



NARCISA, COSTI, NICUSOR AT CASA JULIANA 2015

# The Livada Orphan Care Quarterly

FALL 2015 and 2016 FUTURE PLANS

## THE NEXT GENERATION OF LOC KIDS!

We are beginning our 15th year of ministry this month! As we turn over this new leaf, we have begun taking in the next generation of LOC kids while still helping our first generation of teens/young adults transition into stable independence.

Casa Juliana opened one year ago and the kids are going through the healing process. Sergiu's heart is completely healed! Ilinka is now finally beginning to talk (at age four after years of neglect). Narcisa will be with a foster to adopt family we have recruited by the end of the year. Hopefully Alexandra can be placed with Alex and Nicu in early 2016. Nicusor had a disrupted

foster placement and returned to Casa Juliana. We are pursuing families for all NINE KIDS but need help finding sponsors for them as they are staying longer than initially anticipated. Pray with us for that.

Simultaneously, Casa Rebeca has been renovated but stands empty until we can rally the \$66K needed upfront to take in 8-10 more orphans. (\$550/month/child) We have the building, the trained staff, the goods needed, but lack the ongoing monthly/annual support to help us refill this home with kids needing a safe place (LOC) to belong until they are placed into a forever family.

Please pray for this next generation of LOC kids to be healed while they are in our group homes before they are prayerfully placed into foster and adoptive families.



Ilinka begins to speak



Alexandra awaiting placement in 2016



Nine kids at Casa Juliana Therapeutic Transition Home

## GEZA MUSTA: *The Unexpected College Student*



Our recent high school graduate, Geza Musta, is now Geza the university student, employed IT specialist, and, of course, also known as "DJ BloBlo." Geza's gift of Asperger's Syndrome has given him some unexpected advantages as he begins to learn independent living skills. He led worship at the fall retreat like a champ and is involved in his local church and Bible study.

Please keep him and our other orphan grads in your prayers as they attempt to find their way as young adults and as Christ followers in Romania.

## Corrupt Romanian Government Falls:

### *The Amazing Effect of Prayer*

Just days before our national conference for the Romania Without Orphans Alliance (ARFO Summit), the Romanian Prime Minister resigned causing the current corrupt government to fall. We have been praying for this for years! Now there will be a chance for a new government "minister" to oversee the National Child Welfare department AND to suggest amending the current law. Three of our guest speakers were influential government leaders who will be part of the new regime.

Please pray with us for better laws to protect vulnerable kids AND for adoption rights to be respected and re-opened.



Professional Lobbyist, Liviu Mihaeleanu, Speaks at ARFO Summit

## LOC Teens/Grads Turn Over New Leaves



Our annual LOC Family Retreat was filled with Divine appointments. We talked about "turning over a new leaf" spiritually and were challenged to find a way to spend time alone with Him more this fall.



Pray that we will all be led to "plant by streams of living water" this fall through Bible studies, local church involvement, and quiet times alone with God.

*That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers. Psalm 1:3*

## More Than Ever Before:

### God's Word Going Forth



In the history over the past 15 years, we have never had such open opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with so many kids. Orphan Outreach clubs have been given unprecedented unlimited access to teach the Bible to orphans in state care. Small group/discipleship groups have formed for older orphans and we even have a weekly Bible Study for our volunteers that packs out an apartment.

**Please keep this amazing movement in your prayers and pray that it will continue to bear fruit that will last.**



## Who Knew?

### Staff Members Reveal Their Own Orphan Stories



During our annual Fall Staff Planning Retreat, visitors Kerri Dunkelberger and Jessica Valdez from OliveCrest.org in California, challenged our staff to know and own their stories so that they could help the kids we serve own theirs. Julianna, our new Foster to Adopt director, opened up and shared her story of being adopted herself. None of her colleagues had previously known this. Thereafter, new psychologist Anamaria shared that she also had been adopted after spending the first seven years of her life in a baby orphanage! The big revelations of Julianna and Anamaria created such a vibrant atmosphere of vulnerability and helped us pray and plan through the best ways to help the orphans we serve through 2020.

**Pray for the LOC staff and missionaries to have unity and many opportunities to share their stories this fall and winter.**

We are beginning the 15th year of Livada. We now have eight departments of ministry:

- Group homes
- Cradle care
- Orphan grad care
- Caregiver training
- Foster to adopt ministry
- Administration, child sponsorship, and project development
- Prevention of abandonment ministry to the Roma
- Orphan outreach clubs and camps

**Please pray with us through some of these plans listed on the back page of this newsletter.**

# BACK PAGE WAYS TO ENGAGE

## GET YOUR ELF OFF THE SHELF! CHRISTMAS ELVES URGENTLY NEEDED

We need your help here at the end of 2015 to help us recruit volunteers for 2016 **AND** to help us survive and thrive as we care for, heal, and evangelize all of these great kids. Will you be the elf who gets off the shelf to help us this season? We need you to pray, give, go, and share about Livada like never before. Please consider helping in any of the following strategic, holistic ways:

- SUMMER TEAMS and INDIVIDUALS to come to RO with us in 2016— It will change your life. [missiontrips@livada.org](mailto:missiontrips@livada.org)
- SUMMER INTERNS—Please send the college student that comes to mind an email and ask them to contact [internships@livada.org](mailto:internships@livada.org)
- NEW CHILD SPONSORSHIP TEAMS to bring in a NEW generation of LOC Kids who are waiting [sponsorship@livada.org](mailto:sponsorship@livada.org)
- YEAR END SUPPORT to help Livada survive AND thrive. Will you be the one? [giving@livada.org](mailto:giving@livada.org) with questions OR directly online [livada.org/giving](http://livada.org/giving)
- AMAZON SMILE SHOPPING at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) for the Christmas Season by choosing Livada Orphan Care as your charity of choice and they will send us .05% of your purchases!
- PUT UP AN ORPHAN TREE at your office or church to pay for an orphan's Christmas gifts [info@livada.org](mailto:info@livada.org)
- Give cash OR assets like vehicles, electronics, jewelry, stocks, land, etc. to Livada via our NEW website powered by iDonate. [livada.org/giving](http://livada.org/giving)
- New Prayer List for November-December-January is online—We've got to pray just to make it today. No other way. Will you pray for us and with us? [livada.org/prayer](http://livada.org/prayer)

*Call to me and I will answer you and show you great and unsearchable things you do not know. Jeremiah 33:3*



Nicisor and 20 other kids need sponsors to join their sponsorship teams.



The "little house" has served us well since 2004. It has been a special needs school house, counseling office, computer lab, and storage space. But it's time of usefulness has come to an end.



Niss leads one of many literacy clubs teaching Roma kids how to read AND helping them to stay in school.



Abandoned babies are still living in the hospitals until we can find families to take them in. Pray for more families and funds for 2016 placements.

We have exciting opportunities to build God's kingdom through the platform of orphan care like never before. Will you help us build this next level of ministry? The following is a list of the 2016 ways you can help— Big needs you, your family, your church, or your company can fulfill this Christmas:

- Casa Rebeca next generation seed funding \$66K needed so kids can be chosen and moved in to the house we already have prepared!
- Renovation of LOC office (\$125K) to better administrate AND ...
- Renovation of our first group home to be a group home again \$30K
- Child Sponsors Needed for 20 LOC kids: \$550/month OR \$6600/year per child. Currently 34 still in care or receiving transitional help. 41 graduates. Any amount can be given towards this total goal of \$132K

**THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!**