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Dear friends and family,

Greetings from Romania! I trust you are doing well. It has been some time since my last newsletter and I do apologize for that, but I'll have you updated on what has been going on in no time at all.

First let me share with you some wonderful news: Our orphanage family has grown by five. There are four new children from the same family: Denisa who is eleven, Larisa who is nine, Razvan who is six and the youngest Alexandra, turned three in March. Then there is Alex who is six years old and is part of our daily program.

Denisa



None of these children are officially orphans in the sense that their parents have passed away, but they have all been abandoned by their mothers. The mother of the four siblings walked away from her family less than a year ago and never turned back. The father was left trying to raise four children on his own. For several months they struggled to try to make it work. Denisa had to take on the burden of caring for her siblings, cooking from scratch (no microwave meals) washing clothes (by hand) and trying to keep order in the house. Often she wouldn't be able to go to school because of all that had to be done and she began to have physical problems, brought on by all the extra stress. There were times that

there was no food on the table and the kids were out of control. So their father made the decision, for the best of his children for them to come and live at the House of Hope.

Alex was unwanted by his mother even before he was born. He is alive today only because his great aunt promised Alex's mother that after he was born, she would care for him and raise him as her own. Today he calls her mom. Since birth Alex's real mother has never even acknowledged his existence. Alex's great aunt is up in years and beginning to have some serious physical problems. She lives in Talpos and she contacted us to see if we could help care for this little guy. Right now Alex goes home in the evenings to be with his mom (great aunt) but we and he are ready, when the time comes, for him to come and stay with us on a full time basis.

Alex

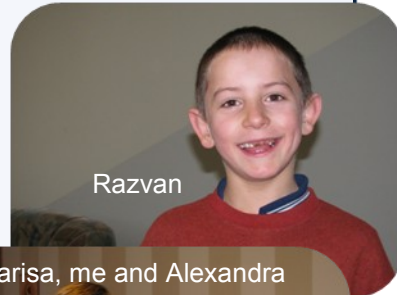


The kids having supper at my house.



Four out of these five children are part of the group that comes to my house every weekday afternoon. That brings the total to ten very active, lively children. Sometimes it's a challenge, but always a blessing to be part of these precious children's lives. I thank the Lord every day for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of these wonderful children. Also let me thank you for all that you do to make it possible for me to be here. Your prayers and support mean so much! God bless you!

Razvan



Larisa, me and Alexandra



Saying, "Hello!" from the balcony



Razvan and Alex enjoying a game of Guess Who

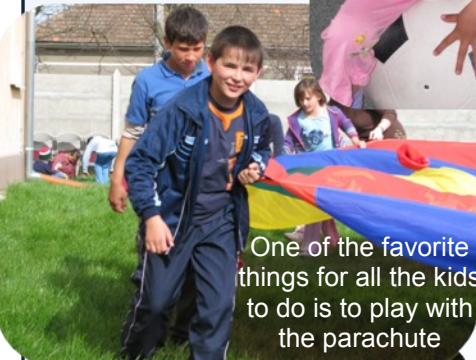




Trying out the hula hoop



Enjoying the bouncy ball



One of the favorite things for all the kids to do is to play with the parachute



Hello there!

Activities at the Fellowship Center are ongoing. I still meet with the teens and children on a regular basis. It has been encouraging to see many new faces and a consistent group of “regulars” arriving at the gate even before it’s time to start.

Please help us pray for all the children and youth that come to the center. It’s wonderful that they are keeping out of trouble, having fun and enjoying the different activities and Bible studies. But our main desire is that through all these different things they will come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

While I was on deputation I had several churches, Sunday school classes and Christian day schools ask if there were any special projects that we are working on here at the orphanage. A few of you know about the “Pellet Stove” project, but I want to share this need with all of you. The wood stove that we are using at the orphanage is not sufficient for the size of building. If we don’t want the fire to go out it has to be filled every two hours. Many times in the winter, in middle of the night, the ladies are up filing the stove so the children are warm when they wake up. Also the cost of wood is increasing and there is a lot of extra work and cost involved when the wood is cut down to size and chopped to fit in the stove.

We have a pellet stove at the Fellowship center and it is much more efficient and powerful than the wood stove at the orphanage. The pellet stove burns wood pellets or corn and if we are able to change the stove, there are already several people from the village who would be willing to donate some of the corn to burn. So there would be a savings in the long run financially and in effort and stress for the ladies. The cost of the stove, including installation would be around \$5,600. I know that this seems like a large amount, but I believe that God is going to provide for this need.

We would like to have the stove installed by the end of the summer, to be ready for this winter. If you feel God putting it on your heart to help us with this project, please send your donations by July 15<sup>th</sup> to H.I.M. marked “Pellet Stove”. Any gift would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your giving and I’m sure God will bless you for your generosity.

Don’t forget that between newsletters you can keep up to date on what has been going on here in Romania and check out the latest pictures on my blog. You can find that at [www.sallysebo.com/blog](http://www.sallysebo.com/blog). May God bless you and help you and keep you in His care!

In His Service,

Sally



Bible study with the kids



A youth gathering



Several of the teens at the center



The wood stove at the orphanage



The pellet stove at the center