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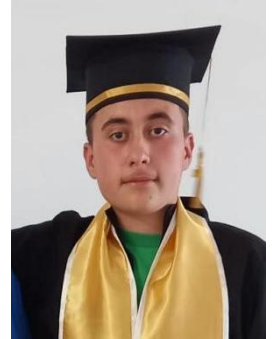
Our Lord is faithful in all He does

Our dear friends, it was a very intense period for us, in which we had the help and favor of God, from whom we have all things and for whom we want to do all things. We have so much to share, but we will try to cover here the most significant aspects of our work from the last months.

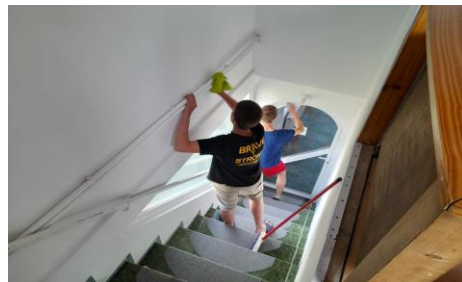
Thank you for your prayer/financial support and we invite you to read the following also in a spirit of prayer and to continue to intercede for us before our Lord.

CASA BENJAMIN There are good and significant changes in this area of our work

- A new boy, George, was admitted in the Boys' Group Home at the beginning of May. He was helped daily with transportation to be able to finish his studies in Nisipari village, where he comes from. He graduated his 8th grade in June and he is already enrolled in a trade school in Constanța, low voltage electricians section.
- Florin J. and Alex became of age and Denisa turned 13. Alex chose to leave the program, so on June 20 he said good bye to the rest of the resident boys and Casa Benjamin staff.



- Ștefan got employed with a work contract as a low voltage electrician; Florin P. works in a car wash, Dani and Florin J. worked for a month in a kitchen restaurant – which will help them in the future , as they have only one year of school to go and then will have to look for permanent jobs; Cristi graduated his high school and works in a food store. The process of reintegration into society is started for him, as he thinks it's time for him to be independent.
- On May 1st our resident boys, Denisa and Casa Benjamin staff had a special time with the children and staff from the day centre in Babadag. They got to know each other and socialize, and for the staff was like an exchange of experience.
- As summer holiday is really hot in Constanța, after a few days of chores in the house and working the garden, our boys were regularly rewarded with outings in Constanța, Mamaia resort, City Mall of Constanța - see the pictures below



INSPECTION – On July 16th, our Boys' Group Home was inspected by representatives of nine institutions – all at the same time! – and we passed it well. This control was a national, thematic one and continues the whole month of August.

DAY CARE CENTRE IN CONSTANTA – „CASA ELLEN”

We started this project in partnership with *Viitor* Foundation from Holland, in a house they bought in the southern part of Constanța for this purpose, house that we use based on a bailment contract. We obtained all the authorizations and one-year temporary license to run this service with a capacity of 20 children; we got a good team and started the program in March; the children joyfully come and take part in the activities we run daily, aimed at helping them with their homework, prevent school dropout, offer them a chance to socialize, develop life skills and receive professional counseling in order to overcome crisis or blockage situations.

The official opening of the centre took place on 20th of May, with special guests from Holland and Constanța. The centre is named after a sweet Dutch lady, Ellen, who dearly loved Romanian children. In honor of her name, her daughter and son-in-law unveiled the center's light box. The beneficiaries of *Casa Ellen* had an artistic moment.



SUMMER CAMP - Brădăţel, Haţeg (Hunedoara County)



It took some miracles for us to be able to go with 50 children and teenagers to Brădăţel camp in the first week of July, because in Romania a camp got to be very expensive. It was a wonderful experience for the children from Casa Benjamin, and those from the day centre in Babadag and for the children from Siminoc, as a continuation of the beautiful experience they had from May 1.

We received this blessing thanks to our partners from *Hope Partners International* from the US, who covered most of the expences and our old and faithful partners from *Siloam Christian Ministries* from the UK, who paid for the transportation.

The children had lots of activities, led by our adult staff: personal development sessions, religious education, crafts, trips, hiking, visits to a few places (the monastery where the priest Arsenie Boca is buried, the Castle of the Corvins, the Sarmisegetuza Traian Citadel, the Zoo, the bison rezervation, the water dam). Plus, there were flying fox activities, climbing, basketball and volleyball, and, of course, a camp fire.

All the children and teenagers returned home changed a lot for the better, which encouraged very much their parents and made them open up more and have more confidence in us, as a project.



FAMILIES IN NEED

in cooperation with *The food Bank Constanța* and partners from England (Gratton family), we continued to support families in the villages we go to for many years now. Their need remains, so our help is still needed and we pray to be able to continue our service for these families.



UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Together with our partners from *Hope Partners International* we were able to regularly provide the refugees in Constanța city and its surroundings with basic foods, and cooked food; we organized weekly programs for their children, and took care of everything that implies medical care with trips to medical units for various specialties. In our work we also count on the help of *The Food Bank Constanța*, that provides part of the necessary foods. Some of the ladies/mothers got employed, and some of them already enrolled their children to our Romanian kindergartens/schools.

We continued as a project our mission trips to Ukraine – we went regularly with aid to the war zones – food, drinking water, medicines, clothing and shoes (400 pairs). We also support the ministers from *Schinia* church in Ismail, with whom we had a few projects to minister to the refugees from the war zones.

PRAYER NEEDS

- The children from the needy families - our challenge will be to meet their needs of stationaries and clothing by the beginning of September, so that they would continue with their studies when schools will resume.
- Boys' Group Home "Casa Benjamin" – we pray to find new boys to take in.
- Day care centre in Constanta, Casa Ellen – we pray to be able to double the number of the beneficiaries.
- Day care centre in Murfatlar – we want to reopen it after the break caused by the pandemic - we need to obtain authorizations, to form the team, and make all practical preparations.
- Financial support - we are just a channel, and we do our best to stay clean. We pray God's grace to be poured out through us and please, pray with us to have all the financial resources we need to do His will.

Many people have said they want to take up the 'little and often' challenge, where a dollar or euro or pound each week can make a huge difference to the work, so

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