

P.R.R. newsletter April – October 2022

The time of great changes

Our Lord Jesus told His disciples to feed the crowds. ('You do something and You give them something to eat'). The disciples replied, "We have here only five loads of bread and two fish". And they brought them to Jesus....

We experienced something similar - when the war in Ukraine broke, we were invited and challenged to get involved and we thought, how could we do that? No human resources, no cars, no finances, no any other means to do something, somehow. We were not having enough for our needs, what could we do for the waves of refugees coming every day?...but with God nothing is impossible. We came to our Jesus with what we had and we testified God's greatness, involvement and provision in the last months. Prices went up constantly, but we saw how He made us a channel of blessing for many projects in our County, His hand for those in need. We did that together with other organizations/project that have focused in our area and chose to work with us and through us to be a blessing for many. All the glory belongs to Him!

So in the last months PRR has played an important role in the work with the refugees. This is the reason we were overworked and this prevented us from keeping in touch with you more closely. We tried to have a newsletter some time ago, but we had no choice but to postpone it, as we had to continue to take care of our needy Romanian people. Not only did we continue with our usual activity, but we also added to our involvement locally. We'll share shortly from each area of our work, as we are aware we cannot cover such a long period in a reasonable newsletter.

CASA BENJAMIN

Marian and Robert D. were reintegrated with their natural father and were monitored for more than six months by our social worker. Daniela P., former beneficiary of Casa Anna (married to their brother

and living together with them) is a real support and care taker for them – she cooks for them, assists them with their homework, and watches over them besides the fact that she is a mother for a 2 year old boy and expecting another baby boy. **Florin P** is in his final year (the 8th grade) and he wants to become a mechanic. He chose a trade school and he is preparing for this next stage in his life. **Cristi L**, Florin's brother will graduate high school, a decisive 12th grade. He is preparing to pass the baccalaureate exam. His plans for the future are to get his driving license and go to university. He just celebrated his 18th birthday, at the end of October. **Alex** is also in a final year of a trade school, the 11th grade. All our boys, except for Cristi, commute by train from Murfatlar to Constanta and socialize with city teenagers and are very happy to be more independent. Cristi

commutes by train every week to Bucharest and then to another County to get to his high school. This summer was another important chapter in our boys' lives: summer jobs, experiencing the responsibilities that came with it. Our boys become more responsible, and we are glad to see in them the results of our work. ***Please, pray for them to finish their studies and be able to get good jobs, reasonably paid, and become financially independent.***



CASA ANNA

Major changes happened in the girls' group home's life at the beginning of this year. The reintegration of Ganea sisters, Mihaela și Vasilica, with their mother was finalized and starting with March, for the next six months, the Foundation provided post service monitoring and assisting them materially each month. The sisters joined us in an excursion to the Danube Delta and visited our project on other special occasions. Daniela was also reintegrated with her mother in March and monitored for at least six months. Denisa lives on the same property with Casa Benjamin, in a separate house (where Marian's mother lives) and receives all the care she needs from all the points of view through the staff that takes shifts in Casa Benjamin.

For a while, Casa Anna was a shelter for Ukrainian refugees (mothers and children) by the end of July, when the owner of the house decided to sell the property. ***We've been looking for another house to buy for the girls and resume our activity, but we were not happy with what the real estate market offered so far. The staff of Casa Anna ceased their activity temporarily and will resume when we'll have a new house. We appreciate each prayer for this matter.***



SUMMER CAMPS



teaching, besides the technique learning sessions and training sessions. Some of the children accepted the Lord into their heart. ***Please, pray with us for the seed of The Word that was planted to grow and bring fruit in God's time.***

FAMILIES IN NEED

We continued to periodically assist the 50 families (200 people) in the villages and Constanța city with food and other necessary goods.



RETREAT

Crossing really exceptional times, we prayed that God would grant us a special time together as a team and group of residential children, to consolidate our relationships. He blessed us with a weekend away at the end of May, in Dunavățul de jos village, where Raza Soarelui - Sunlight Association hosted us again (this is the location we used to run summer camps in the previous years).

VISITORS

After two long years of pandemic, this year was a very busy one regarding visitors - we were happy to have again friends and partners from England, Norway, Germany, United States and former PRR employees with whom we ministered to the families in the villages and the Ukrainian refugee. They prayed for the children and their families, organized all sorts of activities, ministered in churches, cooked, delivered food and Bibles, and even they went into missions to Ukraine. After seven years, PRR president, Mr Daniel Mercado, succeeded in coming back to Romania and spend three months with us, the old and the newer PRR staff and residential children. ***Praise God for all those who were able to visit and give us a hand in serving our people here!***

PARTNERSHIPS

Hope Partners International, Adra International, Viitorul Foundation and other Romanian entities became our partners in assisting the poor families in the surrounding villages and the people of Ukraine. After signing our partnership with Hope Partners International, our project was blessed with two new vehicles to carry out all the activities of the Foundation. This is a huge breakthrough for our ministry as we stopped investing in 20 year old vehicles to be fixed again and again. ***We praise The Lord for all those He brings our way!***

UKRAINE



We tried our best in playing our role to help the refugees - through PRR a few locations were arranged to accommodate them in rented homes/flats or at brethren in church/acquaintances who didn't ask for any rent. We keep sending humanitarian aids to Ukraine at least monthly (basic food, medicines, other sanitary materials), in partnership with Hope Partners International. For those assisted locally we were totally involved to provide them with everything they needed (medically, clothing, food, school, transport, mobile phones and laptops for the online classes, obtaining official documents in Romania and abroad for the Ukrainians to get passports). In partnership with Adra International we help 2000 refugees with value tickets.

DAY CARE CENTRE IN SIMINOC

After two years of serving the families in Siminoc village we were able to do more for their children, who were at risk of dropping out school or even end up in the institutional system. Some of them, in the 7th grade don't know how to read or write or do the simplest mathematical operations.... So, in partnership with the town hall in Murfatlar, our team of volunteers and an employed young lady started the program this Monday, using for free the cultural house, after cleaning and arranging the building for this purpose. 26 files were prepared with all the necessary documents for the children attending the program. ***Please, pray the excellent start of this project be a great success in as many years as Our Lord will want to use it.***



ELLA DAY CARE CENTRE IN CONSTANȚA

In partnership with Viitorul Foundation, we are going to start off another day care centre in a house they bought in Constanța for this purpose. 30 children with modest possibilities (split in two even groups) will come there for help with their homework, re-creative activities, reintegration measures. We are making all the arrangements to obtain authorizations, approvals for the building, we work to build a good team to serve there and we try to identify possible beneficiaries. ***Prayers for these steps we are making in this phase are also needed and appreciated!***

THE 25TH PRR CELEBRATION

For our Project, this year was full of important events, but this celebration weighted the most in our hearts, those of us who know PRR as a special family that originated in the heart of God. We remember how so many were not giving us the smallest chance to have an impact in the lives of those living in the streets and canals, but God gave us grace in front of the authorities and all the other people. This vision gathered together individuals and organizations from all over the world for His glory, for the expansion of His Kingdom.

Our God, in His goodness, allowed us to reach this historical date for PRR: August 12, 2022. Former and present beneficiaries, staff and volunteers and our families, friends, partners and officials we all recognized God's hand along all those years upon our lives and activity. Each year was a miracle of His provision.



God is The One who was with us all this time and also many people He prompted to go alongside us for a while. We turn to you, who caught PRR's vision, encouraged and supported us, in your prayers and financially. We turn with gratitude to you, who stayed with us till this moment and to those of you who withdrew for certain reasons, but stayed with us in your hearts. Some said one can leave PRR, but PRR does not leave you...



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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