

Sibiu, Romania

# Newsletter

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n this month we learn more about how to work together, we have fixed some rules that have to be obeyed by everyone in order to build respect and good relationships. We have done homework together, we have played, laugh and eat together. We have received several guests also. We learn as we walk together.

We managed to have a special, separate time with two of the children, Gabriel and Claudia. We have been to Mc Donald's (this is the favorite



Exhausted at the end of the day:)

place for children in Romania) and then we took them to a playground.

#### **LIFE STORIES**

Meet this little and thin girl, Claudia. She will be 10



years old this year, in July. She was born in a happy family, legally formed by marriage. She loves math and excels at the school, being the first in her class. She is joyful, optimist, opened and talkative. She shows respect towards others and loves to be involved in activities.

Unfortunately, two years ago, her mother was diagnosed with

cancer. The father hardly tried to keep up with all the expenses for his wife's medical care. Few months after the death of his wife, the father got sick and suffered a surgery that forced him to quit his job and stay home. He lives now from the social help he gets from the state (which is under the limit of surviving).



He is struggling financially, but he does his best to take proper care of his daughter and his desire is to continue to help her maintain high grades. Though his daughter is brilliant in school, he cannot afford anymore to pay for the afterschool's program offered by school, where Claudia was getting extra school work, so he gave up that program.

We found out about Claudia and her situation from a social worker that tried to help the family. Before this, we tried to get contact with the school, but the director said, "they can manage all the children they have so the school doesn't need our services in this moment". Sadly, we found out, that the schools in Sibiu do not want the "free afterschools" because than they lose the income of their own offer, which they impose even on the social cases, putting a bigger burden on them.

We clearly see the hand of God was with Claudia and her family through all this struggle. And true is His word, God indeed is working out all the things good. Though the school was against any partnership with us, God was for us and we got to know Claudia anyway. She is now coming to our center and she is very excited! And we hope, someday, she will get to know the One who has done her so much good!

#### **NEWS**

 At the beginning of the month we have received the visit of an American team, led by Pastor John Phillips. The kids had a lot of fun painting T-shirts with our visitors and eating sweets.









 We have noticed that Claudia wears the same clothes all the time. Some of the kids mocked her, so we were quite sad, and we thought what we can do to help her. With a donation from a young woman, Nicky Eonta, that visited the center with the team, we have managed to buy new clothes for her.



 At the end of the month we have received the visit of Pastor Barry Kidwell and Pastor Troy Hamilton, that prayed for the children and offer to help us achieve new clothes for them, as they heard the story of Claudia.



## FUNNY THINGS FROM FEBRUARY

1. One day, a girl of second grade looks at Pastor Cristian and says:

How old are you? I bet you are 80 years old.

(She was very serious)

Pastor Cristi answered:

I am not as old as you think!

Than another kid said:

You have grey hair. You must be 59 years old. We had a very good laugh, but we cannot say the same about Pastor Cristian:)))

2. Several days ago, Gabriel comes very happy:

Today I do not have much homework! I have just

one! I have to compose my mother!
(He had to write down a description of his mum)

3. One day David comes to Kiki and suddenly tells her: *Kiki, if you die, I come to your funeral.* 

No reaction from Kiki, so, here he goes again: *Kiki, if you die, I come to your funeral.*We both started to laugh...



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