



With the closing of rural hospitals in Romania due to austerity measures, many are without medical access!

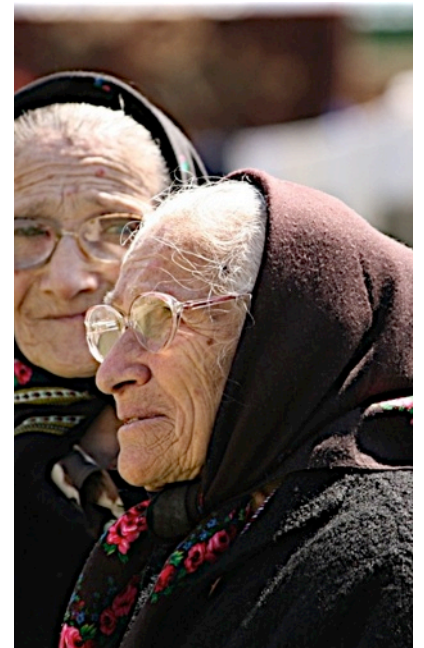
Mobile Medical Unit

out of 400 patients tested, only 12 deemed healthy!

After testing 400 people in the outlying villages of Brasov, we discovered that only 12 patients could be deemed healthy. Many of the patients had hyper tension, chronic bronchitis, and in some cases Tuberculosis. Patients with serious infection have been treated immediately while those with other conditions have been given doctors prescriptions to enable them to take advantage of the National Health Program for medications. Citizens in Romania must pay for the doctors visits (which in most cases they can't afford), and then if



treatment is needed, they are entered into the national program. The Mobile Medical Unit helps to break this barrier and bring people into treatment.

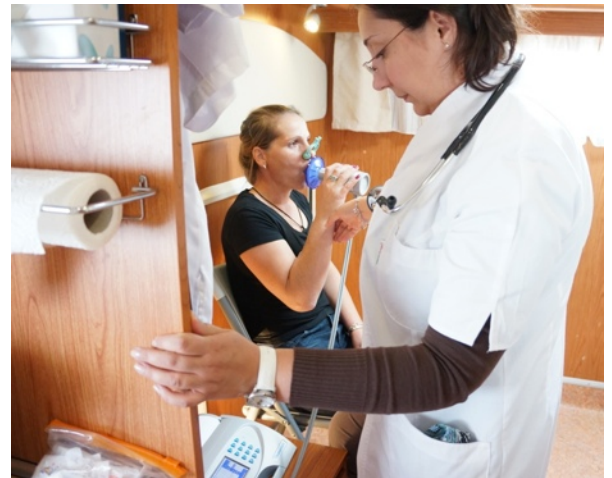




People were extremely thankful!

In most cases, this was the only medical care they had received in over 5 years.

This year we added two examination tents which enabled the team to see more patients and bring down the wait time.



HFTN - Romania and Brasov TB Hospital Field Team



Medical Equipment Donations

second annual donated medical supplies pick up in Western Europe.

This year we have added an optical component to the Mobile Medical Unit project and by Spring 2013, we hope to have all the pieces together to start offering this service to the poor in the Brasov region of Romania. We travelled to Stuttgart, Germany in August to meet up with Daniel Ostertag. Daniel brought us a volunteer team some years ago and has remained a great friend. For this occasion, he and his father were able to co-ordinate collecting over 1,500 donated prescription and reading glasses for us to come and pick up! What a great help for us.

Last year we purchased the Auto-refractor, this year the glass lens testing machine, and now we have 1,500 pair of glasses to get us even closer to adding this much needed component to the Unit.

We also went back to Salzburg this year, thanks to Dr. Mircia



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



Ardelean, one of the specialists on our International Medical Workshop Team, and picked up donated medical supplies from the hospital he works at. (SALK Salzburger Landeskliniken GmbH)



So appreciated

Well done Daniel, Dad, and all those at the Jesustreff Church in Stuttgart for helping make this possible!



International Medical Workshop

170 doctors, 60 nurses, 11 surgeries

Our 3rd annual International Medical Workshop was held this year in Constanta, Romania. Along with extreme genital and urinary system malformation, we added an Otolaryngology component. The surgical team has expanded and was made up of: Dr. Thomas Boemers (Germany), Dr. Steffen Maune (Germany), Dr. Mircea Ardelean (Austria), Dr. Christa Schimke (Austria), Dr. Tica Constantin (Romania), all of whom generously donated their surgical skills and knowledge at our workshop.

Of the 11 surgeries performed on children at the workshop, one case in particular was heart-wrenching. A baby, 17 days old, was born in a small village. It was so severely malformed that the doctors nearby could not determine if the baby was a boy or a girl. Sadly, the mother, not knowing if her baby would live or die, unable to deal with the stigma of the malformation, chose to abandon the baby. The baby was taken to a hospital in Bucharest, but unfortunately, they had no solution for the condition.

Thankfully, one of the doctors knew about our workshop and called Dr. Tica. The baby

was then quickly transported to the workshop in Constanta it had life saving surgery performed by the specialist team. It's a girl!

We are now working on locating the mother to counsel her and hopefully she will see her way to taking her little girl home.



Preparing the baby for surgery



Surgery broadcast to the workshop room ... next year we will add 2 way communication for live questions and responses



Medical Assistance Program

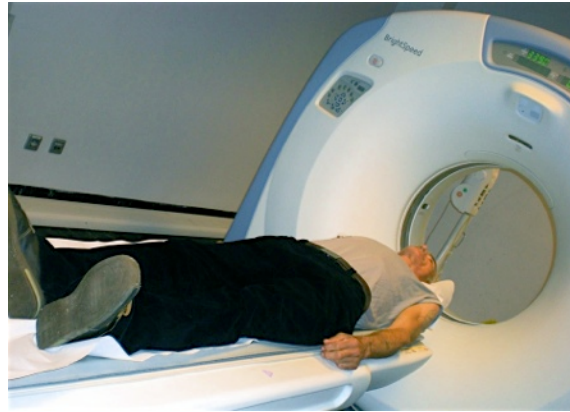
when there's nowhere else to turn



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

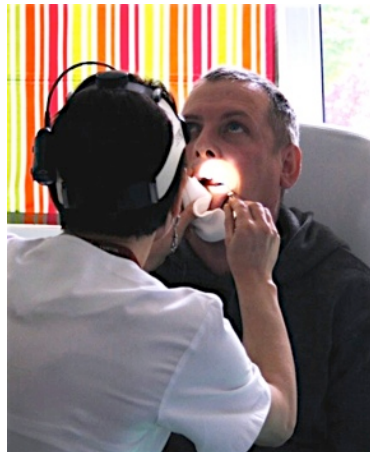
Gheorghe:

A beneficiary in our sponsorship program, complained of severe sinus pain. He'd had an operation some years back but the calcification of his sinuses again threatened his life. We rushed him into treatment and he was again saved by the surgeons in Brasov.



Emil:

A worker on our Farm 10 and 11 project, lost his voice completely over the last two years but couldn't afford to see the doctor. We took him to the Regina Maria ENT clinic and he was operated on to restore the damage from an infection that had damaged his larynx. His recovery will be slow, but he can speak again!



The testing in these photos is not something the average Romanian could ever afford.

Sorin:

Is a 20 year old worker for the firm that did the renovations at farm 11. His is currently undergoing heart examinations as he has a childhood heart problem which he just can't afford to have checked. In the testing process it was discovered that he is also suffering from epilepsy. We are working on a health strategy with him and hope to have good results in the new year.



Adelina

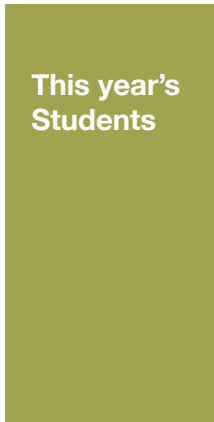
Received life saving surgery after we contacted Bucharest to have her transported 7 hours from her village to the emergency ward.

HFTN Romania EU Diploma Course

providing qualifications which lead to employment!

30 Students Graduate from the HFTN-Romania EU accredited Home Care Diploma Course.

This year two homes for the elderly opened in Brasov and Sacele. They hired poor women from the villages to staff the facilities on a temporary basis while they searched for qualified workers. To keep these women employed, HFTN-Romania was able to enroll these women on a rotating basis in our Diploma Course enabling them all to keep their jobs and advance their lives in general. A wonderful success! (This diploma qualifies them to work in Romania and the EU)



Mobile Classroom

keeping children in school and teaching adults literacy

The Mobile Classroom Project is new this year as the continuation of the Farm 10 and 11 project. We finished the construction side of the project some years ago and were at the farms 5 days a week with our teacher Izabella in the homes of the beneficiaries. Over time, it became clear that there were too many supplies for Izabella to be carrying in and out of the project each day as her list of children rose to about 40. We needed to find a good solution.

The idea of the Mobile Classroom seemed very natural since we are already operating a Mobile Medical Unit. It means that Izabella can keep her supplies in the classroom and is mobile to move between farms, not to mention the flexibility it offers to any expansion of the project.

Izabella drives each weekday to the farms for adult literacy, and after school classes for those children who need our help. There is a gas heater for winter that makes the class nice and cozy even on winter days!



Loralee Strauss visited the project this year and taught English as a Second Language. The children were very motivated by having an international presence and very much enjoyed the classes!



Kids Camp

for children from our all our projects



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

It's always such a great joy for kids to go to camp. Especially those who would normally not be able to without some assistance. For the 5th 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
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the Gospel

Dairy Cows

two cows changed the whole picture!

While Lorelee Strauss was visiting this Fall in Romania, one of the families in our sponsorship program spoke with us about their desire to buy two cows in addition to the one they have. This would enable them to sell milk, cheese and other dairy products for their income. This family is very hard working and it seemed like the perfect solution to help them advance their financial situation. We agreed that somehow HFTN-Romania would try to raise some funds for this venture and see if we could help. A cow in Romania is expensive like everywhere else in the world. They are about 800 dollars, an exorbitant amount for a family in the villages. This is where Lorelee expressed her desire to bring this need to her friends in Kelowna, Canada. Before she even arrived back home, the money was already promised for one cow. The following month some extra funds also came in and we purchased the first cow just in time for Christmas!



Using this model, we would like to look into the possibilities of starting a new project which provides income for families that we have worked with, long term, and have shown that they are up for this challenge.



Dairy Products

milk, cheese, yoghurt, butter, cream, etc, are now for sale at the Marcu Family house.



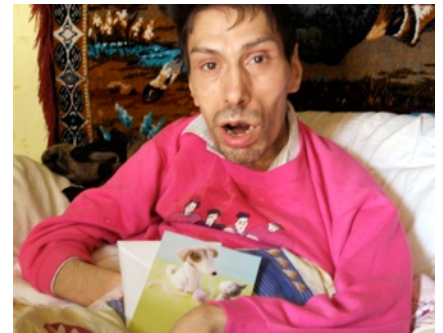
Family Sponsorship

keeping families together



For 16 years, we have been connecting families from the west with families in Romania who need a hand to get by and keep their children in school.

Their support pays for food/food stamps, school uniforms, supplies, special attention and special learning programs. It also enables



many children to attend school for the first time, and keeps them from a life on the streets.

Here are a few photos of some of the current sponsored families in Romania ..



Croitoru Twins

Mihai and Cozmin have been in the sponsorship program for 13 years. They are doing amazingly well and have a great future ahead of them!



Hampers

bringing joy via provisions for the Easter and Christmas seasons



Easter Baskets to the Villages

Bringing Easter Baskets to families, especially children, is right up there on the "fun things to do" when working with people!

This year was no exception. Chocolates, cookies, candies, special teas, coffees, nuts, fruits ... we brought to our sponsored families in remembrance of Christ's crucifixion for our sins and celebration of his resurrection for our eternal life.

At our farm projects, Izabella (our teacher there) brought brightly colored pencils for an Easter art project and lots of treats for everyone. It's a great joy for these children to receive something special on occasions like Easter and our privilege to bring it to them ...

Full Stomachs and Warm Feet!

Over 400 beneficiaries received food and provisions during our 10th annual Christmas Hampers Project. Every Year, it is a joy for all of us at HFTN - Romania to see this project realized. In addition, for the 2nd year running, we have added another component of buying and



distributing shoes to over 200 children at the farms project. So much joy in such a practical project is a blessing all around.



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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