# LOVING ROMANIA July 2017 SUFFICIENT BREAD MINISTRY

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. James 1:27

Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will take care of me. Psalm 27:10

# A FUTURE & A HOPE TRANSITIONAL APARTMENT

The young men continue to mature, improve, and learn from their mistakes. I am proud to say that one of our boys, after working long hours at a furniture company and studying for his GED test, just bought his first car! Another boy recently earned his drivers license, and has also found himself two jobs this summer to save money for his bright future after completing University. Our third young man is working part time this summer in his field of study to gain experience.

They all remain very involved with the ministry at Betania and are enjoying giving back a bit of what they received there during their younger years.

## A SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUEST

All of the children in our care have their own story and the resulting emotional baggage stemming from their early abandonment, abuse, or neglect. The ugly reality is that we do have occasional instances where a doctor places a child on "behavioral adjustment" medication. In all of these cases, we do not have the authority to have a say in whether the children should receive this "help" or not. By law, the children have medical and psychological examinations a few times a year, and some are prescribed medication to address their apparent negative behavior.

The hardest part is physically seeing the sparkle in their eyes fade shortly after taking their medication. It breaks our hearts. I have cried at my kitchen table more than once.

Please pray for these children to be off of this medication soon and find salvation, freedom, joy, and comfort in Jesus Christ alone. Please pray for us as we boldly fight the spiritual battle for these children's minds and hearts. Pray that we will have the right words to say when we are asked the seemingly impossible questions. Thank you.



# "Those who forever seek the will of God are overrun by those who do it." - Reinhard Bonnke

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. Luke 9:23

# "MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE"...





#### SUMMER RETREAT:

After the success of our recent winter retreat, we once again stepped out and planned a summer retreat with the kids. This time, however, we had the incredible support of a small (but mighty) short term team of four. These lovely ladies from California and Colorado made a meaningful impact in the lives of our kids and focused on creating genuine friendships and fellowship. Between all the fabulous food and Bible Study, they organized some incredibly fun games and activities. The kids are still talking about the Human Slingshot! Sometimes to drive home a point, you need a Transformer. Bumblebee is working for JESUS today! Do you want to be a car (something that blends into this culture/the world) or will you allow God to transform you into something that can change the world around you? To be transformed into a force that makes darkness flee, transformed to change the lives of others around you.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2



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### **PRAYER & PRAISE**

**Praise** for God's provision of a 9 passenger van to alleviate our need to rent a van or pay for public transportation when traveling to events and ministry opportunities!!

**Praise** for the spiritual growth we have witnessed in some of the children and young adults in our care.

**Pray** for our daily refreshment. We have many daily responsibilities and tasks.

**Pray** that we would be prepared to teach the Word of God at all times.

**Pray** for protection, wisdom and direction in ministry.

Food Prep Shenanigans









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