

NEWSLETTER

Dear Supporters!

We send you this greeting as the summer is coming to an end! Thank you for not forgetting us! Many people have visited Marghita this summer. We are so thankful for the camp teams that have come to run wonderful camps for so many children and young people. The new camp building in Chislaz has exceeded our expectations! There have been about 10-15 campers in each group plus leaders and this has proved to be a good number where there has been opportunities for close and qualitative time together. The fact that there is a thermal pool just a stone's throw away has been appreciated by all!

In the previous newsletter we pleaded for extra support and it is amazing how many have responded! Many have sent donations and others have increased their monthly standing order! Companies have joined the list of donors and supporters. These were Lars' words "The urgent need, I strongly believe, can be met with your help. However, another task then arises: to secure financial support for the future for the day to day ministry". That is where we are today! We need to be put in touch with companies, charity-shops, charities, organisations, clubs and individuals who are willing to help!

We did it together!

"In our previous letter we expressed our desperate cry for help and now we send you thanks from the bottom of our hearts for the

help you provided in order for us to recover. You understood our extremely difficult financial situation.

If we, as adults, find it difficult to understand these times of financial crisis, it is very hard to help our children understand it. It was like a nightmare for us as every solution we could come up with involved suffering for these innocent children. Their great joy is being part of the Elim Family. How could have we told these children that they could not be part of our family anymore? How could we have abandoned them like they had already been?

We are dependent on you dear sponsors. The well-being of these children, who are in great difficulty, also depends on your kindness and generosity.

Thank you so much that we have been able to continually offer our children the joy of living in a family and of having everything they need. Your efforts have made the nightmare and despair go away and changed tears into joy. Once again, you have proved to us that we are not fighting all by ourselves for these children and that you care just as



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much as we do. We know it is just as important for you to give these children a beautiful future and to help them forget their painful past as it is for us. It is important for the children to enjoy being in a family that would provide them safety and love, just as every child deserves.

Thank you for saving our children! May God reward your kindness.”

*Warm greetings from a thankful heart,
Director Vali (Valentina) Ferche*

Sebi

“Ten years ago I met Sebi at camp. I remember being overwhelmed by the anger encased in the body of this one little eleven year old boy. This past weekend I had the privilege of attending Sebi’s wedding. His story is one of struggle, pain, hard work, joy and hope. When we first met, Sebi lived at a government run orphanage in the town of Popești, Romania. He had turned the pain in his life into anger and he lived with it daily.



Over the years several very special people came into Sebi’s life through FCE. They gave their hearts, skills and time to him. They poured love and understanding into his life. The Foundation was able to help Sebi find a home in one of their Family Homes. The couple who parent this home are wonderful people who understood the hard places Sebi had come from. There were good times and hard times but they worked through them as a family with much support from others.

Watching Sebi stand in church this past week, as the tears flowed down my cheeks, and hearing him say his wedding vows was pure joy. This wedding represented so much for so many. For Sebi it represented a lot of hard work between himself and God. It’s the realization of a dream he wasn’t sure was ever possible. For those who love him it’s the culmination of many hours of worry, prayer and faith that he would succeed. For the other young people who grew up in the orphanage like Sebi, it’s a ray of hope; a hope that they too can have love for a lifetime. For FCE it is the ultimate reward. Seeing one of their “kids” accept responsibility for his own life and choose to walk a life with God is as good as it gets.

The work of the foundation is difficult. They deal with broken lives daily. They see pain and heartache all too often. Moments like



Diane, one of all faithful camp team members

Sebi's wedding give those who serve a renewed spirit to continue God's work here in Romania. Support for the work here is desperately needed, both financial and prayer. Please search your heart and ask God how He would have you involved in this amazing work of His. You will be blessed in ways you could never even imagine!!!"

Diane Pulvermiller, Colorado, USA

Camps

We met children and young people from the transit/family homes one sunny and warm Sunday afternoon at the camp in Chislaz. It is impossible to pick one as they all wanted to shout out their comment about the camp. So here are their spontaneous answers to the questions, 'what have they been doing on camp' and 'what do they think about it': "We like to be here! We have fun with the leaders! The theme is to love each other! We have 'Golden hour' in the morning where we learn new songs and verses. We eat good food! We help out with cooking and cleaning. We have made pancakes. We are divided into teams and have games

where we get points. We go swimming everyday. We have rules. The best is that we all get along with each other. If there is some problem we solve it quickly. We have gatherings and campfire every night.' Finally Daniela says with real enthusiasm: "This is my best camp ever!"

Final words

The English website is now up and running! Go to www.fce.ro

Spread the word! We are more than happy to be linked to church websites, mission organisations etc

Thank you for standing with us and helping to make a difference in many precious people's lives! Please help us to continue to find new regular givers.

Many warm greetings,

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Camp!

"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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