

2011 Spring Update From Livada

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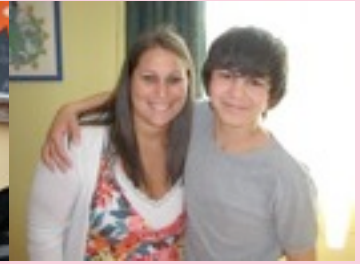
Intern Justin Hendrix at camp



Mira coordinates LOC sponsorship



Renata Nagy at Follow Up Club



Bex and Zorro at Casa Ana-Nadia

Vive La France!

GATIEF Foundation Seeks Partnership With LOC



LOC Executive Director, Viorel Gaga, was approached this week by the GATIEF foundation from France (*Gypsy And Travelers International Evangelical Fellowship*) to consider taking over their ministry facilities (former Gypsy orphan group homes) near Targu Mures. The property could be used by Livada/LOC as an office, hostel for teams, and as a Day Center to expand our current prevention of abandonment efforts amongst the poor in Mures county. Bruce Thomas will be meeting with Rene Zanellato on June 21st to establish the concession contract for this facility. This agreement would allow Livada to save over \$30,000 a year and would also provide new sponsorship from France and England from GATIEF. **Praise the Lord with us and pray for the contract signing to go well next week, Lord willing.**

Missionary Family Preps For USA

McDonnells Wrap Up Their Time in Romania



Jeff, Jenny, and Jack McDonnell have been serving as missionaries in Romania for the past two years. Prior to coming on staff, they had been multiple times to Romania as volunteers on short term trips. Jeff has served as our Director of Ministry, helping to disciple the LOC kids, and has aided in the leadership of LOC by serving on our Executive Council. Jenny has also helped to disciple LOC kids and has served as our Sponsorship Coordinator. She will be officially handing that responsibility off to Mira Pogaceanu in July. Jeff and Jenny have also helped raise up Romanian staff members to continue and expand the discipleship of orphans. Dan Rotar and Gabi Simon will continue where the McDonnells have left off. Please pray for their transition back to Texas in late July. They will be dearly missed by all of the kids and staff.

"I lift up my eyes to the hills- where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth"

Psalm 121: 1-2



The Spring staff picnic included staff and kids from LOC Group Homes, Foster Care, Orphan Outreach, Prevention of Abandonment, Counseling, Social Work, Mentor Apartment, & the LOC office. LOC has 42 Romanian staff members, cares for 27 kids, and 28 orphan graduates. Livada also serves over 700 vulnerable kids in Mures county in Transylvania, Romania through weekly Christian outreach clubs, humanitarian aid, counseling, educational support, pro-adoption lobbying efforts, and through local church partnerships.



Child Sponsors Visit From New Jersey

Livada could not operate if it were not for ministry partners like the Fairthorne family. Tom, Geisellen, and Tim Fairthorne recently spent their Spring Break in Romania ministering to the LOC kids they co-sponsor and to other orphans and at-risk Gypsy kids in Targu Mures. Tom has been to Romania several times now and was recruited by former missionary Dana Schiavo Cortright. We sincerely thank God for their sacrificial investment in prayer and personal resources to bless the children/teens we serve in Jesus' name.

If you or someone you know would be interested in joining a sponsorship team for a vulnerable child, please contact us directly at sponsorship@livada.org or by calling our office at 972.941.4416 or by giving online at www.livada.org.



Co-sponsors Tom, Geisellen, and Tim Fairthorne with LOC kid Emese Ionas at Casa Rebeca This Spring.



Livada Receives Top Charity Rating 2011

Over the past two years Livada has received stamps of approval from the ECFA, Guidestar, and is currently finishing up Ministry Ventures certification. This Spring Livada received word that we had been rated as a "Top Nonprofit" by GreatNonprofits.com because of the reviews that past mission trip participants had sent in about us. It is always a blessing to have visitors come to co-labor with us. Thank God with us for this wonderful honor and the amazing LOC/Livada staff that made all of our "customers" so happy!



Recruiting at CAFO

Each year Livada attends the Christian Alliance For Orphans conference to network and recruit new teams, sponsors, and missionaries. This year the CAFO was held in Louisville, KY. We are always looking for opportunities to share about what the Lord is doing in Romania to build His kingdom. Please let us know if we could share about Livada at your church, school, chapel, or organization to recruit others to help change the lives of orphans.



Pray For Mentor Apt

Our oldest "boys" are Marian, Cornel, and Adi. They are struggling to know how to transition into independence and how to control their emotions as they learn to live on a tight budget, work hard, and follow Christ in a liberal pagan culture that surrounds them. Pray for these young men to walk in light of God's Truth and for God's peace that passes all understanding to guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Please Consider Helping Us Care For These 700 Vulnerable Kids Now with the direct donation option online at livada.org.

1) Click on livada.org 2) Click on Giving/Donate Now tab 3) Change the life of an orphan forever.

OR by returning the slip below.

* **This is my MONTHLY PLEDGE:**

- ___ \$20/month (supports 2 kids in **Orphan Outreach** Clubs)
- ___ \$40/month (supports 4 kids in **Prevention of Abandonment** Clubs)
- ___ \$60/month (supports a full day of ministry to 15 **abandoned babies**)
- ___ \$100/month (supports a **LOC kid** for 5 days of full time family care)
- \$ ___ /month (to support Livada **missionary** named: _____)
- \$ ___ /month for _____ **ministry program**
- \$ ___ /month for **Where Needed Most To Help Orphans**

I want to give a SPECIAL GIFT NOW:

- ___ \$133 **one time** (provides a campership for one orphan)
- ___ \$1000 **one time** (provides 100 birthday gifts to 100 orphans)
- ___ \$6600 **one time** (provides a year of family style care for one LOC kid)
- \$ ___ **one time for Where Needed Most To Help Orphans**
- ___ I am enclosing a check
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***Please place this response card in the pre-addressed Livada envelope. Please note your gift designation in the memo line of your donation.**

Thank you for your support!



...A planting of the LORD for the display of His splendor. Isaiah 61:3

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