



love the little children

kelly hornsby... loving the little children of Romania with the love of Jesus!



A little about me...

I know that I am a little delayed with this update. I have to say that as March drew to a close many things seemed to be up in the air and I wasn't sure how to update you. Now there is so much to share that I am not sure where to begin... God has been working in and through all of the things that I requested prayer for in my last update and has worked in ways that I didn't expect in some areas. He has the big picture and we don't and I am glad that He is in control! The big news personally is that God has placed it on my heart to extend my time in Romania. When I first felt led to come, I committed to a two year STINT. There have been weeks and months during that time that seemed never ending, with problems and road blocks seemingly each step of the way for the ministry and for me. Yet, these almost two years as a whole have flown by! They have been filled with blessings too numerous to count, victories that only God could have won, children being rescued and lives being changed.



Livada Update...

We have grown and changed as a ministry during these two years. We have gone from having 1 group home and 2 mentor apartments to having 3 group homes and 6 mentor apartments with a total of 48 children and teens in our full time care! We also continue to minister in the remaining large orphanages, in over 20 state run group homes and in the hospitals with abandoned babies. As you know, I began my time here working with academic, social and spiritual education of the children at Casa Rebeca (our first group home) as well as leading the weekly program with the first through fourth graders at the orphanage called Ludus. This last year I have taken on the role of being the Director of Casa Rebeca. It has been a stretch and a blessing. I have built stronger relationships with the kids, moms & educators at the house, have been given the opportunity to build relationships between the kids and their sponsors, and have been stretched in the realms of language limitations, Romanian bureaucracy, conflict resolution and "parenting" of post institutionalized (many formerly abused) kids who are quickly becoming adolescents! These eleven children have been my heart and focus this past year. This next year I will be given a new challenge that I am very excited about. I will move into the position of "Director of Sponsorship & Teams." Fear not, this does not mean that I will no longer be with the kids. I can see now how God has been preparing me for this role. I will not only get to work with the kids from Casa Rebeca, but also with those from Casa Nadia & Ana. These second two group homes are filled entirely with the children that I worked with at Ludus my first year here on a weekly basis. I will be involved in activities and events that will allow me to build a relationship with all the kids as well as the teens in our apartments. I will continue to invest in my kids from Casa Rebeca in more of a mentor role through one on one time as well. My new role has two parts: Sponsorship... focuses on building relationships with the kids and those who work daily with them, building a team of sponsors for each child in our care, being the communication and update link between those sponsors and "their child" and fund raising for special projects and needs of the children.

The second part is Teams... which will mean that I will coordinate and care for teams that come to Romania throughout the year to minister to our children. As part of this new role I will be traveling to the States several times a year to share these kids and the amazing opportunity to invest in their lives through sponsorship, special gifts, or a trip to minister alongside us here in Romania.

We have seen the corruption of the "system" and following destruction in the kids' lives. We thank God daily for those He has brought out of the darkness of the orphanage and into our care. I know that He will provide for their needs each step of the way. As He meets the needs of those in our care... we continue to fight alongside Him for the protection of all those who continue to be abused, mistreated and abandoned in the State system. This past week after years of trying to work with those in power and getting little response, our Director, Bruce Thomas shared the story of the physical and sexual abuse that we know about with a National Newspaper. The same week he was in Brussels at an hearing before many members of the EU parliament. He was able to combat some of the lies and propaganda about how the "child welfare system" is working in Romania and give arguments against the closing of international adoption. We are also in the process of taking several of the primary sexual offenders at one orphanage to court to be held accountable for their actions and to protect other children from further abuse. Our enemy, the devil, has not been pleased with this much light being shown on what has been his dark domain for so long and the sparks are flying!!! Psalm 25:1-3 have been our prayer and comfort during this time of battle! "To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse." The battle is the Lord's!



Join me through Prayer...

God has been at work...Here are some answers to prayer from March & April...

1. We have decided to "hold" the school idea for now. God has impressed upon us the need to take a year at least and fully focus on the kids he has entrusted to us. We need to invest whole heartedly in their physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs and know that they are financially sponsored before we take on another large project.
2. We are continuing to pray about the best time to make the changes needed to Casa Rebeca. Praise God that almost \$50,000 has been generously given so far towards this project. We have made some changes in the house by moving the boys downstairs that we hope will be beneficial until final decisions are made. Keep praying for this one!
3. Praise God for the amazing work that he is doing in Marian. He was skipping school, making very poor friend choices and brewing with anger a little over a month ago. We pulled him out of his school and moved him to a new one. God has used this to shake him up and work in his heart. He is a different boy today!
4. I am thankful for the gift of having a week away last week to relax, recharge and seek God's guidance about the future. It is so good to have a God that not only gives us guidance, but calms our fears and promises to walk with us. I am thankful for His clear direction.
5. Praise God for the wonderful Easter Break we had at Casa Rebeca... picnics, visits to the elderly, the circus, an Easter Egg hunt, and Easter day with many lessons about the grace of God made possible by the death and resurrection of Jesus!

Please pray for...

1. God to continue to provide for my personal support so that I will be able to continue to serve here.
 2. Bruce and others who are battling on the front lines for the protection and needs of the children.
 3. Tina (a wonderful educator from Casa Rebeca) as she leaves us and moves to the States to work with the hopes of studying psychology as well, so that she can return and work with children here. Pray also for Kati, Levi and Stefan with whom she has worked daily for the past two years. We will all miss her greatly!
 4. My trip home this month to be productive and refreshing. Pray that I will have the opportunity to meet with many of my supporters as well as make new connections for the sponsorship of our children.
 5. The children in our care who have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused in the past to know that they are safe now and to experience the healing that only God can bring.
 6. Pray that God will bring the perfect person or couple to serve as the new Director of Casa Rebeca! Pray for someone who can lead the moms & educators, invest in the children and keep the house running well. Pray for someone with a heart to pour out for this home!
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Partner with me...

I will be in the States from May 16th - June 11. During this time I will be trying to meet with supporters and possible new child sponsors. I will share more details of my schedule as I get things planned. If you know of anyone who may want to gather some folks together and allow me to share the vision and children of Livada with them or if you would like information on sponsoring a child... please let me know!

Many of you have given towards my personal support in the past or are faithful monthly supporters. I would like to thank you for giving, for praying and for encouraging me through these almost two years of ministry here in Romania. What a blessing you have been to me and to the children! Would you please consider continuing monthly support and/or giving a one time gift to help make it possible for me to continue serving here. If so, you can send checks to: Livada Orphan Care (address below) with "Acct 020" in the memo line. You can also donate online through PayPal at www.livada.org. Thank you for considering a continued partnership with me and with Livada Orphan Care. If you would like to meet personally while I am home to discuss the ministry or support, please let me know... I would love to see you if at all possible!



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