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Trustees report August 2015

We have been through some big changes in the last few months. Leanda visited Bucharest to observe how effectively our new projects are functioning and to make some decisions about the Small Steps Day Centre. The president of the projects in Romania, Silviu Despa, has been working extremely hard with the children and behind the scenes to ensure our resources are being used as effectively as possible.

Small Steps Day Centre

Unfortunately we have had some problems with the neighbours in the same block of flats. They don't like the kind of children that our day centre is attracting and have begun to scare the children away. Each day the numbers have been dwindling, as the children are too frightened to come. Also the sewage pipes burst for the entire block causing a terrible health hazard. The only way to fix the pipes is for everyone in the block to contribute towards the cost. This is proving very difficult as many of the families cannot pay. Therefore the board has taken the difficult decision to close the centre and sell the apartment. It is not a decision we made lightly and the few children that do still attend the centre are very upset. However this does mean that we can save the money from the sale of the flat to open a centre in a better location and also Silviu can concentrate on our newer projects until a suitable location can be found.

Timotei Cipariu School

Since March, three days a week, our educators have been going to Timotei Cipariu school to work with children from local orphanages and from very poor families who are falling behind in their education. Mihaela and Cristi work hard to help these children understand their homework and ensure they are keeping up with their peers. When the school closed for the summer in June, they began spending more time at the orphanage to keep working the same hours.





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St Maria Orphanage

Twice a week our educators, Cristi and Mihaela, work at this orphanage to provide extra tuition and homework help as the staff do not have the time to offer any assistance at all. There are a lot of children at this orphanage and our educators help as many as they can each week.



Days out and time at home

Many of the children in the orphanage have been there since they were very young. It is a government institution and the rules state that a security guard must lock the children into the building unless they are going to school. Many of the children have never been to the park, to the cinema or even into a normal family home. Silviu and Mihaela take three children every weekend out of the orphanage to give them a treat. Sometimes they take them home for the day and teach them to cook or play the guitar. Other times they take them to the park or for a burger. The children are on a rota so that every child gets the opportunity to do this. As you can imagine, these days out are hugely popular.



The trustees are extremely grateful to all of our regular sponsors who continue to give every month for our work. Also we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that supports our fundraising events and everyone that fundraises on our behalf. We could not offer so much help to others without you.

God bless

Leanda, Megan and Barbara



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