

# Broken Heart Ministries Foundation, Inc.

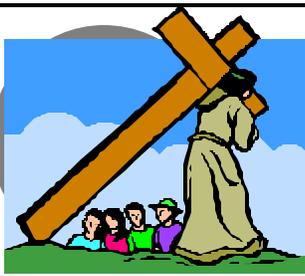
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*"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For the salvation of the children, and people, of Romania.
- For God's continual guidance in the decision-making process and the planning for Broken Heart Ministries.
- That God will maintain His protective shield around the orphans, and all the children, in Romania.
- For God's peace and comfort to continue to hold each member of the McDannel family closer and closer to Him.
- A smooth transition for the McDannel's move to Bucharest in summer, 2003.



Dean, Christi, Sean and Marius in Bucharest  
*Dean and Sean McDannel with two of their closest friends, Christi and Marius, who live in a Romanian orphanage.*

## CORPORATION ORGANIZATION UPDATE

Broken Heart Ministries Foundation, Inc., held its first Board of Directors meeting in January. The Board includes: Jon Stevenson; Theresa Frazier; Bruce Underwood; Adrian Selaghi; Renee McDannel; and Luke McDannel. Jon and Theresa have both served in Romania on short term mission teams. Bruce leads the "Christmas in Romania" program through Calvary Chapel, Huntington Beach, and has served in Romania many times. Adrian, who is Romanian, lives in Bucharest. He is the Director of ROCK Ministries and also serves as Assistant Pastor at Open Heaven Calvary Chapel, Bucharest. Renee and Luke are the founders of Broken Heart Ministries.

The strength of the Board lies in its mutual submission to Christ as the guiding force in their individual lives, and in their work for Broken Heart Ministries.

## WEBSITE - "GRAND OPENING"

Broken Heart Ministries is excited to announce the "grand opening" of its website on April 1, 2003!

The web address is [www.BrokenHeartMinistries.com](http://www.BrokenHeartMinistries.com).  
Please visit the site and invite others to visit it as well.

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To serve God's children in Romania

# Romania - Bine Ati Venit! (Welcome)

Romania has a population of approximately 23 million people. Romania's 91,699 square miles are nestled between the borders of Hungary to the northwest, Yugoslavia to the southwest, Bulgaria on the south, Black Sea in the southeast, Moldova in the northeast, and the Ukraine in the north. Bucharest, the capital, is the largest city in Romania.

Christianity in Romania dates back to the early 1800s. Many cathedrals circa 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century testify to the rich religious heritage of the country. While many Christian denominations can be found in Romania, the Romanian Orthodox Church is the primary religion.

Historically, the Romanian family has been a strong presence in the country with extended families living in close proximity to the nuclear units. Education has a high priority in the culture. There are universities in the Romanian cities of Brasov, Bucharest, Cluj, Craiova, and Timisoara.

## **WE COVET YOUR PRAYERS!!!**

Broken Heart Ministries, and the McDannel family, covet your prayers. Please keep us in your daily prayer life. Specific prayer requests are in the left-hand column on the front page of this newsletter.

*"In prayer continue ye, watching in it in thanksgiving; praying at the same time also for us, that God may open to us a door for the Word, to speak the secret of Christ ..."*

**Colossians 4:2-3**

## **COMING APRIL 1, 2003:**

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[www.BrokenHeartMinistries.com](http://www.BrokenHeartMinistries.com)

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In December, 1989, in Timisoara, Romania, civil disobedience resulted in revolution against the regime of Dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. He was summarily deposed and executed along with his wife. Under Ceausescu's rule the country had been brought to the brink of bankruptcy. **In addition, many families who had complied with the government mandate to have five children per family found they were unable to care for the children. The government's response was to have the families turn the children over to state run orphanages.**

Since the revolution, the Romanian economy has struggled to transition to a market-based economy. Privatization of state run institutions has been slow and corruption has been a problem. **Thus, the number of children in the orphanages has steadily increased over the past five years.** At present there is a current government initiative to close all the orphanages by 2007. Romania has a constitution, which was founded in 1991 and is governed by a parliamentary republic. The president is elected by majority vote and serves a four-year term. The president appoints the Prime Minister, who in turn, appoints the cabinet. The country has 40 administrative districts.

The Romanians have a proud heritage. Among their legacy are some of these great names: Composer George Enescu; Sculptor Constantin Brancusi; Playwright Eugene Ionesco; Gymnast Nadia Comaneci; and Tennis Player Ilie Nastase.

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