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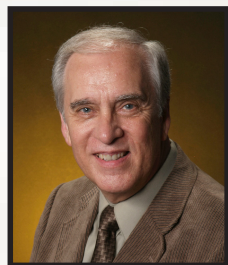
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Reaching Out to a Needy World*

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A Season of Thanksgiving

This past Summer and Fall, there have been so many wonderful opportunities to share the story of Jesus. But sometime we move from one activity to another without taking time to reflect, if only for a moment, or even whisper, "Thank you Jesus". And sometimes, the Lord asks us to give thanks for things we don't find easy to say thank you for. But it's only because of God's amazing grace, the natural response should always be, *"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus"*. 1 Thes. 5:18

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, but as we consider the ministry of Friendship International, recognizing that we can do nothing without God, we also need to recognize He uses the feet and hands and resources of His people to accomplish His purpose.

It's at this time of the year we especially want to express our thanks to our dear friends, like you, who are reading this message, for being the willing hands, for helping lead camps, for doing construction and maintenance at our Camp and Conference facilities, for sending your financial support to fund the entire ministry in several countries of the world, for sacrificing time and energy and for encouraging us to keep going under often overwhelming circumstances. God bless you.



Prayer Request

We are very excited about our next ministry outreach in Spanish Lookout, Belize. If the Lord puts it on your heart, on Oct. 26, remember to pray for our choir, and the other singers who will be sharing their testimonies in song. And the main purpose of this event is to have everyone singing-along, praising our Lord together. Here is the poster that has been hung all over this Mennonite community. Come and join us, if you happen to be in the area.

Saturday Night Sing



When: Saturday, October 26, 2024

Where: Countryside Park - New Pavilion, Building #3

Time: 7:00 PM

Admission is FREE - with free-will love offering at closing

If you love the inspiring and hope-giving message of
vintage Hymns and Gospel songs -

**COME AND SIT IN THE COOL OF THE EVENING,
AND ENJOY THE MUSIC**

*There will be a wonderful time of Sing-Along together and
refreshing music by*

- CAYO COMMUNITY CHOIR
- ALVIN & MICHELLE HEIN
- ONE ACCORD - MEN'S QUARTET
- JUBLIANT GIRL'S TRIO
- GOUD FAMILY SINGERS
- AND MORE!

**See YOU There and Don't Forget To Bring A Friend
A Tip - Come Early to Get a Chair**



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Orphanage Christmas Parties In Romania 2024

There are signs all around us that we are coming to the end of another year. It's an indicator that Christmas will be here before we know it! But before we spend all of our money on toys, electronics, clothes and other things too many to mention, why not do something for others less fortunate than we, this year? Our mission team in Romania is planning to share the Good News story this Christmas and bless orphans, foster children and destitute families in Romania.

This will be our 11th annual Orphanage Christmas Party event. It is going to be another wonderful time, with the children in orphanages and foster homes, of fun, games, singing, gift giving and telling the beautiful story of Jesus' birth.

There are two things you can do for this Christmas outreach.

1. **Pray for the team** as they meet with the children and spend time interacting and helping them understand the true meaning of why we celebrate Christmas.

2. **You can help** - we expect to have a total of about 50 children at our Christmas parties. The goal is to provide each child with a handcraft to make during our party, give each child 3 gifts: one piece of clothing, a toy, and a bag of candy, as well as offer them a snack after the Gospel presentation. **Could you please help by sending a contribution to purchase the materials, snacks and gifts for these parties?**



Donations can be sent to:

Friendship International

P. O. Box 50884, Colorado Springs, CO 80949-0884

Make check payable to Friendship International

with a note - **Orphanage Christmas Parties**



We are pleased to share with you some of the progress we have made in establishing our Cayo School of Music and Arts. Many friends have asked what is the intentions for the school and its ultimate goals. Here are statements taken from our recently designed brochure to be distributed among those interested in attending or have children interested in attending.



Pastor Radu Ungur

Editor's Note: 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. This 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 most needed. 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.

From Brother Radu

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

In the last trip I made to Ukraine, I stayed at a Christian Center in the city of Cernauti. I discussed with the brothers there about the needs they have at the center where refugees come to flee the war. Some people stay longer at the center, others go back to the areas closer to their homes.



I noticed that a surveillance system would be very useful at the center, so that everything could be more secure. Thus, surveillance cameras and a rack server can help in this regard. Also, due to the green space surrounding the compound it would be helpful to maintain the area so we were able to purchase a second-hand lawnmower to help keep the area clean and looking nice. And another observation I made is that the children who stay there wanted to go outside during the nice weather, but there isn't much for them to do, so the 2 bicycles we are sending will bring a little joy to these children who have experienced so much suffering caused by the war. We also will be sending some clothes for adults as well as for children. Winter is coming and they will need more warm clothing. These are just some of the things we can send. We want to thank all those who contributed financially to this project. God works on the hearts of these people and much of it is because of these few things which they recognize as a gesture of love from you to them. Thank you, and God bless each one of you who donated from your heart.

We have heard from families of Spanish Look-out and the Cayo District that there is a desire to learn, understand and appreciate music and art more, but there has been very little opportunity in the past.

As musicians and artists we know from experience how much music and the arts brings joy and fulfillment to children, as well as adults. It also becomes a tool of God for sharing the wonderful message of peace, joy, purpose and a way of life when Jesus is a part in using our talents for Him.

We would like to be able to offer classes and private lessons to young and old, as well as, to families who may normally not have the opportunity to experience the wonderful world of music and art.

