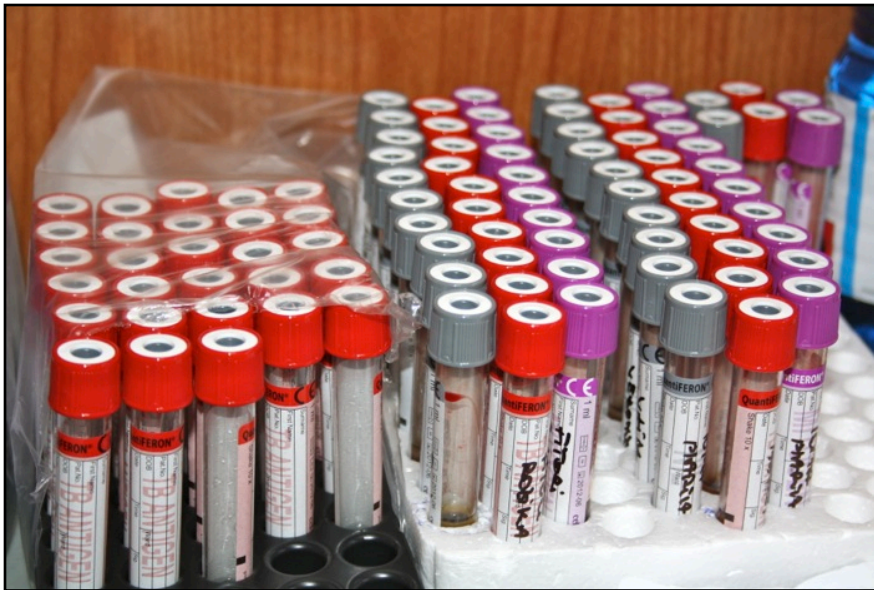


HFTN ROMANIA

Mobile Medical Unit

An unexpected success in the first year!



In January of this year we presented the idea to the board of starting a Mobile Medical Unit in Romania. We didn't expect that it would come together so quickly and that we would be able to write an activity report in the same year. We started by driving to Bielefeld,

Germany in Spring to purchase a Motorhome, drove it to Romania and started the renovations to create a clinic space. We contacted the department of health about partnering with them to curb the spread of TB in Romania. We worked for months and submitted

TB Spreading in Romania

Tuberculosis, MTB, or TB (short for tubercle bacillus) is a common and in many cases lethal infectious disease caused by various strains of mycobacteria, usually *Mycobacterium Tuberculosis*. [1] Tuberculosis usually attacks the lungs but can also affect other parts of the body. It is spread through the air when people who have an active MTB infection cough, sneeze, or otherwise transmit their saliva through the air. [2] Most infections in humans result in an asymptomatic, latent infection, and about one in ten latent infections eventually progresses to active disease, which, if left untreated, kills more than 50% of those infected.

IN EACH SECTION OF THE REGION, OUR TARGETED GROUPS CAME UP 50 % POSITIVE

the required paperwork for approval, including automated patient records systems and approval from the Federal Government to work in a Mobile setting with private data. The vehicle and project were approved quickly by the Romanian Government at all levels and we started our first TB testing project in



August of this year.

Our first group tested 50 percent positive for TB infection. as did the 2nd and 3rd groups. It's a shocking development for the Romanian Department of Health and an immediate treatment plan is now in place for those diagnosed.

Mobile Medical Unit cont.



WHAT IS THE ACTUAL NEED?

The main problem facing the general population with this outbreak of Tuberculosis, is that although the treatment is paid for by the government if a person tests positive, the test itself is not.

The test substance (TB QUANTIFERON GOLD) costs 50 Euros per test. The average Romanian monthly salary is 150 Euros. This ratio makes the test cost prohibitive and as a result, families go untested and unknowingly spread the disease in their communities.



HFTN - Romania eliminates this financial barrier by providing the testing of suspected families in the Brasov region free of charge and by bringing this service directly to their doorstep.



Medical Equipment Donations

USING THE MOBILE UNIT TO TRANSPORT DONATED EQUIPMENT FROM WEST TO EAST



During our last International Medical Workshop in Chisinau, Moldova, the doctors from Austria and Germany commented that the hospitals they work in change out medical equipment in better shape than the equipment being used in Eastern Hospitals. We pondered



150,000 Euros worth of equipment donated for the cost of fuel to transport to Romania

this situation at a debriefing and the idea arose that perhaps with our new Mobile Medical Unit Project, we could drive to Western Europe to pick up some of the exchanged medical equipment and deliver it to Romania and Moldova. Eye brows rose and the work began! After some months of ground work, Dr. Mircea Ardelean from Salzburg, Austria, was able to work out such a program with us. The Institution, (SALK Salzburger Landeskliniken GmbH), under the direction of Manuela Struber, graciously came on board and donated a great deal of equipment to HFTN-Romania which we in turn donated to the General Hospital in Constanta, Romania, who in turn donated a considerable amount of equipment to Chisinau in The Republic of Moldova. Here are pictures of the project



International Medical Workshop

CHISINAU ,THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA RECORD NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE



137 doctors attended the workshop for severe congenital malformations in children. 48 children were selected for surgery, 10 operated on during the workshop. The Republic of Moldova is very grateful for this event as they have many children affected by various causes including the fallout of Chernobyl.



Moldovan Television coverage plays in Chisinau and also in Moscow, Russia

Dr. Thomas Boemers (Germany), Dr. Mircia Ardelean (Austria), and Dr. Tica Constantin (Romania), headed up the team of surgeons who specialize in congenital malformation. 137 doctors and student doctors learned procedures for surgery to save the lives of these children.

The cost of sending one child from Eastern Europe to Germany for this operation would cost between 30-60 thousand Euros with all expenses. For less than the price of sending one child to Germany, we were able to sponsor doctors to come from the west to do this workshop. This opened the door to 10 operations during the workshop at a compared value of



half a million Euros and has enabled Eastern doctors to operate on 38 more. This brings the value of the workshop to over 2.5 million Euros for a substantially lesser investment. This was only made possible because of the generosity of the specialists who volunteered their time.

As a result of the television broadcast in Moldova and Russia, a leading doctor from Moscow has asked to participate in our 2012 workshop in Constanta, Romania. We are very pleased with the success of this workshop and the lives saved as a result. We look forward to more opportunities to help Eastern European doctors increase their knowledge to tackle the challenges they face in the medical field.

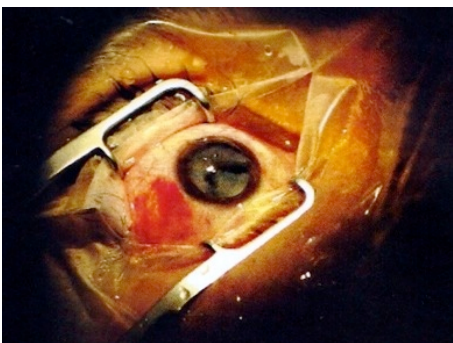
Medical Assistance Program

HELPING WHEN TREATMENT NOT POSSIBLE THROUGH ROMANIAN SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

One of the recipients of this year's Medical Assistance Program is **Marius Simionesei**. After 2 years on the waiting list, Marius was able to get his cornea transplant this year. What a joy it is to see this realized. Marius lives on Farm 11, and over the years with our many projects there, we have gotten to know and love this young man and his family. His wife and two small children are so excited that their dad is on the road to having his vision restored! Marius had an accident when he was just a toddler and has been blind in one eye since.

The operation is done, and Marius is now in the healing stages. The doctor advises us that though Marius can now see through a bit of a fog, he is very hopeful that in time, everything will heal and his vision should clear. Because he was a toddler when the accident happened, his eye needs time to learn to see.

We continue to work with Marius and plan a follow-up visit with the specialist from Hungary in early 2012.



Medical Assistance Program cont.

HELPING WHEN TREATMENT NOT POSSIBLE THROUGH ROMANIAN SOCIAL ASSISTANCE



Maria Roxana
This little girl is Maria Roxana. She has had many operations on her eyes over the years with little success. Her glasses are +13 ...

Her parents have sold almost everything they

own, the wagons, horses, house furniture, to pay for the operations she has needed.

She is again in need of another operation or she will lose her sight permanently. We are helping this family with the cost of this next surgery to give them another chance at trying to repair Maria's sight.

Dan Tibirius

Our 3rd case this year is Dan Tibirius, a street kid who we know quite well from over the years. He had several simultaneous abscesses and this program paid for 5 extractions and reconstruction of his teeth.

Farm IO & II Kid's Camp



For the 4th year running, we have sent over 50 children from the Farms Project to the Christian Children's Camp near Sibiu, Romania. The children start talking about this event in Spring when the weather starts to get nice, and can't stop talking about it until the day finally arrives that they get to go to camp. This is their chance to get away from the farm life and meet other children, volunteers from foreign countries, to learn new things, hear the Gospel through stories and music, and play play play play ... it's a huge joy in their lives!



Farm IO & II Social Integration

BODY SOUL & SPIRIT

Since the completion of the construction at Farm IO and II, we have endeavored to stay connected to the families there by providing life skills training, literacy, and after school programs. Our teacher Izabella is at the farms 4 hours a day, 5 days a week and has become part of the family. People at the farms have come to trust her with many aspects of life far beyond the education that she provides. It's been a truly wonderful experience to serve the people at the farms on an academic, provisional, and spiritual level. We continue to be there for them every week, all year long ...



HFTN Romania Diploma Courses

PROVIDING QUALIFICATIONS WHICH LEAD TO EMPLOYMENT



This year's Diploma Course was offered to the Gypsy community for the position of "Medical Mediator". This position is unique to the Gypsy communities who benefit from a local person in their village who knows the Romanian medical system and who can help them to get the medical assistance they need and are entitled to.



The Romanian Government offers a salary position for those from the Gypsy community holding a diploma in this field, for every 500 persons in the village. Most villages in our area have 3000+ inhabitants and so we are able to provide diplomas and qualifications for many women



who can now not only support their families, but provide a desperately needed service for their village.



Some of the Graduates of the HFTN-RO 2011 Medical Mediator Diploma Course

Family and Child Sponsorship

KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER



For 15 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, 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 ..



Christmas Hampers

BRINGING JOY IN WHY OF PROVISIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND BEYOND



Each year at Christmas we deliver much needed provisions to as many people as we can. This year, we have over 450 people on our list! It's one of the most exciting times of the year for us. We provide all the main staples and then add lots of Christmas goodies. There is enough to last the families for several months, through the coldest and most difficult time of the year for them ...



A COUPLE OF YEAR END NOTES: HFTN - Romania has been asked to sit on the Romanian National Board of Education & Integration for the Gypsy population. We have also been approved by the Federal Government to work with "personal data" when searching for birth parents of adopted children. More about this in 2012



Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us to reach the lives of so many people in Romania this year. We thank the Lord often for the privilege of living out this call on our lives. How wonderful it is to give in the name of Christ, to see the hearts of people light up when kindness and care is extended to them. To see the smile on someone's face who thought all hope was lost. Thank you for helping us bring hope!

We have to say that 2011 has been one of our best years ever, full of rich experiences, lots of hard work, and great fulfillment. We thank you for your support thus far, and ask that you would consider continuing to partner with us. All of us working together is what makes these things possible in Him.



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