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Remember-The-Children

Bringing faith, hope, and love to Romania's forgotten ones...

Exciting New Developments

Tinca

In recent weeks we have wired the funding to begin the development of the community center/church facility in Tinca. We were just on the site in mid-March seeing the progress on the shower/laundry facility, hosting a dental clinic with our ministry partner *Master Provisions*, and meeting with the school teachers and project leaders. We are really excited about what is taking place in Tinca. We currently have 84 of the 100 sponsors needed for this project. Would you consider being a sponsor for these one of these children?

Urvind

We've also focused our resources on completing the site at Urvind. With the assistance of the Crossroads class from Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, we will build the community center in Urvind, hopefully finish the kitchen for our feeding program, and develop a clinic on the site as well. We are very grateful for the support that is coming in for this project.

United States

We have a lot of time scheduled for traveling in the States in the coming months with stops in Tulsa, Kansas City, Louisville, Columbus and Nashville to name a few. We are always looking for opportunities to share our vision for ministry in Romania, so if you would be interested in scheduling a program or know of a church or individual that might be interested in our work, please contact us.

Teams to Romania

We have a team from Michigan and Indiana set to provide a VBS experience in two orphanages, one hospital, and three villages in late June and early July. We thank our board member, Don Watts, for coordinating these weeks of outreach. Andy will lead a medical/dental team in late July as well as leading an English camp for high school/college age in early August.

Remember the Children Nights

We are currently scheduling "Remember the Children" nights in various cities this fall. Watch our upcoming mailings highlighting these events in a city near you.

What People Are Saying

Remember the Children reconnected me with my family in Romania after twenty years. The opportunity to be involved with their relational ministry has enabled me and my family to witness first-hand Christ's power in the love shown to others and the resulting faith and hope that love brings.

Mike Evans, Indianapolis, IN



Christmas in July Sponsors Needed

We need between 7,000-10,000 individuals to sponsor a child for \$25 for Christmas. To save on shipping costs, etc. we will purchase the gifts in Romania. Each child will receive a package with a hat, gloves, chocolate, school supplies, and a small toy. The mission teams on the 2007 Christmas Trip will assemble the packages in Romania prior to transporting them to the various villages.

If you, your church, organization or VBS program would like to sponsor one or more children, please check the "Other" box on the return envelope, mark "Christmas in July" and mail it to us.



Reaching Out to Ethnic Gypsies

Two years ago I preached a sermon in Romania on the passage from Matthew 22 where Jesus commands us to love our neighbors. At the time I felt I was being progressive by challenging the people in a post-Communist culture to look beyond their own needs to the needs of people right around them. In a way I was, but my challenge that Sunday did not go deep enough for my Romanian audience, and it did not go deep enough for me.

As a result, Remember the Children started several outreach ministries to the ethnic Gypsy culture last year. In ten years of serving the Romania people, I have done very little to reach out to Gypsies because I felt it would be a “no win” proposition. Most are illiterate, have no moral code, and are very difficult relationally. However, knowing the difficulty of the task, we have accepted the challenge of trying to reach this ethnic group through compassionate love.

Last fall we opened our first state-recognized school in Tinca. Now, 100 children attend, which will hopefully be the start of breaking the illiteracy cycle. A shower and laundry house

has been built for the village. Our Romanian worker Mihai told us that a “clean Gypsy” is the beginning of a Gypsy with good self-esteem. I like his sentiment. A new church/community center will be built this spring in Tinca with another this fall in Posoloaca. Through these ministry tools we will begin to introduce the people to faith in Christ and a moral code for godly living.

Recently I read an article about the lynching of Gypsies by Romanians. The hate and bigotry that we once saw in our own nation is alive and well in Romania toward this ethnic group. Please pray for us as we continue to charter new territory through our ministry. Your support is really making the difference in the lives of many.

Andy Baker
Executive Director



You can make an eternal difference in the life of a child in Romania

through Remember the Children’s child sponsorship program. Children in the village of Tinca are being fed and clothed, and they are attending our new school—learning about faith, hope and love—through the generosity and support of people like you.

Our goal is to provide sponsors all 100 children attending the Tinca school. We need 16 more sponsors to completely provide for all of our school children. Will you help?

Your \$25 per month contribution will provide a child in Tinca with food, clothing, medical care, and an education based on the state-supported curriculum.

To begin sponsoring a child,

- Check the Child Sponsorship box on the return envelope and mail it to us OR
- Visit www.remember-the-children.org and click “Child Sponsorship” on our homepage

We will contact you with information about your sponsored child and provide you periodic updates about the child, the school and the ministry in Tinca.

What People Are Saying

Remember the Children has reminded me that there is still so much need in the world and that my vision and understanding has been very small. Romanians have so little in material possessions compared to me, but they are people of contentment and joy.

Alison Giebler, Greenwood, IN

Great to Help a Grand

Grandparents are very special people. Families honor the older generation with their love, support and time spent together. And in the closing season of a grandparent's life, there is nothing better than having someone to help, someone to be there, someone to care. In Romania, many elderly people no longer have families who can be there at this difficult time.

That's why Remember the Children is reaching out to 36 elderly through our "Great to Help a Grand" sponsorship program. And we hope to reach even more. We want to help the elderly finish life well, with dignity.

Most of the elderly we help are very sick, and we simply help them die with grace and in comfort. Others need help with regular medicine for diabetes, hypertension, or other chronic illnesses. Some that we help need a one-time home repair, monthly groceries, or assistance with utilities. However, most of the ones we help are terminal.

Our goal is to connect interested supporters in the USA to these very needy, isolated elderly. Our goal is to bring help, friendship, faith, and dignity to these people who have very little and who have no one available to help them. Will you help?

Your \$30 per month contribution will provide a monthly supplement of food, clothing, medicine, or assistance with utility bills. Each case is reviewed every six months for continued support.

To begin sponsoring an elderly person,

- Check the Elderly Person Sponsorship box on the return envelope and mail it to us OR
- Visit www.remember-the-children.org and click "Elderly Sponsorship" on our homepage

We will contact you with information about your sponsored elderly person and provide you periodic updates.

Walking For Dreams

Sunday, May 20, 2007

Join us on the Canal in downtown Indianapolis for the 4th Annual Walking for Dreams on Sunday, May 20. This 5K Family Walk is designed to help local Indianapolis non-profit organizations raise needed funds. Walkers of all ages can join together to support their special organization, such as **Remember the Children**, by raising pledges and participating in the 5K walk.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of local corporations, all checks turned in by the walkers will go directly to the selected organizations and are 100% tax deductible. If you'd like to walk or organize a team of walkers, visit www.walkingfordreams.org for more information. Registration information will be posted soon.



LANGUAGE LEARNING IN TIMISOARA

Jenny Lotter and Kelly James are Team Expansion missionaries working in partnership with Remember the Children in Romania. They began language school in Romania in January 2007 and expect to move to Oradea this summer, where they will join a team of others. Jenny's work will focus on physical therapy, while Kelly will minister through sports.

Follow the journey on their respective blogs:

Jenny Lotter: www.jenny-lotter.ministryhome.org/blog

Kelly James: www.teamexpansion.org/kjames/

Kelly James

This weekend was very eventful. Friday night Jen and I went over to the girls' home (the girls I play basketball with every Saturday) and had an amazing time of worship with them. I stayed up until 3 a.m. watching movies and just hanging out with them. Saturday we got up for basketball then headed to a local town park for a picnic.

Language school has its ups and downs but the Romanian culture is beginning to grow on me a little more each day. Continue to pray for me and language learning. It is going well, but I still lack the confidence that I need to speak it more when I am out in town. The Lord is teaching me a lot through every obstacle that I have faced so far, and I know him to be faithful to continue to teach me in every circumstance.

I feel myself constantly allowing the Lord to embrace and comfort me when things get overwhelming—and trust me they do. These past few weeks I find myself trusting the Lord more and daily finding Him to be the one thing that consumes my thoughts. I find such comfort in knowing that the Lord has great things in store for me and trusting Him as I follow His will for my life. The Lord is good!



Jenny Lotter

We've had quite a month! We've been hanging out with some of the younger Romanian girls from church. We played charades using English and Romanian words. It makes me feel good when I can start to pick up the gist of what people are saying even though I don't know all the words. I can even kind of have a conversation. Pretty cool!

This past week I was able to start to help out at a local hospital. I think it's actually one of the best places here in Timisoara. I am only helping out a little bit per week, since my main focus here is language learning. I am using this opportunity to try out some of my new Romanian as well. I am finding that I can be a resource to the physical therapists there and help them with evaluation techniques as well as documentation, assessment, goal setting and treatments. It was fun to meet up with them today and find out where I can be of service to them! So, I get to do ministry and PT—my two favorite things all rolled up into one!



Observations of a Novice Mission Worker

Since my son Andy has been traveling to Romania multiple times a year since 1995, I thought it was time that I investigated what he was doing. I made the trip with the Christmas team in December 2006. To say that the personal observations were an impressive experience would be an understatement.

I observed the work of the joint venture of Remember the Children and People to People (Romanian ministry partner) in ministering to the abandoned and segregated children around Oradea and the nearby town of Tinca. Also, I visited a daycare center for handicapped children, accompanied the staff doctor on her home visits to shut-in elderly patients, and heard the plans for establishing a center for teaching Christian parenting. These programs are being developed and presently are in their early stages.

I also visited four of the Caminul Felix homes to deliver Christmas presents to the children. What a treat to be welcomed with wonderful meals and then participate in the exchange of gifts with the children, both young and old. What a blessing to observe God working in the lives of children from those three words communicated by Mircea Toca to Andy back in 1995: "Remember the Children."

John Baker



John Baker holding a Romanian boy.

How Romania Put Christ Into Christmas

Churches are being started in many of the Gypsy villages by Romanian pastors. We prayed and worshipped with them. At one village, the pastor was turning a stable into a church. I thought this was special because Jesus was born in a stable.

I saw a definite difference between the Gypsies that were Christians and Gypsies that were not Christians. The Christian gypsies had houses that were cleaner and brightly colored. The pastor explained to us that change started in their heart first and then changed them on the outside. Change is slowly happening in the Gypsy villages because of the people who care about their physical and spiritual needs.

This trip impacted me in more ways than I could have possibly imagined. We went to Romania to share God with others but they ended up sharing God with us. They set an example for God that I have never seen before. Despite their living conditions, they were grateful for their simple lives. They did not focus on materialistic things but on God and His love shown to them by other people. I took these lessons home with me as I celebrated Christmas this year. I focused on the true meaning of Christmas and was more thankful for my life.

Jonathon Carpenter, 8th grade

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Participating online retailers include Barnes & Noble, Orbitz, Office Depot, eBay, Bass Pro Shops, and other name brand stores, hotels, service providers and more.

Visit www.careclicks.com, select "Remember the Children" when you register (no cost), and start shopping, saving and supporting our ministry!

With Us...

GO WITH US...ON A TRIP

Most of our trips are scheduled by request, with a few pre-planned trips per year. We create custom trips for churches or other groups, and we will work with you to arrange an experience with our ministry that caters to the spiritual gifts of the participants. It's not too late to begin planning for 2008 today.

Contact us to get started on your trip!

Romania 101

VBS Trips

Construction Trips

Medical Trips

Bring Christmas Joy to Romania

2007 Christmas Trip — November 30 – December 15

Our annual Christmas project involves delivering gifts to children in orphanages, hospitals, families, and bringing encouragement to our Romanian ministry staffs. This year we will be delivering gifts in Muslim communities and isolated villages where the Gospel needs to reach. (1 or 2 week option)

Cost: \$1900 for 1 week, \$2300 for 2 weeks

Deadline to register: September 15

Registration materials available at www.remember-the-children.org.

SERVE WITH US...DURING AN INTERNSHIP

RTC Direct

We provide opportunities for college students to intern with us on the mission field. Remember the Children is recognized by many colleges as curriculum supervisors, and many times a summer with us can count towards college credit. Our internships are designed along with the student to fit the specific academic requirements and interests of the student.

In Partnership with Team Expansion

You can also do an internship through our partners at Team Expansion. Please visit www.teamexpansion.org and click on "Romania" as your area of interest. Team Expansion will contact us and we will begin the process together for an eight week, three month, six month, or one year internship experience.

PARTNER WITH US...PRAYERFULLY & FINANCIALLY

Prayer

Above all other support, we ask people to join with us in prayer—that our efforts would honor God, bless the people, and bring the saving message of faith, hope and love to Romania's forgotten ones.

Remember the Children can create a greater impact in Romania when other people get involved. In what area is your passion for reaching out to Romania's forgotten ones? Whether a teacher, a dentist, a parent, a handyman, or someone with a heart to serve where needed most, we have opportunities for you to use your spiritual gifts in our ministry.

Consider getting involved with Remember the Children in one of these ways:

- Indicate your area of interest on the return envelope and mail it to us

OR

- Visit www.remember-the-children.org and click "Get Involved" on our homepage

Sponsorships

Our Child and Elderly Sponsorship programs are in need of individuals, families or churches to give the gift of food, clothing, education and medical care through a monthly gift of \$25.

Between 7,000-10,000 individual Christmas in July Sponsors are needed sponsor a child for \$25 for Christmas.

Learn more on page 2.

VBS & Summer Camps

A great way to support us, both prayerfully and financially, is to invite Remember the Children to be the mission at your VBS or Summer Camp.

Financial Gifts

Financial gifts provide the needed funds to make the vision of Remember the Children become reality—whether given monthly or annually to the General Fund or for a designated project. For information on our current, specific needs, please see page 8.

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What People Are Saying
When I think of Remember the Children I can see a smile on a lost child's face that has been given a hope for a better tomorrow. I have been one of them.

Gabriela Simoc, Oradea, Romania (currently a student at Cincinnati Christian University)

Your Gifts Are Making a Difference

We are so thankful for your gifts of prayer and finances—gifts that are bringing faith, hope and love to Romania's forgotten ones. These are some ways that your support changed lives in 2006:

- ⊙ 100 gypsy children begin attending our new school in Tinca.
- ⊙ Gypsies were ministered to in their villages.
- ⊙ Abandoned children, and now handicapped children, found love and support through our Casa David children's ministries.
- ⊙ Many medical and dental needs were met.
- ⊙ Nearly 40 elderly people who have no family or friends received needed help and love.

You are helping change a culture.

Additional Compassionate Giving Needed

In 2007 Remember the Children must find additional support that will help us meet the increasing demands of our expanding ministry. We are experiencing great responses—in the form of designated gifts—to our ministry projects. However, these do not provide the \$6,500 monthly needed to keep the US and Romanian offices staffed, equipped and functioning. Our overhead is not large, but if we don't have General Fund donations, there is no one to actually implement the designated giving.

We are praying for those who are passionate about supporting the administrative costs of our ministry. Specifically, we are seeking 22 people, groups, churches, businesses or organizations that will each commit to becoming a Foundational Giver contributing at least \$250 monthly for Remember the Children's operating budget.

If you would like to respond to our need,

- Indicate your gift on the return envelope and mail it to us OR
- Visit www.remember-the-children.org and click "Donate" on our homepage

We ask you to continue giving and to prayerfully consider increasing your gifts. If you know of others who would like to bring faith, hope and love to Romania's forgotten ones, please share our ministry with them.

Rob Muncy
Director of Finance



Bringing Light to a Dark World

Last December, a team visited our newest work in the Posoloaca gypsy village with Pastor Janos. It was late afternoon, the ground muddy and freezing. We gathered in a small horse stable to pray for the church that would start meeting there. Then, we walked across to the mud huts where the gypsies live. The whole village came out to meet with us and Pastor Janos.

Over 30 decisions for Christ have been made in the village, and they were eager to hear Andy share the encouraging Christmas story of God's love.

As we walked away in the dark Pastor Janos shared that frequently the villagers ask for some money so they can buy candles. With no electricity there is no means of adequate light in the village.

The Gypsies live a hard life with very little to their name. It will be both exciting and challenging to see how physical light and spiritual light begins to transform this village and the other villages that Remember the Children serves.