



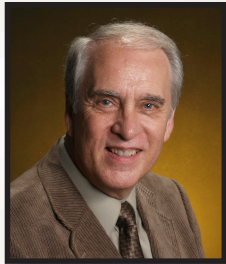
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Del Huff
Executive Director

LIFE IS LIKE A BOX OF CHOCOLATES

This infamous quote from Forrest Gump has made us think of the ways life is truly like a box of chocolates, and how we don't always know what we're going to get, and that's perfectly okay. Especially when we put it into the context of our Christian life and more specifically as we rest assured that God is in control.

As we look back over this last month, we can look back and say, "Praise the Lord", but we've definitely had challenges along the way. Consider two examples; one, the blessings of our camp in Romania, BUT, then came the storm that tore the roof off of our main structure, in the middle of a camp. And, the blessings of our Hein Family tour, BUT, then the disturbing news that Del will need to take time off for some required medical care.

We hold strong to these words from the Lord.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9

"And we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28



FINISHING STRONG! FRIENDSHIP CAMP - ROMANIA

by Callum King
Supervisor, Friendship Camp



the USA, Scotland and of course Romania to lead and assist with the camp programs each week.

As always it's been an amazing blessing to be able to bring more than 200 children from children's homes and under-privileged families through our sponsorship program. Many of these children come to camp for free and others pay a much reduced price depending on their circumstances. Thank you to all who have contributed and continue to make this possible.



Six of the camps this summer have been our usual camps for children and teens. The highlights have been the giant slip 'n slide and water balloon wars on the hot days, the zip line, shaving foam pies as forfeits, camp fires, and the competitions to win team points. The focus however are the worship times, bible teachings, and small group discussion times. We pray that the word that has gone out will bear much fruit.

We have also been able to have three camps for special needs children and young adults.

- Special needs young adults who live semi-independently and are supported by a Christian organization.
 - Severely special needs children from a Christian children's home.
 - Mildly special needs children who are in foster care who came with their foster families to camp.
- It has been a real joy and privilege to be able to welcome these children to Friendship Camp.

Prayer Points: Pray for children who have already been at camp this summer. For many it was their first time in a Christian camp and for some it was the first time they were given the chance hear the gospel. Pray that the seeds which were planted will grow and bear much fruit. • Pray for our last camp which will run from August 25 to 29. Pray for the team and leaders who are preparing teachings, worship, competitions, games and lots more. Pray that the children who will come will hear and respond to the gospel.

- Pray for us as a team and the full-time summer staff. Pray that the Lord would bless us with an extra dose of energy for our last week!



CAYO SCHOOL OF MUSIC & ARTS

With God's Help WE WILL Open The School But NOT In September

* From the Director, Del Huff. Referring back to my opening of this letter. I believe strongly in the two verses mentioned about "God's ways not necessarily being our ways. And we *know* that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him." Since our last letter, there have been significant changes for me, personally. My health has taken a negative turn and my doctors have said that I need to stay close to home for observations for an indefinite time. God willing this is only a temporary time, but also for us to open the school as we had planned in September. It seems to be another delay in "our" schedule, but not in God's. So, I would ask for you to please pray with me, my family and others that the Great Healer will touch the area of my body that is needing healing, and that we can continue with "God's Plans" for our beautiful school in Belize.



"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

We still need your immediate help.

We need to buy office and classroom equipment, photocopier, furniture, supplies and teaching materials. **Estimated Cost: \$5,000.**

Tax deductible receipts are available.

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

**Friendship International, P.O. Box 50884
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Or go to our website - friendshipintl.org, click on the "Donate" button at the top, after you reach the Give to FI page, select the fund - *Cayo School of Music & Arts.*

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

ALSO FINISHED STRONG!



LIGHT IN THE WINDOW America Tour '25



This was one of the most unique tours Friendship International has organized. It was not a group or a trio, duet or a soloist. It was the Heins, a young family, of 6, from our new ministry country. The Hein family is a close-knit Mennonite family from Belize where Alvin and family not only sing country style, but Alvin is also a rancher and farmer. So, the tour was intentionally planned to visit smaller country churches, set in rural America, where ranchers and farmers were our main audience. We had concerts in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota and Nebraska.

The theme of the tour was **Light in the Window**, the title of a song which the family sung every night. What does placing a light or candle in the window mean?

The tradition of placing a simple candle in the window dates back to colonial days. It offered a signal to passing travelers that they would find shelter and warmth inside. It has been interpreted as a sign of welcome, beacon of hope or a symbol of spiritual significance. The lyrics bring out a meaningful message of hope in a troubled and dark world.

1. Come sad ones weary of your load, Stumbling and falling on the road. Lift up your eyes to heaven and view a candle in the window for you.

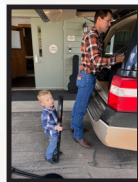


**Ref: There is a light in the window to guide the pilgrims as they roam
When we are lost, and far from home. When we are fearful of the shadows and we cannot see the light of day, There is a candle in the window to lead the way.**

**2. When grief is throbbing in your, seeming to break your life apart,
When all around is darkest night, From heavens window there shines a light.**

The main goal for the tour was to make our friends, new and old, aware of our plans to build and start the new Cayo School of Music and Art and to raise funds for this project. The reason for the Hein family's participation is because of their personal interest in seeing this school built for families in the community of Spanish Lookout where they live. There are schools in this community, but none of them offer music or art since they have no teachers qualified to teach in these areas. Plus, Alvin will be one of the teacher for guitar, writing and poetry.

Here are some of the photos taken from our tour. the



Everybody has a job setting up



Church in the Park
Outdoor Concert, Hardin, MT



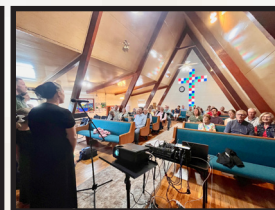
Picnic with the pastor
before the Concert



Always room for an ice cream
on the road



The whole family singing and
Dawson had to have his own mic



Concert on Sunday morning in the
cowboy town of Winnett, MT



Inviting church to sing some fa-
miliar Gospel songs and Hymns



Alvin's sister, Marcy
doing double duty



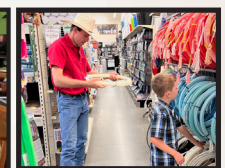
The team spending the day
out at the ranch (30,000 acres)



Alvin out riding the range at the
pastor ranch in MT



Hein family doing what's natural,
sitting with the hosts, singing



Alvin and Matthew checking
out tack at the western store