

NEWSLETTER

Dear Supporters,

We would like to thank you for all your support during the year gone by. Hopefully you understand how meaningful it is to help children and young people who otherwise would not have a chance. It is a great privilege to be able to give them a hope!

Csaba

Csaba lives at the half-way home, Brândusa, and enjoys it very much. When he comes home from work he is usually found cutting grass and tidying up outside the house. Sometimes he gets the other boys and girls to help him. In the Spring they would like to plant seeds and grow flowers. "I wish I had rakes, shovels and such things. My dream is a wheelbarrow", says Csaba. "I look around and think how nice it could be".

Csaba is working for Marghita town's environment and planning office. He is part of a team that is looking after the parks and keeping the pavements clean and he is proud of his job. He also says that he moved into Brândusa when it opened in Spring 2009. Before that, he lived with a friend in an apartment in town but there were problems with neighbours.

"When I finished school at Cadea, I was told that I was coming to the transit home in Marghita, which made me so happy! Following two and half years in the transit

home I lived in my little cabin/hut, which I loved!

I lived at the orphanage in Popesti for eight years. I came there in 1993 and I remember when the Swedes came and put concrete on our muddy playground. At that time we were living in the classrooms. I was crying when I moved to Cadea.

I sometimes think how my mum could leave me? I do not know my parents. They used to take me home sometimes before I came to Popesti but I do not remember this. I am praying to God for a family and a home of my own one day."



Csaba at the halfway home, Brândușa



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Accountant

Lidia Zmole is our accountant and she is thankful for all supporters! "It is a wonder the fact that money is coming in every month" she says. "I am not worried but in 2008 I really wondered what was going to happen. Since then I have not been anxious because I have seen how God has helped. Sometimes we do not have money until the very day it is time to pay. We are very careful how we use the money. All spending, small and big, are checked thoroughly. The accountancy is very important. Every receipt, every invoice, all bank errands, well, everything has to be registered and put through control once a year. It is also important to keep check on the things arriving on the trucks as well as the things going out of the depot to different places. There is also a lot of paperwork with 42 employees but I am amazed every time I see that there is enough money for the salaries. Most of

our support comes from Sweden but we also have faithful givers in other countries such as USA, UK, Holland etc.

Lidia received the opportunity to work as secretary in 2006. "I knew of Casa Alba as a neighbour family had adopted a child from there, a girl who is loved in the whole village. I did not know more but I really liked FCE from the first moment". Lidia took over the accountancy responsibility in 2007 when the former accountant moved abroad. "It was hard to start with but I like the work" says Lidia who, in 2009, was elected onto FCE's board and leadership that consists of Lars Gustavsson, Valentina Ferche and Lidia Zmole.

It is nearly two years ago since we opened our catering kitchen and it is Lidia who is responsible for it. "Together with the cooking ladies I plan a two weekly menu. There is a soup and a main course every day. I also order food for the remaining meals for our projects. Approximately 100 portions are prepared every day and taken out to the transit/family homes (inc. Casa Silvia), the half-way home as well as the special needs schools. New for this Autumn is the Day Centre for the disabled young people who have finished school. They also receive food.

In my work I come into contact with the children and young people we have in our different projects. I would like to see them more in their spare time and be a support for them."

Lidia now lives in Marghita with her husband and two year old son.



Lidia Zmole, accountant

The Day centre

The day centre has tentatively started and we would like to take the opportunity and ask for activity materials. We need good and simple sewing machines, material, laces, thread, coloured paper, PVA glue, thick candles (preferably white), wooden frames, glass vases, flower pots, boxes, serviette holders and other things in wood to glue serviettes on. There are also some craft activities taking place in the transit/family homes and the thought is that the produce will be for sale.

Transit/family homes

Some changes have taken place in the transit/family homes this year. Small children have replaced young people when they have left. The ages vary between 1-22 years old, which we see as positive for all those involved. The older ones learn a lot and the younger ones always have big sisters and brothers around. The youngest one is Claudiu who has just turned one. He has just gone through his first corrective surgery for his cleft lip and pallet which was successful. All the other children and young people in the transit/family homes attend school and need a lot of help with their home work.

Thank you so much for sharing the burden with us! Please also share the joy with us! Joy for those children who are receiving a chance of a dignified life.

In addition to the fact that all raised funds are monitored and accounted for extremely carefully, it may also be to your interest that none of these funds raised, in any way, go to volunteers and missionaries. Everyone coming to Marghita to work is obliged to raise sufficient funds to cover all their costs. Also, fundraising and accountancy in

Sweden takes place on a voluntary basis. Administration costs are very low! This should reassure you when you raise support and find new supporters for FCE.



Little Claudiu together with transit mother in Marghita, Mariana

We wish you all a lovely Advent period and wonderful Christmas and New Year celebration!

***Warm greetings
from FCE***

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Jesus, Matt 25:40

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