



International Medical Workshop

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, 2013

This year's workshop was full of surprises, starting with a freak snowstorm on the way there and an earthquake on the way out. Then Prof. Thomas Boemers from Cologne, the head surgeon, not remembering that Moldova is not part of the EU, only brought his EU ID Card and not his passport. How we got him through security only God knows, not to mention how we got him out! Then .. a car accident in which no-one was injured, but our medical equipment was delayed, police trouble stopping our vehicle and trying to detain us etc also some last minute technical issues ensued from not having time to test some audio equipment ... but ... in the end, lives were saved. There



Prof. Thomas Boemers, Dr. Mircia Ardelean, Dr. Christa Schimke

was a child born while we were there with its intestines on the outside of its body. Dr. Mircia Ardelean of Austria was able to operate and save this child. A God moment for sure. Once again we were reminded of the value these workshops are to children and doctors alike, regardless of the opposition. A big THANK YOU to the doctors on this year's team!

Over 130 doctors registered this year for the Workshop on severe urogenital malformations in children.

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Prof. Eva Gudumac, Prof. Constantin Tica, Prof. Thomas Boemers



During the workshop, a child was born with his intestines outside his body. The specialists on our team were able to save his life.

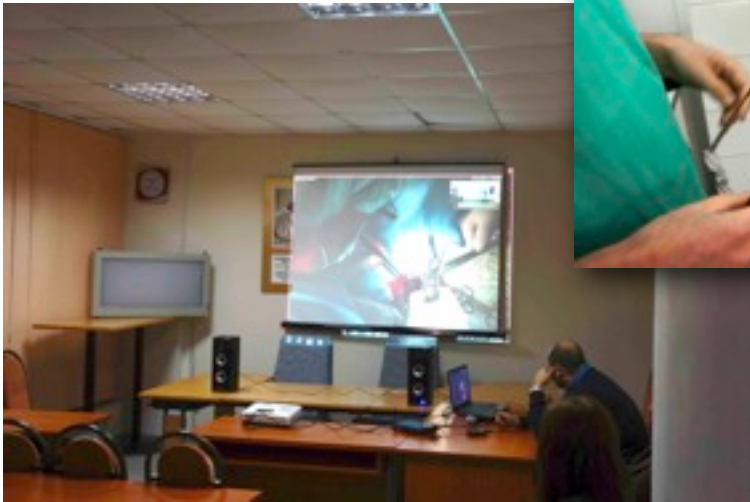




Surgery broadcast to the lecture hall ... this year we added 2-way communication for live questions and responses



Also added for the 2nd year running is the ENT department. This year we donated their first ever fiberscope



Prof. Mihai Maniuc, Dr. Alexandru Nița

Mobile Medical Unit

providing medical and optical access to the poor



Closure of rural hospitals is still a main cause of the poor not having access to medical services.



The Mobile Medical Unit project continues its endeavor to reach out to those who do not have access to proper medical services. Romania continues to struggle with medical care and each year the population hopes for positive changes in the system. Even with the backing of the EU, the infrastructure has not been stabilized. Though private clinics are springing up in the cities, only the upper middle class can take advantage of such alternatives. The majority of the country is still left wanting. This project is reaching out where it can to make a small difference.



As in the past, medical tests are expensive for the general public, yet once diagnosed, treatment is covered by the national insurance program. The team of doctors we work with helps to bridge that gap by offering diagnostic services for free.



spirometer

The addition of the OPTICAL PROJECT

We are pleased to announce that late this year, we started our first free optical testing for the marginalized. This project also includes free glasses which they have the joy of selecting themselves.



To see the joy on their faces when they could see clearly, was priceless!



Medical Equipment Donations

third annual donated medical supplies pick up in Western Europe.

This year Dr. Mircia Ardelean and the SALK Hospital of Salzburg, Austria, came through for us again with a great donation of medical equipment and supplies which we were able to transport from Austria back to Romania and deliver to the Marzescu Hospital in Brasov where supplies are in desperate need.



Using the Mobile Medical Unit to Transport Donated Medical Equipment from West to East



So appreciated

The hospital in Brasov sends its sincerest thanks!

Medical Assistance Program

when there's nowhere else to turn

This year's recipients of the Medical Assistance Program were:

Ion:

A beneficiary of our Mobile Medical Unit project which was set up in his village. Ion could not make it from his house to the unit because of a heart condition. He paid to be carried there by local boys and arrived to us in tears because of his condition and the fact that he had no money to pay for treatment. We were able to resolve his issue with treatment and medication. He is doing well.

Marian:

Marian is a young man that was in a terrible car accident which left him paralyzed. He struggled for a year trying to get treatment without success, and then heard about our program and contacted us. We were able to get him into rehabilitation treatment and he is now on the road to a better quality of life.

Mr. Chiriac and Daughter:

A 84 year old man is caring for his 45 year old mentally challenged daughter. They were evicted from there home this year and had nowhere to go. We were able to intervene and secure them a place in a care facility until other arrangements can be made. They are very poor and so grateful for our help.



Condemned building where they have lived for the past decades

Mobile Classroom

keeping children in school and teaching adults literacy

The Mobile Classroom Project is now in its 4th year of operation. This project offers "after school" programs for all ages to help keep them at grade level and in school. It also offers literacy programs for adults to help integrate them into working society and better paying jobs. It provides educational and ecological field trips, international team visits, sports and extracurricular activities, English lessons, speech therapy, seasonal special events, and a daily presence of a qualified educator who truly cares for the families she works with, over 80 beneficiaries in total. school supplies,



Volunteers this year, Ron, Susan, and Maggie, helped with the shoes project. A sub project of the Mobile Classroom to help children have warm and dry feet during the harsh winters in Romania.



In most of Romania, if a child is not at grade level by the 8th grade, there is no option for them but to drop out and take their chances in society without an adequate education. For adults of the recent past, who dropped out a decade ago, they are also trapped in this dilemma as the modern world is passing them by. For both adults and children, this means a service job at the lowest pay-scale which is not enough to live on. There are no national social programs to help with this scenario. In the worst case, dropping out leads to prostitution and human trafficking, as children and young adults looks for other ways to make money for themselves and for their families.

The Mobile Classroom is a constant positive influence in the lives of the families we reach out to





50 children from our projects attended our sixth Christian kids camp.

Kids Camp

for children from all our projects

It's always such a great joy for kids to go to camp. Especially those who would normally not be able to attend without some assistance. For the 6th time, Ecaterina Guguianu took on the task to manage this event and transport the children to enjoy campfires, skits, songs, art work, life skills, teachings of the Gospel, good food, sports, and sheer fun ... the kids look forward to this all year!



life skills
sing alongs
teaching
songs
skits
campfire
sports
good food
the Gospel

Hampers

bringing joy via provisions for the Easter and Christmas seasons



This year it was our privilege to bring once again Easter and Christmas provisions to our sponsored families and the families of farms 10 and 11. Over 300 beneficiaries in total. It's a huge undertaking to deliver that many supplies and to make sure that everyone receives the same things. It takes all our HFTN team and a few volunteers to pull it off. We love it ...



THANK YOU

What a great year and privilege extending a helping hand in the name of Christ to so many. Each project this year was challenging and wonderfully rewarding.

Thank You to everyone who has helped make all this possible. What a blessing for us to have you on our side!



In His Service,

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