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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

My prayer this New Year is that the joy of God's blessings rests upon you. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends and that you are looking forward to a glorious New Year. It seems that the year 2012 just totally flew past us. However, as I look back over this year there have been so many different areas of ministry that God has allowed us to be a part of under His direction. I know that the awesome hand of God led each and every day. Each year it seems that God surprises the ministry with more requests than our little foundation has the means of answering. Yet at the end of each year when we compile all the reports we see just how much has been done, far exceeding what we were aware of or even dreamed. We all know that it has been from the mighty hand of God blessing, touching, and working through us to reach those whom HE sees are in the most need. To God be all praise for what we have been allowed to witness first hand on the mission field this year.

Our Annual Christmas in Romania:

Our December "Christmas in Romania" was an extraordinary time in ministry. Our team was much larger this year, the team consisted of fourteen people (Led by David and Diane Smoot) who all seemed to be very eager to work in any capacity they were asked. Before their arrival, major amounts of dry food were purchased for every site we visited. Plus, every morning before heading out to the distribution site fruit was purchased so that every household or center would have something a little extra for Christmas.



Thursday - Day 1, begins with a long trip through the mountains where Calea's staff and volunteers performed a ministry program "The Real Meaning of Christmas" in 2 schools "Messenii de Sus and Aghires, with a total of 298 children. Also, we had clowning, animal balloons, Christmas carols, and the moment every child loves the package/gift distribution. This consisted of fruit, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, washcloth, candy, stuffed toy, socks, hat, gloves, and scarf. Not to mention, the generous amount of school supplies that was provided for each center. The team members graciously helped in providing all gift packets and supplies, thanks to everyone for giving.

Friday, Day 2, Maria Gabriel, girls' center was an enjoyment for everyone, the team members did crafts projects, demonstrated cake decorating, and gave testimonies as they interacted with the girls.

Saturday, Day 3, the team went shopping and site seeing, a special activity so that the new team members could experience some of the beauty of Cluj-Napoca.

Sunday, Day 4, this day was a very adventurous day! We had already scheduled to be with the Pentecostal Church Berches, David Smoot would be preaching the morning message. However, getting there that morning was an ordeal. It's early morning and the snow was rampantly falling after a long wintery night of constant snowfall. However, our driver was optimistic that it was not a problem driving. Therefore, everyone begins to load the bus with all the food packets and other gift items and off we headed. It wasn't long after we got on the country road, we came upon this huge hill and our bus started to spin. The bus was moving inch by inch until we came to a complete standstill. Yet, our driver was still optimistic that he would get us to church on time. Miraculously, coming from the top of the hill we all noticed a snow plow. I wish that was the end of our nervous travels. Nonetheless, it wasn't! Sooner than expected we came across another hill and this time on our right we were overlooking a very steep drop off. Needless to say, once again the bus begins to slip and slide through the snow and ice and little by little we were inching along until we came to another complete halt. The driver was a very determined man, he started to roll backwards in hopes to gain traction. Oh yes, this time it was even more scary! Especially, when all we could see was that bus getting closer and closer to the side of that drop off. Amazingly, when things looked impossible this man appeared and started directing the driver to get the bus back upon a more traveled path. Sure enough it worked and we gain traction again and off we headed. What a day and what an experience it always is during the winter months in Romania. After arriving at the church the Pastor and elders were overjoyed to see us even though we were 1 hour late. Nevertheless, it was such a blessing worshipping with everyone. The team sang carols and give personal testimonies. Every church member (families) was given food packets and all the children received gift packets. Indeed, it was a blessing to be with these lovely people who count it all joy to serve



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others in any capacity. It seemed we all forgot that the snow was continuing to fall and accumulate even more and we had the same drive back to Cluj. Nevertheless, amazingly the drive back into town did not seem as strenuous. Could it be that we had accomplished what we were sent to do so the enemy had no reason to hinder us going back? Praise Jesus for His safe provision!

Monday, Day 5, one of my favorite centers the Miracle House, a handicap center that is just absolutely amazing. This day is nothing more than fun, fun, fun! The kids in the center love to perform for us and laughter is so rampant that it is like a healing medicine. This is one of our annuals, every year we plan a visit to the “*Miracle House*” it is always a blessing to see the improvements of each young person and the joy upon their faces just to have people come and spend time with them. As always, they gave us a performance that bears deep in our minds. Fun-packed thrills filled the day and as always the children ministered to many of the team’s hearts, perhaps more than the team ministered to them.

Site two: Elderly Center Teordora: What a joy to see everyone excited as they one on one ministered unto the elderly. Carols were sung and gifts taken room to room as people talked, laughed, and enjoyed giving the gift of love to everyone. Hundreds of pounds of stable food were donated to the center to help with the care of these elderly. Everyone seemed overjoyed with all that was given but more so the time that everyone gave was just overwhelming.

We at Calea Adevarului would like to thank all the team members who helped to give others that are less fortunate a brighter Christmas. God bless you!



Thank You for another Great Year:

My appreciation for another year of working hand in hand with all of you who support us prayerfully and financially each month. Your help never goes unnoticed! If not for you I would not be able to see the accomplishments that I see taking place in the hearts and lives of many of the families we minister to in Romania. Also, we had a wonderful year in all the different areas of work. We were able to see many things accomplished that even we stand in awe of God when we look back at all He has done. I give God the glory for everything I have seen Him do this year. However, I am constantly reminded that none of this could have taken place without the prayers and support of all you who have lifted us up each month through your different ways of sponsorship. I know your rewards are many for God rewards a faithful giver. Remember my prayer for you is as always - Deut. 1:11; “*May the LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times more numerous than you are, and bless you as He has promised you.*” Thank you and God bless you for your unselfishness in giving to others and have a “**Happy New Year.**”



I’m Home:

It seems impossible to be home again. The trip home was good and there were no delays. However, I was so tired, it seemed physically this trip was very hard for me. During the winter the snow makes it difficult for us to work effectively and last month I mentioned our critical need financially. It seems this is the best time for me to do all I can to build our support. *If any of you would like me to share about the mission work in Romania please call 334-419-4047 (Rita’s mobile) or 334-366-2091 or email mcclure98@cluj.astral.ro. Thank you all for your prayers.*

Yours in Christ,
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