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**AFTER 25 YEARS, 2000 - 2025,
LOOKING FORWARD**

As F.I. moves into the next quarter century, we want to be used in our ever-changing world to let people around us know, there is A BETTER WAY, there is HOPE for their future and their children's future. This is why F.I.'s vision needs to reflect the needs of the people around us. Pray for us as we enter the new year, with the assurance that God will use us in His way, a mighty way.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support this past year. We would ask that you please continue to be a partner in ministry with us in the future.

If you have followed our ministry over the years and faithfully prayed for us, we want to express our thanks to you and the Lord. But if you have not actively participated in supporting our ministry, as we enter this new year, prayerfully consider what the Lord would put on your heart to support us financially. As we branch out into new areas of ministry for this "New Season" of our ministry we need your help and prayers.

It's not hard to see the unrest all around us, in our homes, in our churches, in our country and in our world. It would be so easy to dwell on these things, but as these things seem to entangle us and our world, these words from Corrie Ten Boom seem so relevant.



***It's Always A Beautiful Thing To End The Year
Making Hearts Glad***



Tabita and Adi Muscan and family
F.I. Directors, Romania

First, we hope all of you, our friends in the states, had as wonderful a Christmas celebration as we did with our family and church. It is always a blessing to celebrate with our loved ones, the birth of Jesus, the one who gives our life purpose and meaning. The week before Christmas was extremely busy. Starting with the shopping for the kids in foster homes and orphanages, packing their gifts and visiting them before Christmas. This year we visited 3 places, one with 14 children, the second with only 4 and the third with 12. Each of them had their own unique story.



The home with the 4 kids was located in a very small village, 30 minutes from our house in Arad. We are very familiar with this family who opened their home 8 years ago to these children as foster kids. It was a joy to see meet the family and visit with these children again because they all come to Friendship Camp, but we had not been able to visit with this year since they were at camp in the summer. What joy filled our hearts as we shared a Christmas blessing and the gifts we had prepared for this impoverished family.



The second stop was an orphanage with 14 kids with an entirely different story. They are about an hour driving from Arad. The interesting story behind this home is the couple were not always Christians. They were owners of a liquor store and bar. They had no kids. After they receive Christ there was a total change in their lives. They sold the store and bar and asked the Lord, what do we do now. They were lead to buy a house, and decided to name it "For the love of children", because the Lord put it on their hearts to open

their home for orphans to take care of and love. From the very beginning of this new life, they were fully involved in caring for the children, with no previous experience, but they were completely dedicated to caring and loving them. They cooked, cleaned, washed, taught and loved this kids like they were their own. Day after day, year after year they have been faithful in caring for these children.



Two miracles took place in this family. The Lord eventually gave them their own children, their son is now 7, and their girl is one year old. Another miracle, the mother had her children in her 40's. So now they are one BIG happy family.

To God Be The Glory, Great Things He Has Done

There's Much News To Share About Cayo School of Music and Arts

NEW LOGO

After "living" with our new logo for awhile, we've finally made the decision what our official branding should look like. We like it, we hope you do.



BIG ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS

If you've been reading our news letters over the past months you know there have been many challenges facing us with getting our school up and going.

It started with the uncertainty of the location. We had a very difficult time finding a place available to rent. Then it was about size and location, and on and on. But because of this challenge we had to postpone our starting in the summer last year. Following that set back there was the issue with my health, which kept me from leaving Colorado for two months.

But at the same time we were trying to move forward on plans to eventually build our own facilities. Through that process we established an approximate cost. And finally we presented floor plans and renderings of the exterior view of our new school.



Approximately 8 months ago, we were introduced to a philanthropist, a rancher living just outside our hometown. After we presented our school project to him, he made a generous offer to match funds that we would raise up to \$60,000. We took on the challenge.

Thanks to the generous donations of our mission's friends, we began, slowly, growing our match. We were not able to reach the maximum amount of the match by the end of the year, but we were grateful that the final amount reached was \$48,000.

We reported that total to our rancher partner. He was satisfied with our efforts and when his check arrived, to our surprise, he had donated the full amount that he had set for the match of \$60,000.

To God Be The Glory !

In our last letter to you we had sent out this request.

Prayer Request

We are anticipating starting the Cayo School of Music and Art in a rented house the first week of February. Everything is in place, the location, the teachers, curriculum and permission.

Now we need the students. Pray there will be many children and adults registering in the month of January. We'll keep you updated.

At the beginning of this month we began our recruitment campaign for student registration. The first Saturday children and adults began coming. We were amazed at the response.



We are offering a large selection of subjects to choose from; piano, guitar, voice, English as a Second Language, art, general music and music theory.

We are now just one week from the opening of the school. Praise the Lord, we have 55 students, children and adults signed up and excited to begin.

Thank you for your prayers and generous support.



... Great Things He Has Done !



The third home we visited had 12 children. Actually, they are no longer children but all were over 18 years old. The unique character of this orphanage is that all of the "children" had

special needs. Their needs were extremely different. Physically they look like young adults but mentally they were all like small children.



Another interesting element to this story is, 2 months ago, one of the staff members who cares for the children had a serious accident, that left him with brain damage. He is still recovering. And

this man had an autistic boy (18 years old) in a wheel chair, and they live in the same house with the orphans. It is a very sad story, that seems overwhelming, but the amazing thing is, this man has a strong faith in the Lord and looks to Him, full of hope, for his future and those living in the house and feels thankful.

It was such an amazing opportunity to be able to visit these homes that seldom had visitors from the outside. But, what a blessing it was for us to be able to share the beautiful message of God's love at Christmas.



May the Lord use our simple efforts with sharing the Good News and gifts of love, to somehow encourage and help the children. They are all special in Jesus' eyes

and He wants to be their Savior and guide. Please pray with us that our time with them would count for eternity.

We especially want to thank all our friends who responded so quickly to help make this special Christmas project possible. May your generous donations not go unnoticed by our heavenly Father.