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...For You created everything, and it is for Your pleasure that they exist & were created. Revelation 4:11

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LIFE STYLE REDESIGN

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In August 2005, Fundatia Broken Heart began serving the orphans at Pinocchio, an orphanage in Bucharest which serves

children who were previously living on the streets and in the sewers of the city. God is so faithful to bring us new challenges to increase our faith.

We started off by conducting 33 occupational therapy evaluations in order to make a selection of 15 children to begin project 'Life Style Redesign'. Both individual and group therapy sessions are provided to help the children gain developmental competencies. For the younger children these competencies focus on Activities of Daily Living, attention, concentration, Social skills and character development. For our older children, the emphasis is on leadership development, goal setting, problem-solving, decision making, time management, self-esteem and avocational tasks that develop communication skills and social community based competencies.

By February 2006 we saw the fruit of the endeavors as the younger children began to internalize the routines and expectations of the tasks they were assigned to do. The pragmatics of saying, "please" and "thank you", along with a reduction in verbal and physical aggression was a delight to see. The children are attending to issues of personal hygiene, demonstrating respect for instructors, and peers. A behavioral modification program has been instituted within the program and is being piloted as a potential tool for use by all the educators in the facility as they work with their little ones.

Everyone is excited to see the anticipation on the children's faces as they enter their occupational therapy sessions, and to see the progress they have made.

God shows up ...on the faces of children.

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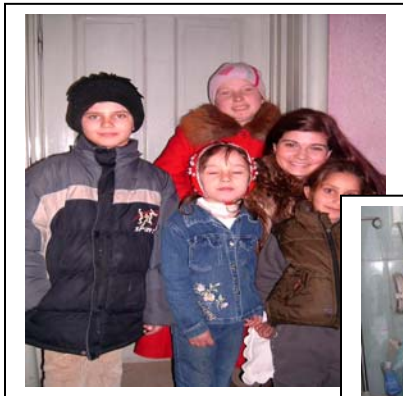
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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Pinocchio: Our prayer is that God would multiply the children's positive experiences and that the children will begin to generalize these experiences and behaviors into other areas such as their interpersonal skills in the community and challenge their academic performance. In an attempt to foster these performance areas, the children have been paired with mentors who are students from the local Architecture University, some of which were former orphans themselves. This strategic stewardship of relationship building is all volunteer labor, and we thank each of the faithful mentors who have generously given their time to bring a quality of life difference into the lives of the children. They meet with the students on a regular basis and encourage them to make positive changes in their attitudes and ways of thinking about school and themselves. We believe that this much needed one-on-one experience will give the children the needed attention that they have longed for, and serve to boost their self-esteem.

Also, Cristina Malit, SLP joined our volunteer staff on the abandoned baby's unit to provide language stimulation.

Three New Projects



Tudor Severine



Neonatal Intensive Care Unit



USC

Master Occupational Therapy Students



1. Program Development Report

First, we thank God for opening the doors for us to be apart of HIS wonderful work that HE has planned for us to do here in Romania. This past quarter was wonderful! Three new projects were launched with great excitement and joy. Magda Balica, of the Research Institute of Science and Education and Dr. McDannel, newly appointed associate professor in the department of Medicine and Pharmacology at the University of Bucharest, spent the first weekend in February doing some action field research to explore the work that Ramona Gheru is doing in the village of Danceau. Ramona has assembled 100 kids in the Roma village and has been teaching them to read and write. But, above all she has been teaching them that they have a God given right to maximize their potentials to achieve great things in life. The net result of the research was to facilitate local collaborations and to formulate a funding proposal to secure the necessary financing for Ramona to enhance the facilities and services she is providing for the children.

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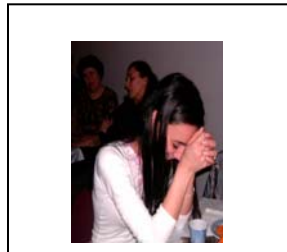
2. Neonatal Intensive Care Unit~ On December 20, 2005, a program development project was initiated between Fundatia Broken Heart and the Panet Surbu Obstetrics and Gynecology Hospital to develop occupational therapy services on the NICU and the Early Intervention Follow-Up Clinic at the hospital. This is a wonderful opportunity to integrate occupational therapy services into the main hospital systems.

3. USC Field Work Level I~ It was with much joy and anticipation that the Master Level Occupational Therapy Students from the University of Southern California arrived to participate in their first International Field Work Level I experience. This also marked the first occupational therapy field work to be offered in Romania. We all enjoyed the excitement of being able to be a part of the wonder of it all! The students had a rich experience as they worked in several settings; World Vision International Early Intervention Out-Patient clinic; special education kindergarden; NICU; and, were able to make a day trip to the village to do home evaluation and observe how families cope with providing services for their children in rural settings. Moved by the experience, the students have all vowed to return after they graduate and help make a difference in Romania.

Focus on the power of God to change lives....



Maria has been steadily employed for four months, and is beginning to express and demonstrate more respect and discipline in her life. Maria just returned from a well earned short missions trip to Paris and is ready to start studying for exams.



Denisa has also been showing Signs of maturing in her relationship with others and God.



Ana will be completing her pharmacy her exam. Learning that God is not Santa for us and desires a sincere relationship internalize for these girls, but by God's being transformed more and more when He created them.

school this spring and sitting for Claus but one who deeply cares has not been an easy concept to grace & mercy, everyday they are into the image God had in mind



Marius is currently applying for Fall Admission to Abelen Christian Universtiy, where he will major in Bible and languages. He is quite content to see God's Will and is not anxious about the application process.

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