



Bishops' Tales

International Teams



"For in You the fatherless find compassion" Hosea 14:3

Summer has come and gone, with all it's busyness. All the camps went really well, as did the Jimbolia Fun Day we had at the beginning of the summer. Now, that Fall is here we have started our 'normal' schedule, teaching English, visiting the placement centres, maintaining the Home, etc. Steve spent 3 weeks in the US recently, fund raising for the Home and also for us personally.

Fun Day - Jimbolia

We started off our Summer by hosting a "Jimbolia Fun Day" out at the Home. Approx 30 children turned up. Our friends, the Sangs (from Oregon), who came over a few days before camp helped out which was a huge blessing for us and also for the kids. There was clowning, Gospel presentation, face painting, games and of course food! The kids seemed to really enjoy themselves and some of the older kids stayed after the program had ended to play soccer in the yard.



VBS - Satchinez



This is the 4th year that we have done a summer program in Satchinez. The Sang family from Oregon, some of whom

are professional clowns, joined us together with a team of 3 from San Antonio, Texas. In the mornings, we did a work project for the church, scraping and painting the church fences. Then in the afternoon we held a children's program with Bible Stories, crafts, singing and games. Saturday we went with the kids to the Franklin Graham Festival. Then Sunday the kids and their parents were invited to church as a way of building the bridge between the church and the community.

On Sunday, James had been asked to preach then without any notice Steve was also asked to preach. We have learned that this isn't uncommon when visiting a village church. Thus, one of our mottos is "Always be prepared!"



Student Camp - Pietroasa Pumpkin comes to blows

Our second camp was with Student Plus foundation. The same team who came for the VBS in Satchinez also participated in the Student camp. They were joined by several more people from San Antonio. This camp was geared more toward university students and professionals with many of the campers bringing their families. The program involved Bible Reading time, seminars and hikes. There was a special program for the children there organized and run by our friends from Oregon, the Sangs. Deb was involved with the children's program mostly and helped translate when needed.

During this camp, our poor Pumpkin had to undergo some major surgery. As a result Steve was forced to miss the camp. So what happened? Well, on the way to the camp which was up in the mountains, pumpkin was laden with people and baggage. One part of the road we traveled along was full of potholes and on hitting one such pothole the windshield cracked.

Since it is illegal to drive with a cracked windshield, Steve returned to Timisoara (5 hours drive) to get it fixed. That was an ordeal in itself but we won't bore you with the whole story! Anyway, to cut a long story short, equipped with a brand new windshield, Steve came to collect us at the end of camp. But alas! The front suspension gave way about 3 hours away from camp! So Steve spent the next 2 days fixing it on the side of the road just so he could get it to the mechanic for repair!



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Kids' Camp - Rosia



Our 3rd and final camp for this summer was with Aletheia church, which we now attend. We were able to take 4 children from Jimbolia to the camp and by the end of the camp one of them, Corina, made a decision for Christ.

Even though it rained most of the time everyone had a great time. The overall theme for the camp was Jesus' team and each day we looked at a different aspect of what it means to be in Jesus' team, eg, 'Jesus wants us to be in His team', 'Jesus, the greatest captain'.

We had Bible stories, devotional time, craft activities, sports, competitions, campfire and talent night. Steve's contribution to the talent show was a 'special dance'.. (ask him about it sometime!)

As, you can see from the pictures, some of the kids decided to try out their hairdressing skills on Steve. Quite fetching don't you think?



Teaching the Young & Young at Heart

In September, we started an 8 week English course for "Senior Academy" organized by Student Plus. As, the name implies, we were teaching English to senior citizens. Our 'students' ranged from absolute beginners to false beginners. It was challenging but a lot of fun! Our goal was for our students to be able to communicate in English using simple phrases as well as to build relationships with them. At the end of the course the students expressed a desire to continue contact with us and so we agreed to meet once a week to learn English Christmas Carols. Please pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with them through caroling and that their ears wont bleed from our singing!



This course attracted a lot of attention from the media. Several TV stations arrived on launch night to film the classes and to interview both students and staff, including Steve and myself. A week a later, another TV station came to film Deb's class.. oh, the fame!

As well as teaching the 'older' generation, I, (Deb) have started back at Kindergarten. I have 18 children enrolled in my classes this term all of varying abilities! I have been trying to incorporate Christian songs into my teaching as well as telling Bible stories and so far it has been well received. Last week I taught them one of my old Sunday School favorites "Deep and Wide" The kids love it!

Once again we want to **Thank you** all for your continued prayers and support. You are such a **vital** part of the ministry. If you have any questions or would like more information on any part of the ministry, please contact us. We would love to hear from you.

In His Service,

Steve & Deb

Boys' Home Update

This past summer when I wasn't in camps or on the side of the road fixing the pumpkin I was busy repairing the heating system at the home and while the Sangs, Andrew, Heather and Anderea were here they helped build a new wood shed for the Home. The church is growing and have just a few weeks left in their first bible study as a group (The study was 48 lessons long!) I brought some of Russel Kelfer's bible studies that have been translated into Romanian and they will be looking to start on those as soon as they finish these last few lessons. (Thanks Martha!)

We still have not placed any children into the home but are hopeful that we are getting close, our biggest hold back is funding. We need to raise \$1400 per month in order to be able to place children there.

While in San Antonio Jacob Clyde came up to me and said "\$1400?, that is just 200 people giving \$7 per month!" So with that inspiration we have made a goal of raising up 200 people to give \$7 (£5) a month for the home, so far we have the equivalent of 80 people committed (some committed to more than \$7).

Would you like to join in the effort? If so please see the attached pledge sheet ! Thank you!

Prayer Pointers

- ✦ Praise for the fruit from the Summer camps and VBS programs
- ✦ Praise for the repair of the Pumpkin.
- ✦ Praise for the funds that were raised in the US.
- ✦ Praise for Broken Walls desire to support the Home.
- ✦ Please pray for the rest of the funds to be raised for the running of the Home.
- ✦ Please pray for our Christmas Carol sessions with the older folk.



Boys' Home Jimbolia, Romania



As most of you know four years ago God put a vision on Deb's and my hearts to build a home in Jimbolia for disadvantaged children and possible a home for a church plant. We have great news; the church is up and running along with several programs for the children in the area! The not so good news is that we need to raise support in order to start placing children there.

Deb and I would like to invite you all to help support the Home in Jimbolia. We need to raise about \$1400 per month to open the home and get the kids in.

How can you help? We know that the economic times in the States are at a new low and we know times are tight so we want to invite 200 people to donate just \$7 per month for one year to help support the home.

If we all come together in prayer and support having children living in the home will soon become a reality.

If you would like to support the home or become one of our prayer partners please fill out the form at the bottom and send it in! :o)

Thanks!
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Name: _____ Address: _____

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- I would like to support the home at \$7 per month
- I would like to support the home at \$__ per month
- I would like to give a one time gift of \$_____
- I would like to support the Home as a prayer partner
- I would like to receive emails and updates about the Home