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DAN'S ADVENTURE TO ROMANIA

My journey to Romania was one of my greatest adventures. After teaching World History for almost twenty years, I was now able to see Eastern Europe and the sights I had taught about. As reported in our last news letter, I left from San Antonio, Texas for Bucharest, Romania on April 3rd to walk alongside a CTEN missionary couple for two weeks.

My flight over the Atlantic was long; over ten hours to Zurich. I thought the Colorado Rockies were spectacular until I witnessed the Swiss Alps from the air. After a short lay over, I traveled to Bucharest where I was greeted by my host, Mike Boisvert. We then traveled on an exhilarating journey by car to a quaint village called Rasvad, located in the "hill country" of the Carpathian Mountains. We crossed the famous Danube River which flows through Europe and composes much of Romania's southern border. Grape vineyards dotted the agrarian countryside.

I learned quickly that people drive very differently than in the small town of Kerrville. For you Texans, its like driving in Houston traffic on I-10 during rush hour, yet worse.

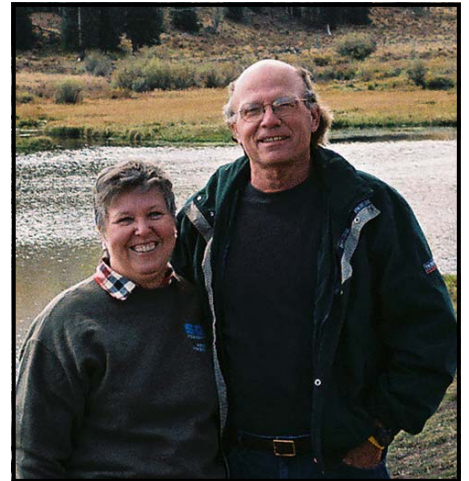
Upon arrival, I met Mike's wife, Phyllis and settled into to my simple room in the Family Center, which is another name for an orphanage. I began to learn much about the country and its people at

the dining table. The lunch meal is traditionally the main meal of the day and is served early afternoon. The meal was very Rumanian, simple and tasty. Romanians eat a lot of sausage, carrots, onions, radishes and broccoli, with cabbage at most meals and a garlic sauce called "musney". I ate so much of the garlic sauce that I woke myself up during the middle of the night smelling it on my breath.

A YWAM intern, who worked at the Family Center during the week, had lunch with us. Her name was Claudia. She was learning how to run a Family Center and do the administrative work that accompanies taking care of the children.

Two families live in the center, one living upstairs with their two children and three orphans in their care. The couple I was ministering with lived down stairs with their adopted daughter and two additional orphans. The children at the Family Center are well fed and cared for.

The ministry of working with



orphans is very difficult. Abandoned children are a significant problem in Romania. There are over 20,000 abandoned children under the age of 16 in a country about the size of Oregon. Mike said that there is an average of 15 abandoned babies in the hospital every month in the nearby city of Targoviste, alone. The abortion rate is the highest in Europe and one of the highest in the world. Only China and Viet Nam have higher abortion rates.

Coupled with 50+ percent unemployment and a 20+ percent inflation rate, the economy is not in good shape to say the least. The average income for those who are employed is less than \$6.00 per day. We complain of the high cost of gasoline while Romanians pay over \$4 per gallon. The country has been free from Ceausescu's reign and the grip of Communism since 1989, yet the people still do

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Mike and Phyllis Boisvert oversee the operations of the Family Center in Rasvad, Romania. Their daughter, Michaela, is nine years old.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Financial provision

Missionaries and others we minister to

Intercessors who will pray for us and our family

Jude & Jane as they prepare for the mission field

Dan's Adventure continued:

not posses the economic and political freedom they thought they would when freed from Communism. Not to say that there has been no change, but by the standards of most European countries Romania is still extremely poor. The hope of the people is seen in uniting with the European Union in the next few years.

I was asked to speak to a group of about 20 students going through a basic Christian doctrines course. I spoke on the need for the healing of one's heart and prayer counseling. These young people were cell leaders and young pastors. They were very receptive to my message and hungry for the truths of God's Word. When I made the statement, through an interpreter, that the hope of the Romanian people was not in joining the European Union but in embracing the love of Jesus Christ, they stood up and clapped.

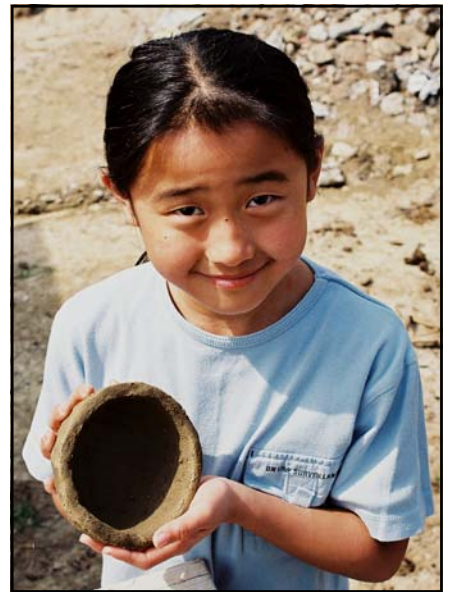
Allen Taylor, a missionary from Australia, asked us to come back in October to do training with this group. Nearly all Romania's claim to be Christians: about 85% belong to the Romania Orthodox Church, 6% are Roman Catholic, 3% Greek Orthodox, and a small percentage are Evangelical Christians. There is great need for ministry in the country, especially among the orphans and Gypsy population.

Thank you for you prayer covering while I was gone for it was certainly felt.

Dan



One of the children playing in the yard at the Family Center.



Dan taught Micheala to make a pinch pot..
















CTEN MISSIONARIES STAY AT MOUNT HOREB HOUSE


 While Dan was in Romania, we had two CTEN couples visit
 

 Mount Horeb House. Roger and Rhonda Euceda who serve
 

 in Costa Rica were here for almost a week with their two
 

 young children, Josiah and Rachael. The following weekend
 

 our friends from Oaxaca, Mexico, Frank and Mary Lou
 

 Ticknor, made a two day stop over at our cottage.
 















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