

## 2018 Campaign year to find more monthly donors



**Dear Supporters,**

*Your help is invaluable! We want to thank you for your great faithfulness and abundance of love for what you do to make it possible for us to give people help and hope!*

*Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to show care in a concrete way by giving gifts. For many, it is obvious that the Christmas gift from FCE was the only one they got. Those who received and those of us who passed your gifts on to them, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!*

### **Life stories**

„We look at the beginning of the year as a new page in FCE's book and new life stories will certainly be written. Stories of people for whom each day means a struggle with poverty, pain and injustice which hinders them from breaking out from the category of poor, marginalised people.

Hearts broken by painful experiences, ugly memories hard to erase, humiliation and resignation together with poor or non-existent education; all of these have left deep traces in people's lives and characters.

Our role is to fight together with them, to make them aware that each step forward is only achieved with effort and that we want to be involved in it, helping to improve their quality of life.

The road to change is made with small steps. Being involved in their lives, we realise that their needs are far greater than what is seen just from the outside. Results are beginning to show and some of the experiences make us strongly believe that one day we will tell stories about huge changes and transformed lives.



We need to be patient, to help them heal the wounds in their hearts first before having other expectations.

I want to share with you the joy that I felt around Christmas time when, amongst many Christmas wishes, a mother with four children wrote the following to me, "Words cannot express what a blessing FCE has been for me all these years." That blessing for her and for many others is the fruit of involvement of many people in FCE.

To all those involved, we send our appreciation for their effort to see the world through the eyes of those who ask for our support. They need us to be close, to be the rescuers in their life story."

*Valentina Ferche VD FCE*

„Hello, everybody,

We are from Poiana Verde family home and we want to share with you a little about what we did during December. This is our way to send you a big THANK YOU.

The first ministry we were involved in was to go with Barbro to Ciutelec nursing home. Full of joy, we gave out Christmas gifts to the elderly people. One of the children said, "I want to do this every year."

The next event was the FCE Christmas party where we eagerly wanted to dress up in our best clothes! The children wanted to serve at the tables thus feeling useful. They did a wonderful job!



The family home Poiana Verde sings at FCEs Christmasparty

Then there was Christmas - the celebration of Jesus's birth. We cooked the Christmas meal together as a family and very much enjoyed spending time together.

Like every year on Christmas Eve, we went carol singing together with the young people from church. "I like the Christmas program and the Christmas food," Natalia said.

One of the most wonderful things this year was that Renata (Roni) decided to follow Jesus. With great anticipation, we prepared for

her baptism on 31<sup>st</sup> December. As family home parents, we pray that she will be strong on this path.

On New Year's Eve, we gathered together with a big group from church, it was great fun! On January 2<sup>nd</sup> we went on a trip to enjoy the snow and winter activities.

We thank you very much for your contribution and support to the children's lives.

*Family home Poiana Verde*

## **2018 – Campaign year to find more monthly donors**

We want to send a message to all of you wonderful donors. Thank you for being there and thank you for everything you do!

2018 is the year when we move up a gear and push on even more to help the work of FCE move forward. May God keep us from closing projects! We are well aware that more of the income for our work should come from here, from Romania, and we fight for this but it is incredibly hard. We live among the needs and can closely see both worries and hope in the faces of people. We cannot distance ourselves from the reality that more money needs to be raised.

We believe that the best way to help FCE is to ENLIST MORE DONORS. It doesn't have to be large amounts but rather many people who give regularly. We believe that those of you who read this have the key to enlist donors.

Have the courage to ask people you know! Tell them how important and meaningful doing this is.

If you want to know more, write to us at [elim@fce.ro](mailto:elim@fce.ro). Start to get people involved in the place where you are! Here you find a link to our website. [www.efifadder.se/en/](http://www.efifadder.se/en/)  
Here you can get ideas of what you can do to raise funds [www.efifadder.se/en/getinvolved/fun-ways-to-raise-money/](http://www.efifadder.se/en/getinvolved/fun-ways-to-raise-money/)

We challenge you NOT TO FORGET the message you just read.

*Lars and Barbro Gustavsson*

"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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