



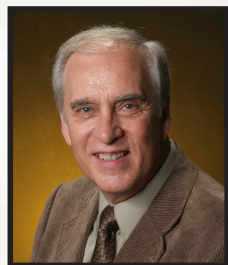
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## Transition Time

This month is about moving from our exciting time of summer camps into other areas of our ministry. You'll be reading about the conclusion of a great season of camp ministry in Romania, then we look to opportunities Friendship International has in view for Belize and a new school this Fall and beyond.

Here are a few thoughts, reflecting on the influence of music in our personal lives, but much more far reaching than that, into our communities, our countries and our world.

### The Power Of Music

In Wales, the music of mens chorus groups is deeply engrained in the culture. Prior to World War II, one Welsh glee club had a friendly yet competitive rivalry with a German glee club, but that bond was replaced with animosity during and after the war. The tension was gradually overcome, though, by the message on the trophy shared by the two choruses: "Speak with me, and you're my friend. Sing with me, and you're my brother."

The power of music to heal and help is a gift from God that comforts many. Perhaps that is why the Psalms speak so deeply to us. There we find lyrics that connect with our hearts, allowing us to speak to God from the depth of our spirits. **"But I will sing of Your power; yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning; for You have been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble".** Ps. 59:16

Amazingly, David wrote this song as he was being hunted down by men seeking to kill him! Despite his circumstances, David remembered God's power and mercy, and singing of them encouraged him to go on.

May our God give us a song today that will remind us of His goodness and greatness, no matter what we may face.



by Adi Muscan  
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## Summer Camp-Wrap UP



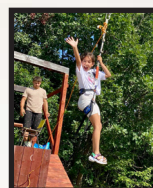
Every summer brings its own challenges and this one was no different. It can be the weather, or the kids, or the staff or, all of these together. No matter what happens, you have to be prepared and flexible, but still, you can get surprised.

This past summer we had more than 600 children. Kids and teens from all around the county and the country, from orphanages, families with extreme financial challenges, from churches and even kids from outside the country came. It is not new for us to deal with these kinds of kids, but what was new was the weather changes and staff situations. The summer started very hot, and ended extremely hot. This is unusual for us here

in Romania. It was so hot the ground cracked open and of course all the grass was brown and dry. In spite of these adverse conditions, it was amazing to see how God worked through these difficulties and kids' hearts were moved by the Holy Spirit. They started to really appreciate the shade where they could play, sing or have Bible classes together and water games became a nice way to cool off.

The evening Bible classes, songs and prayer times were especially meaningful and it was evident that the Lord was working in many of the kids hearts, through all of the challenges of the day. I don't know, of course, how many kids were spoken to by the Lord, but I know there were many, of all ages. Once again we were made aware that we are in the right place, doing the right thing, and exactly where God wants us, as we experienced Him at work in the lives of children.

This summer Tabita had to deal with very difficult health issues, and for me, it was also not easy. I had to be very careful, trying to recover from surgery for double hernias. And a big help for Tabita was when we were able to get a small electric wheelchair. She still has pain in her legs and arms, but with the help of the wheelchair she was able to get around the camp and kitchen much better. Praise the Lord, Tabita and I, both were able to finish our work at the camp.



**Thank you, dear friends, for your faithful prayers and financial support that makes all of our work and efforts possible. God bless you.**



**Pastor Radu Ungur**

Pastor Radu has been a friend of our mission for many years. He serves as pastor but also as missionary. He has been a significant contact person for our transport ministry into Ukraine since we started almost 3 years ago. Next month we will send another transporter into Ukraine, also, with the help of Brother Radu. Please pray that these shipments will reach the destination where help is needed most. After almost 3 years of living in a war zone, the Ukrainian people need to know that there are people outside their world, who care, who pray and who want to help.

Thank you friends, who have been able to send donations towards this project. May the Lord bless you for your compassion and generosity.



## Here's An Encouraging Camp Story

reported to us by Pastor Radu



Marcus Lucas

The summer has passed and we look back fondly, on the time we had at the camp, organized by our brothers from the "Friendship Camp". We were able to invite a 14 year old boy from a near by village. I knew few details about his life, but my parents who are neighbors with the boy, suggested we invite him to camp. His name is Marcus. Later I found out he comes from a family with very big problems, alcoholic parents, raised by his grandparents. He experienced all kinds of abuse in the family. So, the time in the camp was a time of peace and tranquility for his soul. He listened closely to the Gospel message he heard at camp everyday, it opened his heart to Jesus and he decided to start going to church in his area, just by himself so he could continue hearing what the Lord wanted to say to him. I believe the love of Jesus Christ has encompassed him, and through the friendships he made with other children at camp, he saw that Jesus will take special care of him and continue to love him. His joy was so great that on the last day, he asked if we would please send him to camp again next year.

*We are so thankful to God for how He uses camp to do great things in the hearts of children. We also thank those friends who got involved by praying and supporting this camp, as a blessing for many.*



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## UPDATE on Maria Neufeld . . . Belize Ministry

### MEETING MARIA in Her New Home



In our last report about Maria, she was making final preparations and waiting for her student visa to arrive before leaving for the states. This month we were able to drive to Hillsboro, KS, to visit Maria for the first time in her new home. What a wonderful visit we had! She showed us her private dorm room, and gave us a tour of the amazing Tabor College campus with a wonderful mix of the old original buildings and the ultra modern architectural design of the newest buildings, such as the new Center for Music and Art, where Maria has many of her classes.

We also had the privilege of meeting the person, Dr. Sheila Litke, head of the music department, who was responsible for making it possible for Maria to get scholarships and acceptance to attend Tabor as an international student.

From our observations, during our short visit, Maria is adjusting well. She introduced us to several of her new-found friends, some from the music department, one young man from Germany, whom she immediately connected with because she was also was born and raised in Germany before moving to Belize. She felt comfortable with him because they could speak German with one another. She especially was thankful for Dr. Litke and the way she has taken special interest in making Maria feel at home and welcome. She also highly values Dr. Litke's instruction on piano and in other music classes. She loves singing in the choir and looks forward to traveling with them to sing in churches in the area.

Pray with us for Maria, that the Lord will be close to her in the absence of her family. The family is a very close and she, of course, misses them. She was so thankful that her older brother provided her with an updated phone that makes it possible for her to contact family members with What'sApp and texting.

