

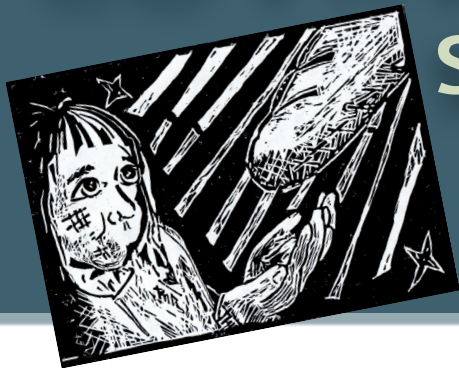
# LOVING ROMANIA

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## 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*



### THANK YOU, FATHER, FOR MY BROKEN HEART!

Routine. Days come and go, routines are established. Life is, for the most part, predictable. I find comfort in predictability, I'm okay with the mundane. I'm in the groove - finally! I breathe a sigh of relief.

Love. I love my family, I love our ministry, I love the children in our care. Mmm, I love warm chocolate chip cookies - wait, what? I hold my breath.

Genuine love. Christ-like love. I'm overwhelmed, I can't breathe!

The key to real impact in this life is love, God's love. What is Christ-like, God-like love? I admit I'm afraid to ask the Holy Spirit to open my eyes and heart to feel His love towards people. I'm scared of the emotion - to be dangerously awake, fiercely aware of God's love.

If I become aware of God's love, I become equally aware of my failures and my responsibility. I tremble at the thought. My question is: Am I afraid of this emotion? Or am I feeling Satan tremble at the thought of my unleashing?

This 13-year adventure began with a whisper and a broken heart for the fatherless. It started with seemingly unrelated events masterfully woven into a garment of praise.

The Father's love is a powerful thing. No wonder the enemy seeks to destroy families and create orphans. The enemy mutes, defiles and confuses the definition of love. God is love. It is a terrifying and glorious thing! There is nothing routine about it.

***If through a broken heart God can bring His purposes to pass in the world, then thank Him for breaking your heart.***

***-Oswald Chambers***



Sending out our "A Future & a Hope" graduate with prayer

*"Open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land."*

*Deuteronomy 15:11*

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20*





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## TRANSITIONAL APARTMENT AND FAMILY CENTER NEWS

**"A Future & a Hope":** Last month was full of graduations. Three of our four boys graduated from our program and are living on their own. We feel like empty nesters, haha. Like in any family, the ultimate goal is to prepare your children for their independent future, instill in them the truths found in scripture and place them firmly in the hand of God Almighty. We wish them

the best and will continue to be there for them as needed.

**Family Center:** This summer we will be baptizing five of our kids at the center. Glory to God in the highest! They have each made a public confession of faith and desire to be baptized. Please keep them and all the kids in your prayers as they continue to seek and find Him.

## ANOTHER LEAP INTO GOD'S ARMS

We are embarking on a new and exciting adventure. We will soon be moving into a large house that was built for a family center years ago and never finished. Currently, we have an agreement to stay "rent free" for five years as we complete the inside and maintain the grounds. After that, we will rent the property for 300 Euro a month.

This house is an answer to years of prayer. Our current one bedroom apartment has grown smaller as our three children have grown. Our living space has limited us significantly in housing short-term teams and taking other kids into placement.

This property will also allow us to move the transitional "A Future & a



Hope" apartment onto this property to save money and pour even more time and resources into the lives of the young men and women in our program.

God knows our current financial needs, we trust in His provision for what He is doing through us.

## PRAYER & PRAISE

**Praise God** for the spiritual growth we have witnessed in some of the children and young adults in our care. **Pray** for their continued passion for God and His Word. **Pray** for them to have boldness to ask questions and to walk in truth.

**Pray** for our daily refreshment. We have many daily responsibilities and tasks. **Pray** for our children as they continue to work alongside us and learn the language and culture. Missionary life can be lonely. **Pray** for our ability to find a balance with family time and ministry.

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

## MINISTRY MOMENTS:

Some of the boys...



"Minute to Win It"

