



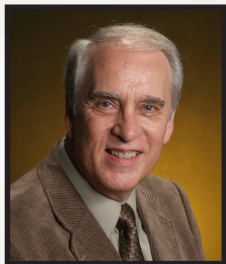
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Del Huff
Executive Director

Thoughts Over The Last Two Months

The thought occurred to me as we celebrated several holidays and dates dear to our hearts, that these important occasions take place in the months of May and June. They are all treasured by many because they are so personal and involve our family relationships.



In May, we celebrate Mother's Day, a day set aside to honor that most important person in all of our

lives. Then there is Memorial Day, the day many of us bow our heads in remembrance of loved ones who were lost in wars across the decades, who gave their lives to protect their families and our beloved country. In June we have honored our fathers, whom God ordained to protect, guide and encourage us from infancy to adulthood.

And throughout May and June how many of us were married and have anniversaries to celebrate for the majority of our lives?

These are all occasions set aside to honor our family, and yet, today it seems that this most valuable institution, the family, has in so many ways been shaken to its core and in many cases destroyed. Very sad, but true.

The prayer of St Francis is an excellent one for parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren who are seeking God's help in this whole business of making family life happy through caring for one another, and making the forgiveness of God a reality in the activities of every day.

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.*



ROMANIA - CAMP IS COMING!

by Callum King
Supervisor, Friendship Camp, Romania

What many people are not aware of or do not think about when we mention kids summer camp, is the fact that camp actually starts with all of the planning and preparation weeks before the kids start coming for their fun week of camp.

Summer camp season is nearly here and we're busy making the last preparations before the first campers arrive! This year we will start on June 30th and have 9 back-to-back weeks of camp lined up. As always many of the children who will come are from children's homes and disadvantaged families as well as some church groups and other local ministries partners who work with children.



We are very thankful for the three teams and volunteers who have come to help us in preparation for the summer. This week we are blessed to have a team of 6 friends from Scotland who are all between the ages of 65 and 78 but have come to clean, organize, paint and prepare the grounds



for the children who will come. Praise the Lord for their heart to sacrifice and serve even in their later years! God has shown us his faithfulness again by bringing along just the right people at the right time to get the jobs done!



This year we have been able to finish and furnish the new cabins which were built last year, completely rebuild the teepee structures, and so many other repairs and improvement around the camp. The last phase of the teepee project is to put down the new floor before putting up the canvases.



We are thankful for your financial support which has enabled us to purchase today!, the materials for this last phase and we will start work tomorrow!



In the last few weeks we have had several church groups come to camp to hold picnics, BBQs and youth events. We are encouraged and excited to see so much activity and the camp facilities being well used.

Please pray for us as we do the final preparations and start another busy summer of camps. Pray for the kids that will come that the Lord will be preparing their hearts to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. ***Pray for the many leaders and***

helpers from Romania and abroad that are already preparing teachings, worship times and activities for the children.

May God be glorified in all that happens and takes place at Friendship Camp this summer!

LAST CHANCE TO HELP BEFORE CAMPS BEGIN

Camp Sponsorship Program



You can make it possible for an orphan or gypsy child to go to camp and experience Jesus this summer.

For only \$75.- per week you can make a world of difference in a child's life, for life!

You may send your donation, marking clearly how you would like it used, to :

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Send a Child to Camp.

PROGRESS REPORT



CAYO SCHOOL OF
MUSIC & ARTS

To begin this next progress report, I have been reminded, again, of a passage of scripture I have often used at such a time as this.

In Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 we read, "Everything on earth has its own time and its own season. There is a time for birth and death - planting and reaping - killing and healing - destroying and building - for crying and laughing - weeping and dancing - for throwing stones and gathering stone - embracing and parting. *But, He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.*"

But, I'm excited to share with you several events that continue to encourage me in efforts moving forward.

1. Location - temporary

Since our last report two very significant things have taken place. 1.) We have confirmed a location for our temporary home.



The local German Mennonite Church in Spanish Lookout has approved us for using 2 of their classrooms for this coming school year. They have low enrollment and agreed for us to use the rooms for the entire school year, if needed. There are several modifications needed for our purpose, but we are grateful for their willingness to allow us to start our school.

2. Location - permanent

Another real answer to prayer is, we have had our first initial meeting with the town leaders. Del Huff had the opportunity to present the school's architectural plan and the teaching curriculum for the community and. It was unanimously approved. This is only the first step, but a very important one. Praise the Lord! We still need to find the permanent location, but we believe in God's time there will be a landowner who will step forward.

3.. Preparations Underway

We can now began working with the school instructors on subjects to be offered, curriculum and buying supplies, including white boards, photocopier and materials such as dry wall and A/C for all three rooms.

We will need your help. We will need funds immediately for buying office and classroom equipment, supplies and teaching materials estimated to be approx. \$5,000.

Tax deductible receipts are available.

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Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 2:7-9

Hein Family



Alvin, Michelle and their children are from a Mennonite colony in Belize. They are sponsored by F.I. and will be coming to the states to share their testimonies, music and their life in the small town of Spanish Lookout, Belize. Alvin will be teaching at our new school of music and art. We will be in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, N. and S. Dakota and Kansas. **Pray for their ministry as we challenge churches and friends to participate in F.I.'s new ministry venture in the country of Belize.**

