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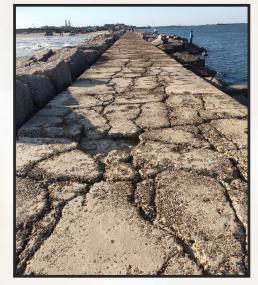
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Del Huff **Executive Director** 

### Summer Is Here! That Means It's Camp Time!

The time of preparation is almost over, the time for camps to begin is almost here. Our staff as well as the campers are going to need the prayers of our friends to cover them for this special time. The photo below reminds us of many of our campers' life-journeys. Many of our campers are from orphanages and gypsy communities, and have experienced many disappointments and much sadness in their lives.



#### **Cracks and Brokenness** are God's Holy ground.

Our cracks and brokenness lead us to say, "I need you, Jesus." They bring us into his presence. They call us in by name. They set us on our knees. They focus our thoughts on his Word. They humble our hearts into receptivity.

Please pray that this will be the experience of many children this summer in Romania as they attend camp and experience Jesus in their lives.



by Callum King Supervisor, Friendship Camp, Romania

The last weeks have been very busy, getting the camp ready for the summer. Firstly we had a great time with a team from Scotland followed by a brother from America who came to help. Lots of renovations and main-



tenance jobs have been done and great progress is being made on the 6 new cabins.

Summer Camp 2024

Making Final Preparations



The wagons have all been re-painted, the zip line platforms have been replaced, a new bench swing was made, two bathrooms in the team cabin renovated, a brand new storage room has been created for crafts and games, the bedding storage room has new cupboards, the camp fire area has been re-arranged and, new benches for around the campfire were made. The list goes on! This week we have been patching any small holes in the tepee canvases so that they are ready to be put up. We've also been washing all the blankets and bedding in a brand new washing machine which was donated!

The structures of the new cabins are now all built and to-

morrow we will begin to put on the sandwich panel roofs and walls. The last two days we have been at the supplier cutting all the pieces to size and tomorrow we will start to put on the roofs.



We are thankful that even though there have been several delays we now have all of the materials on-site and ready to go!

It's also been encouraging to see the camp being used even as we continue to work. The last 2 Saturdays have seen church groups come for barbecues, fun, Bible studies and worship. The first Saturday we had around 90

young adults from my church and the second Saturday we had a youth group from another church in Arad.



Praise God for the people who have come to help and serve over the last month. Praise God for his provision of funds and materials for all of the projects. Pray that we would now get everything finished in time! Pray for everyone who will come to camp over the summer. May His name be glorified in everything we do!

### We Meet Again Following Up In Romania

by Del Huff, Executive Director, F.I.



During my visit to Romania in May, I had the opportunity to meet with my brother and good friend, Emi Popa, who sits on the

Board of Directors for the orphanage, Maranata Charity Trust in Arad, Romania.

In 2022, we had the privilege of participating in the project to insulate the entire orphanage on the outside of the building. Since then we have also been involved for two years supplies to make for a wonderful Christmas celebration for the children.

During my short visit Emi shared how there have been significant changes in the staff, only for the better, and that the children all seemed to have a much more positive attitude about their life at the home.

He was also very enthusiastic about a continuing project to make improvements outside for fun and recreation for the kids.



They had started a project several months ago, raising funds to convert an empty space on the property into a

sports/playground area. They were able to finish everything, including the metal frame, but not the chain link fence around it.

Approx. Cost - \$1,500.- If you would like to be part of this project with your support, please make check payable to Friendship International and send to our office. Or you can also donate through our online portal at e-Giving.com



After talking with Emi I felt the Lord leading me to encourage him by promising I would to share this need with our friends and supporters. I was truly impressed at what I experienced this time at

the home. You can see by the photo, that the efforts of the home "parents" seems to be paying off. The kids seem, under the circumstances to be quite content where they are. Praise the Lord!

God bless you as you continue to have a part in making life meaningful for those whose lot in life, "normally", would not seem hopeful.



# WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP TO SPONSOR ORPHANS TO GO TO CAMP

Make checks payable to -Friendship International, P.O. Box 50884, Colorado Springs, CO 80949-0884 **OR** - e-Giving at www.friendshipintl.org, go to Donate button at the top of page and

follow instructions for donating. You may send a general donation for

Friendship Camp or Kids Sponsorship,

And most importantly, please pray! Even if we don't know yet the names of all the children who will come, God knows and is preparing the hearts of hundreds of children who will be exposed to the life changing gospel of Jesus Christ at Friendship Camp this summer.

We are confident of God's promise in Isaiah 55:12 as His word goes out, it will not return empty!

# \***UKRAINE**\* Let Us Not Forget!



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 scheduled the end of June. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

# 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. Donations can be sent by check to our office, or to our e-Giving.com account.

### UPDATE FROM CHILE Miguel's Health Condition

by Lorena Neira Mora

Good morning Del.

First of all, I would like to thank you for the prayers for my husband, and at the same

time update information about his situation.

A little over a week ago, Miguel received the results of the biopsy and it turned out to be multilocular cystic renal carcinoma. A type of malignant tumor, in simple words "kidney cancer." After that, he underwent various tests to verify whether or not there is metastasis in other parts of this body; Thank God there is no metastasis, but due to the nature of the tumor, the least invasive and most effective treatment is a chemotherapy treatment called "preventive chemotherapy." The process has not been easy for Miguel, he has gone through ups and downs so now he is receiving psychological treatment.

The doctors explained possible treatments, which allowed me to find out the costs and see ways to cover these high expenses.

Right now, we have our son Benjamín studying at university in Santiago, which is very expensive, but we have been able to cover the costs with a lot of sacrifice and without asking for help from others, but adding an illness like this is an almost impossible challenge to fulfill by our own means.

We must raise approximately US\$15,000 to pay for the treatment alone, that does not include the exams that, thank God, we have been able to carry out up to this point thanks to financial contributions from third parties. But now, the challenge is gigantic.

My family did a campaign with some friends and brothers/sisters in faith and they were able to raise a large part of this amount; In addition, health insurance covers another part, and at this moment we only need approximately US\$5,000 to ensure treatment. praise the Lord! Afterwards come other challenges, but the most difficult is undoubtedly this need we are sharing with you.

Thank you very much for your kind attention and for accompanying us with your prayers and concern. We share our need, but we understand that not everyone can help financially, but we do also need your prayers and that is very valuable and important to us, because prayer moves mountains. Thank you for your concern.

Editor's Note: If the Lord puts Miguel and his family on your heart to help pay for these treatments, please feel free to send your check or e-Giving donation to Friendship Internatiional with a note - *For Miguel's Treatments*. **May God Bless You!**