



Romanian Handicapped Ministries sends spring greetings to old and new friends in the name of the Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord!

❑ Great Camp – 2002

RHM's camp in Constanta, Romania was held later than usual in the very hot summer, due to circumstances beyond our control. As it is reported every year, it was again announced as "the best camp ever." Activities were held in the mornings rather than the steamy afternoons to better accommodate the temperature tolerances of the children. As well as having real fun being with other kids, several more received Christ and learned truths that will stay with them always!

❑ Increased Vision

Vision for mission increases with personal experience. RHM Board members Ed Swartzentruber and Dan Loesch gained even more excitement and dedication when they personally viewed Constanta and saw first-hand the city and homes of the ones we love.

John Busemeyer, our in-house building consultant and Board member-at-large, went with Jerry Skinner to Constanta and met with Adrian Olariu, our construction supplier, the man with whom God has blessed us in realizing the Call we feel. Together they discussed advantageous alterations to the Christian Day Center construction plans.

❑ Abundantly Above...!

RHM now has Romanian employees on site in Constanta! Attorney Silviu Ghereben and his wife, pediatrician Dr. Gabriella (Gabi) Ghereben have come on board as official RHM Ministry Directors in Constanta. At this point in time, the professional skills of them both are on involuntary hold, therefore they plan to be in the U.S. this summer receiving hands-on training/experience focused specifically on the needs of children whose lives are limited by their various special needs. This will be at the excellent Camp Echoing Hills, Warsaw, OH. If visas allow, their 3 children will come, as will Silviu's mother to oversee the children while Silviu and Gabi will be on call 24-hours a day. Before returning to Romania, they will attend a Labor Day weekend Romanian-American Baptist conference in Cleveland, OH, where Silviu and Gabi will be able to present RHM's work from a Romanian's point of view and in the Romanian language.

❑ Music and Munoz!

March 22 brought the opportunity to meet and visit with Hall of Fame football great, Anthony Munoz, as well as to hear an outstanding concert by Marco Pangalo and The Upper Room Band. God blessed us with fine entertainment as well as a generous love offering at Faith Evangelical Free Church in Milford, OH.

❑ Vision Trip Planned

In order to introduce people who are unfamiliar with RHM's mission, as well as friends who are already acquainted with it and the children to whom we minister, we hope you will join with us and Anthony Munoz on a vision trip currently planned to be during our Camp Week, (June 23-27). Prospective supporters will have the opportunity to see camp activities, meet "our kids," and visit some of their homes. You will see the limited facilities and provisions the government grants them, and their level of existence in villages. You will have a fresh understanding of their need to have someone to offer them a hope and a future!

Though they have so little, you will come to love people who are among the most hospitable you will find anywhere on earth. (We suggest that you do not highly admire any of their possessions, as they are likely to give them to you!)

This vision trip will include a couple of days of sight seeing in a European city (yet to be determined) to help travelers re acclimate to western life before entering the United States. It can be a shock for some.

If you would like to avail yourselves of this stirring trip, please contact RHM at the address you see at the end of this letter. Be certain that you will return home a different person - more appreciative than ever of the blessings God has bestowed upon you!

☐ Florida Romanian-American Baptist Conference

In February, RHM Board members Steve Jones and Ed Swartzentruber were warmly welcomed at a Hollywood/Ft. Lauderdale, FL conference of 30 Romanian-American Baptist Churches. There, they met personal friends of our own friends, Silviu Ghereben and Adrian Olariu. They were asked to present to the group some information on the nature of RHM's ministry in Constanta. Also, they were invited to come to the March Ro-Am Baptist Youth Missions conference in Cleveland, OH. Steve Jones and Jerry Skinner were able to accept the invitation and represent RHM there.

Please pray for RHM:

- ☞ For traveling safety and accommodations for this summer's team. Military troops currently occupy our usual lodging and camp location!
- ☞ For discernment in developing and staffing this Christian Day Center facility for ministry to physical, emotional, social and spiritual need.
- ☞ That God will inspire understandable, fun and practical ways to express the love of Christ to children with special needs, and their parents/caregivers.
- ☞ That God will meet RHM's financial needs.
- ☞ That God will impress on specifically talented people of His choice to serve Him as RHM Board members.
- ☞ Praise God with us for His past and future provision and protection! We believe that He who began a good work in us will continue it until it is completed on the very day Jesus Christ appears. (Phil. 1:6) Amen!

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