

NEWSLETTER

Dear Supporters!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to those of you who are new supporters but also a big thank you to those of you who have been supporting the work faithfully for a longer period of time. This is this year's last newsletter and we can conclude that this year has also been an exciting one. People's involvement is greater than ever before and despite limitations and financial difficulties, we see an improvement in the quality of the work with the children and young people.

They have all experienced hard traumas and are in need of a lot of support and love. A big thank you for all you are doing to give these young ones a hope for their future!

It is amazing how many different ways one can help. You can be a regular donor and support the work with a monthly gift but also, your company can do something great by donating material and/or money. Our aim is to have 100 companies that give 100 Euros a month. That is what we are in need of right here and now. Special projects such as the new camp building, where a lot of money is needed, are often sponsored by second-hand shops, Rotary Clubs etc. But please do remember that your faithful regular giving is what is needed for the day to day work! What you perhaps think is just so little is immensely valuable here!

Brândușa

It is about two and a half years ago since we opened the half-way home Brândușa. Some of the young people, who have been living there since the start, have moved out to take a further step in life. They have all enjoyed it to such a degree that some found it hard to move out. The knowledge that they are still part of the "Elim family" helps them to feel secure in their new places. The Club is a blessed meeting place.



Florentina is one of those who are grateful for here room at Brândușa.



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Other young people have now moved into Brândușa and most of them have found work. We entered the Brândușa project with some apprehension and worry but we can today say that it is a good and welcoming home, a place of support where they are nurtured and taught to show respect and take responsibility.

Construction teams

Once again we have had wonderful construction teams here to help, both Swedes and Germans. They are a joy and encourage many people in addition to the visible result that they achieve while they are here. On the little street by the apple hill there is now a third Roma house completed. There is still some internal work needed but it will soon be ready for five happy residents!

Sven Henrysson from Sweden chopped down some of his forest. He cut it into planks of wood, impregnated them and built them into fence panels which he sent down on a truck to Romania. He came here together with some friends and put the panels up to create a wonderful fence around the whole foundation area. Nicely done!

Friends from the UK and the Netherlands have been here for visits to expand the fund raising efforts. Others have come and shared

their knowledge in different areas. Matilda Johansson came here together with a friend to do a school project teaching CPR both to FCE staff and young people. Birgitta Wallhagen held sessions on how to deal with posttraumatic stress. Matilda and Birgitta share their experiences here:

Meaningful

"I knew that FCE's work was of high importance but after a week here in Marghita, I have realised that it is something so much bigger! As I am adopted myself, I know how important it is to have someone who loves you the way you are.

The employees and volunteers here do not just give these children and young people a shelter, clothes and food but also love, time and they make them feel important. This provokes strong feelings within me and I wish to see this good work continue and grow in order for more people to feel precious and loved for who they really are.

All are welcome at FCE and this is a gift from God."

Matilda Johansson



Three houses with a Swedish touch.

To spread love

"This is the fourth time I have had the privilege to visit Marghita and this has left me with strong impressions.

This visit I met two different construction teams. These people, who invest so much of their time to care for others, have all spread such love!

We are all so different but all are needed and this we experience in FCE's work: All the volunteers and Romanians work faithfully day by day with these children, young people and adults with such special needs. They spread love and are literally saving lives.

Some people are called to testify about Jesus in word but what does that help if the ministry of the deacon is absent? Diaconia is all about showing God's love in action and this is what moves me when I see the different ministry branches. God's love reigns over this place!

The construction teams who come to Marghita are such an encouragement for the Romanians and volunteers. The women who come with these teams are doing their utmost to serve good food. They relieve the burden for the volunteers and create a festive atmosphere. They are spreading the gospel in action. I also noticed that they spread love to the people they met no matter if they were speaking Swedish, Romanian or English! God spread His love through these people.

My conclusion is: Everything is possible for God!

Thank you for the privilege to get a glimpse of FCE's work.

Birgitta Wallhagen



Merry Christmas

Little Florina is one of all our children who is wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! Thanks to your help, she is today a secure and happy little girl.

Despite a cruel start in life, since coming to FCE she has had the opportunity to develop both emotionally and physically. Your gifts and support have given Florina and all the other children a chance in life, thank you!

Instead of giving to somebody who has everything, why not give a Christmas gift to FCE this Christmas? See www.fce.ro on how to easily do this.

Thank you for your support throughout 2011!

God bless you all!

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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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