part of a learning process that will help her develop. She was proud to have this picture taken on her first day of school. We praise God for all the miracles He continues to do in the life of Malvina and in the lives of other children like her who are part of our ministry.



Malvina and teacher

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Sabolciu Ministry Update:



Receiving Hats and Gloves

SOME OF THE CHILDREN in Sabolciu needed medical eye care. A few of them due to malnutrition and genetic inheritance have developed an abnormal alignment of the eyes, a condition called strabismus. We helped them get eye examinations and paid an eye specialist to assist them in their recovery.

Because medical care is not available in Sabolciu, many Gypsy people who suffer from different illnesses are only guessing what kind of medicine they need for themselves and their children. Many times they suffer for months before they receive proper medical care. To change this "tradition" we now encourage each family to see a doctor every six months in order to determine the medical condition of each individual and to get proper prescriptions. We now provide medicine only to people who have seen a doctor and have a legitimate prescription. We hope this will help improve the health conditions of the families from Sabolciu.

This Fall we enlisted two young boys from Sabolciu at a technical high school in Oradea. They are taking diverse educational courses and special auto-mechanical courses. These two boys are the first to ever enter high school from the village of Sabolciu. We praise God for this accomplishment. At the beginning of each school year, with the help of our supporters, we provide for each child who continues in school a pair of shoes, a tracksuit, and a backpack. We do this to motivate the children to stay in school and benefit from being educated.

At Christmas each family received three large bags with good quality clothes. We also provided hats and gloves for each child, items donated to us by a ministry in the States. We also organized an evangelistic event and were able to give each child from the community a shoebox with items purchased by children in USA and donated to our ministry.

We are busy in Sabolciu as we desire to improve the living conditions of each individual and families, but also we work tirelessly to share the Gospel with each individual many times throughout the year. I believe these efforts together will be the catalyst of many being open to the Gospel and to their receiving the free gift of God: salvation through Jesus Christ. Thank you for making this possible through your prayers and financial support.



Receiving winter clothes

PRAYER REQUESTS

- We praise God for all He accomplished in 2010 through our ministry. To Him be all the glory.
- Pray for spiritual and physical protection for our family and our ministry partners.
- We praise God for Steve and Tiffany Haines, the new missionary family who moved to Romania in November to help us with the work. They gave birth to a baby girl who was born on Christmas Day. We all played a part in that event. Tiffany and the baby are doing great.
- Please pray for the Bucurs as they provide leadership to PTJM ministries both here in Romania and in USA.
- In 2011 we need a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the lives of our families, children, staff, the orphan children, and all we minister to here in Romania.
- We need new prayer partners and supporters to lift up our hands so we can accomplish even more for the Kingdom of God in 2011.



Sabolciu kids