

# NEWSLETTER

## Dear Supporters!

"When I look back on the things that have taken place in FCE's work in the last 20 years, I am deeply moved by people's generosity. When a charity such as FCE is completely reliant on donations, you always live with the risk of the money not being enough. In spite of this, I still see clearly how God has always had everything under control.

We have now reached a point where the incoming money is not enough. The urgent need, I strongly believe, can be met with your help. However, another task then arises: to secure financial support for the future for the day to day ministry.

My plea to you is to do your utmost to spread the message of the acute need and help us come up with ideas on how we can improve the economy for the future as quickly as possible! It would be great if companies could be found who are willing to sponsor. Where are they?

We want to be put in touch with people who are willing to help, companies, charities, foundations, churches, Rotary and Lions clubs etc.

If everyone who has been to Marghita and seen the work would become a regular donor and get one more person to join with them, we would not have a lack of financial resources. Become a regular donor now! If you are already a regular donor then perhaps

try to find one more to join you. Perhaps you are able to increase the amount you are giving?

Thank you for your support, generosity and understanding!"

*Lars Gustavsson*



### Lunch break at camp building site

During the Spring we have had many visitors in Marghita and the guest and volunteer house has been fully booked! It is a nice atmosphere and everyone is willing to help out. Many are working frantically to complete the camp building in Chişlaz. The dream is becoming fulfilled thanks to earmarked donations destined for the camp building as well as all the brilliant construction teams!

It is truly fascinating to see different gifts and abilities in action! Here are some words from some of the people who have visited about their experience.



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## Project Work

“I decided to do a project in my final year of school with the focus on helping other people as I felt that I, a 19 year old girl from a little Swedish town could make the difference. I also wanted to prove that you do not need more than persistence and a good heart to be able to help. You do not need to be somebody in a senior position or possess loads of money.

I sent out approximately 80 letters to companies mainly asking for stationery items needed for schools. Few companies responded but the ones that did supported me fully and I received many items that were then sent on a truck to Marghita. Now I am here in Marghita together with my mum and we are distributing the stationery items to schools and places of need.

Being here in Marghita is better than I could possibly imagine, not least of all the lovely and good hearted volunteers who I stay with. The construction team consists of 18 people all lovely in their own and individual way. I know I will come back here, no doubt! Those receiving the material were extremely happy and it did not matter that we did not understand each others’ languages, their smiles said it all! I have achieved my goal, I have made a difference!”

*Emma Brundin, 19, Sweden*



Emma giving out material at the school

## Construction Teams

“My wife and I came to Romania and Hungary on a coach trip back in 2003. One of trip’s destinations was Marghita. We visited FCE’s different homes for abandoned children and I was moved by all that was being done for these children. The following Autumn we came on a construction team trip and were doing different construction work tasks.

This is now my seventh trip here and this time we are 18 people in the construction team. My job has been to repair arm chairs and to assist in the completion of the camp building. I have been involved with preparing surfaces and painting them whilst others have built a balcony, fitted skirting boards etc.

Another team has put down the pipes for the geothermal heating.

For Lena it has been a lot of kitchen work and cleaning and a lot of other things. It is a joy to meet the young people who we have got to know over the years. It was very special to meet Leontin who we have a very big heart for. After several years in FCE’s care, he is now living and working in Oradea.

My wish for all these children and young people in these different homes is that they would get a job and manage on their own but first and foremost that they should find the God who can help and give their life a meaning.”

*Holger Petersson, 72, Sweden*

## Easter in Romania

“Though only eight working days in total, excluding travelling days, I managed to pack a lot in starting with presenting a training package to the Casa Silvia staff team on autism and how to manage difficult behaviours.

I was also able to visit Brenda, originally from the US, and her project supporting disadvantaged and disabled children. The long Easter weekend was spent on shifts supporting the Casa Silvia children so that regular staff could have a break. I was able to get some Easter treats in for Easter Sunday. On the Tuesday our party set off to Casa Harului which means the House of Grace to a camp for disabled children and their parents/carers. There, we were all so blessed and when it was time to leave poor Silvia found it hard to bear but we enjoyed our trip back on the train stopping in Arad to have lunch at the ubiquitous McDonalds!"

*Julia Davies, 53, England*



Julia's Easter at Casa Silvia

## **A micro-enterprise**

"As young adults, the main option for orphans to support themselves is to work in a shoe factory for very low wages. At the orphanage, the children were poorly educated. Some have learning disabilities. Some are Roma (Gypsies). All of these limitations work against them within Romanian society. The challenge of helping these young adults learn a profession is more difficult than helping them when they were toddlers. I have started a micro-enterprise with three

of the orphans. Zoli, Maria and Cireasa are learning to sew handbags and make jewelry. The handbags they make from old, discarded jeans and are available here in Romania and in the US, for a donated amount. These young people are paid for creating these items and any extra funds go towards helping them to further their education."



Maria and Cireasa with their handmade bags

*Karleen Dewey, 71, Colorado, USA*

## **Thank you for everything you are doing!**

We are thankful for everyone who is supporting the work with the abandoned children in some way.

You are one of those and what you are doing is important! The whole work relies on the basis that we are many doing a little bit each.

We have wonderful employees and volunteers who are making an extraordinarily effort. It is now time for some long-term volunteers to pack up and we need new ones in their place! Please contact us for more information if you are interested, even for a shorter period!

Wishing you a wonderful summer!

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"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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