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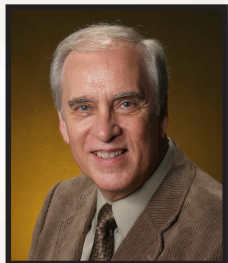
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Reaching Out to a Needy World*

# UPDATE MONTHLY ... 2024

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Executive Director

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Genesis 29:20

This is Valentine's Day month. I thought a Bible verse on love between a husband and wife would be perfect. I could have chosen a verse from Song of Solomon (which is a love story filled with romance and passion – right in the Bible). But I chose this verse because it reflects a struggle, a choice and an enduring love.

Here in Genesis 29, Jacob has worked for Laban for 7 years. He is finally ready to marry his love, Rachel. Jacob served seven years for Rachel. They seemed to him but a few days, for the love he had for her.

Even after waiting 7 years, this verse reflects the deep love Jacob had for Rachel (If you know the story, Laban tricks Jacob and Jacob marries Leah, Rachel's sister. Jacob must work 7 more years to marry Rachel) In our modern world, waiting 7 years or 14 years to marry someone you love is unheard of. One has to wonder, couldn't Jacob have just found another wife?

Jacob shows an example of commitment in his love for Rachel. It was his choice to love her. A decision he made every day as he worked for Laban. In this short verse, we see that true love is more than a feeling we find in romance novels and Hallmark movies.

If you are living in difficult times and seasons, time often seems so slow. We wonder if the bad days will ever end. But as you look back after 5 years, 10 years, and as you see your kids are grown, you'll think as Jacob did, because of love this seemed like just a few days.

For a moment today, let's remember true love is much more than a feeling. Feelings will change day to day and moment to moment. Love is an enduring action and a choice we make every day.



## Prayers Answered At Friendship Camp

by Callum King,  
Camp Supervisor

Dear Friends,  
We have some really encouraging news here in

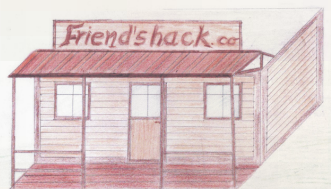
Romania. God has shown his faithfulness and encouraged us by providing the funds for 4 more cabins. So with the money in the account in the USA, that's 5 fully funded now, and a start on number 6. We've been praying for six. We only need to raise \$5,000 more to purchase the last one and complete the huge project of \$36,000. Praise the Lord!

We're actually looking at ordering all 6 cabins, faith believing that the Lord is going to provide the money for the last cabin. We have a work team coming from Scotland the beginning of May so our hope is to have the cabins in position, on their foundations by the time the team arrives. They will then begin cladding them with wood, building the boardwalks and adding the roof over the walks. Pray for an exceptionally dry spring so we can transport them up the dirt road to the camp!

This is the way the "cabins" will look when they arrive to the camp; metal exterior, with two windows, one door, insulated, and electrical wiring in the walls.



This is a drawn rendering of how they will look with wood cladding, a boardwalk and roof with a sign on the roof for identification to have the look of cabins in a cowboy western town.



If the Lord puts it in your heart to help with the purchase of the last cabin, please follow the instructions on page two of this news/prayer letter. We still need \$5,000.



Also an encouraging update; We already have 8 back to back weeks of camp booked for the summer and we have at least 2 more groups interested in coming. We are definitely looking at a fully booked summer. We've never had so many bookings this early in the year. Praise the Lord!

## We Need Your Hands-On Help This Summer

## Summer 2024 ROMANIA



### • Work Projects May & June

This Spring we hope to have one more team participate in

finishing the cladding, boardwalks, roof and bunk beds for the cabins. We invite all individuals, churches and groups that are willing to invest their time, talents and construction skills. Serving hands and a willing heart are the basic tools. No age limit. Groups limited to approximately 10.



### FRIENDSHIP CAMP ROMANIA

### Youth/Kids Camps July & August

Youth and kids camps are for those who have a desire to reach the youth for Christ. Come join the action as a teacher, counselor, game/activities leader, or other camp worker.

## SHARE YOUR SUMMER, MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

For more information and a brochure on Summer Ministry at

Friendship Camp Contact Our Office  
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## UPDATE ON NEW MINISTRY FIELD OF BELIZE

Last month we reported that our Friendship International Board of Directors unanimously voted to include Belize as a new, developing ministry field, which allows us to also begin making plans for this year to continue our music program which started last year with a choir called, Cayo Community Choir.

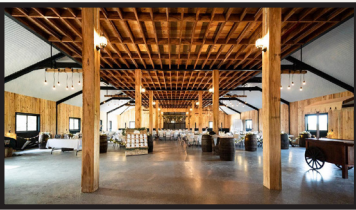
As you may recall we began rehearsals in August and had our first performance which was a Christmas concert, Joy to the World, on December 9, 2023.



This concert proved to be well received by the Mennonite Community of Spanish Lookout and surrounding area, with an attendance that was double the size of the 200 seat meeting hall.

We received many encouraging comments that has led to continuing with the choir this year, with plans for an Easter outreach concert on March 23, Palm Sunday weekend.

The big challenge was to find another venue large enough to accommodate at least 400 people with the possibility of more attending. God has provided what we believe to be the perfect venue for our second ministry outreach. It's called Oakridge Venue at a ranch on the edge of town.



But this is still another step of faith as we commit to renting the beautiful Oakridge facility, trusting the Lord that he will provide the funds needed to pay the expenses not only for the building, but renting chairs, paying for the proper sound system to fill the 500+ hall, lighting and advertising. Our God

is a big and great God, so we look to Him for His provision.

The vision for this ministry is to be an outreach opportunity for Christians but especially for non-Christian to come to a music event, when often they would never attend a church service.

Please pray for this new ministry, that it will have eternal fruit and many will hear, possibly for the first time, the life-changing message of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, because of His love for the Belizean people.



Another new opportunity has come out of our music ministry. A pastor/overseer for the Belizean Presbyterian Church was at our concert and as a result we have met to explore possibilities of how we might collaborate in helping recruit people to go to Belize to train Belizeans in discipleship and leadership skills, including pastoral ministry. Please pray for this open door. As we seek God's direction.

## Partners In Missions Form

*With God's help, I/we want to be a partner in missions with Friendship International.*

- ☐ New Cabin \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Ukraine Relief \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Camper Sponsorship \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Belize \$ \_\_\_\_\_

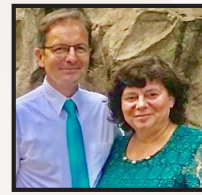
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## PRAYER REQUEST



Please continue to pray for Tabita Muscan and a clear diagnosis for her condition. She continues to have extreme pain in her legs.

The blood cannot transport enough oxygen for the muscles, she tires easily and is only able to walk short distances. Also, please pray for Adi, he will have double hernia surgery on Feb. 19. Pray for a successful operation and speedy recovery. They are both concerned about being prepared for summer camp season.

## Camp Sponsorship



**Here's how you can help**  
**Make checks payable to -**  
Friendship International, P.O. Box 50884,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80949-0884  
OR - e-Giving at [www.friendshipintl.org](http://www.friendshipintl.org),  
go to Donate button at the top of page and  
follow instructions for donating. **Indicate**  
**Send Kids to Camp.**

## HOPE FOR UKRAINE



*2024 will be the third year since Russia invaded Ukraine. We see the resilience of the Ukrainian people, fighting for the freedom of their country. Since April of 2022, F.I has been a part of encouraging the Ukrainian people.*

**Another transport of  
Humanitarian relief to Ukraine is  
being planned in April.  
\$2,500 is needed to fill one van.  
You are invited to participate.**

## HERE ARE 2 WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

1. **Donate** any amount towards the purchase of food, water, daily essentials.
2. **Send a refugee child to camp** this coming summer. The cost for one child, for one week, is \$75.-, you may sponsor more than one.