

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2010

Firm Foundations Romania is official!

We are very happy to announce that Firm Foundations Romania has become an official association!

It was a long road but it is finally finished. Now it is time to move forward and help the ones in need.

Recently the Romanian government cut 25% of monthly wages for state employees and 15% off retirement benefits. Romania has also increased taxes on everything by 5%. Many are frustrated and in need of help. FFR was able to give out donations to different organizations, hospitals, centers and families. Thank you to all who gave to make this possible!



Children who are in need are our focus. Join us and make differences.



Hospital Project

There have been generations of children who have gone through the dramatic back and forth of traveling between hospital and their families and it seems like there is no end in sight. New babies have been born over the last months and are now also in the circle of the injustice.

But we are very happy for each and one of our volunteers working with us, holding and loving these children. Thanks to these people, the children have somebody there to comfort and hold them from the day they arrive until the day they leave.

Over this summer we reached a maximum number of volunteers and it has been wonderful to see their dedication and love. We continue to pray for long term volunteers. If anybody feels called to come here and serve for a year or longer, please contact us!





Teenage Girls Mentor Program

Once again we met with our 14 teenage girls (age 10-14) and celebrated the end of the school year with an afternoon full of crafts, fun and a testimony from one of our volunteers. The girls are opening up more and more and always enjoy our time together. Later this summer our teens will have the opportunity to attend a Christian camp that is run for under privileged children and

teenagers. The girls loved it last year and we are praying for an unforgettable time and for their hearts to be open hear the message of God's love.



Goals and new projects for this summer

Outreach to the Flood Victims in Romania

Many of you have probably heard about the flooding that has been happening in Romania. Many people who already live in great poverty lost all of their belongings.

into one window of the house and out the other. Bridges were destroyed. Many homes are in need of construction and repair.

FFR was able to drive three carloads full of donations and goods to those in need in nearby Covasna. In 1 1/2 hours, many house were four feet underwater. Water flooded

While the people so appreciated the help, we would love to help further. Please continue to pray for those who have been affected, for how FFR can further help, and for teams to be willing to come do repairs



New Program for Mothers

For the past two years our volunteers have been allowed to work on the Maternity floor, holding and loving the youngest in the hospital. We have met many teenage mothers who are overwhelmed by having a new baby. We have received permission from the doctors on this floor to start working with the mothers

there. Our program will involve doing a special activity such as an arts and crafts project and then teaching them about child care, personal hygiene and their new role as a mother. We also want to teach the new mothers about their own rights as a woman in their relationships, families and communities.



Testimony: Talia (New Zealand)

For almost ten years I felt a pull towards Romania, and a need to make a difference in the lives of Romanian orphans and abandoned children. Finally in June 2010 I was able to make my dream a reality. Although initially I volunteered through Projects Abroad, it was the people at Firm Foundations who made my experience so memorable.

I made the most of my month in Romania working

double shifts with the sick babies in the Brasov Children's Hospital, holding them, playing with them, changing them, feeding them, and loving them. It was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

It was a lot of fun working alongside the other Firm Foundations volunteers, and I often spent my free time on evenings and weekends with the other volunteers too, sightseeing

or just hanging out. They were all very welcoming from the start, and it didn't take long for me to consider them friends.

I was very sad when my time in Romania came to an end, and I hope one day in the near future, I will be able to return to Romania to help Firm Foundations continue their amazing work in making such a difference in the lives of the Romanian children in Brasov.



Talia, a registered nanny from New Zealand, loving the babies in the hospital

A New Future Regular

Larissa, born in June, only spent a couple of days at home before she was dropped off at the hospital. Her older sister Sabina, 12 months old, has spent most of her life in hospitals. She has become one of our 'regulars.' Our volunteers taught her how to eat, sit, stand and soon will teach her how to walk. They keep her spirit alive and her mind eager to learn.

Unfortunately, we know that Larissa will have the same road ahead of her. Please join us in praying for Larissa and Sabina and how we can help make a difference in their lives. Larissa has already become a favorite of the nurses and staff on the maternity floor. She is back home at the moment but it will be only a matter of time before she returns to the hospital.



Meet our
newest
baby
Larissa

The Song 'Unwanted'

During Sarah and Mary's trip to the States and Canada in June, Sarah had the opportunity to sing the song that she and Steffi co-wrote called 'Unwanted' in many different churches and fundraising events. She was able to re-record the song while in America with an additional verse. This song has touched many hearts

around the world and we are excited to see how God is using this song to spread the word about Romanian and Firm Foundations.

To hear the song please visit

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9oOjWgV9v8>

For more information or if you are interested in purchasing a CD single, contact us at this email address: drivenmusic@yahoo.com



Prayer Requests

We want to thank all of you who have been a part of Firm Foundations Romania. We appreciate your belief in our work and for helping us be able help the ones so desperately in need.

Please continue praying for us and the people we are working with.

Here are some prayer requests and praises:

Praises:

- Firm Foundations Romania becoming an official association
- Short-term and long-term volunteers during our busiest time of the year
- Our teenage girls getting to go to camp this summer
- For the responses from people who listened to the Dr. Dobson's Radio broadcast

Prayer needed for:

- Protection
- Flood victims in Romania
- Finances for both the projects and our own personal support
- Long term volunteers
- Office space and 4x4 vehicle that is needed for our projects



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'I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.'
Isaiah 41:10