



HEART OF HOPE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

**THE GREATEST GIFT OF HOPE, THE LORD JESUS,
CELEBRATED WITH CHILDREN, WIDOWS, AND FAMILIES IN NEED!**



CHRISTMAS GIFT DELIVERY

The week of December 5th – 9th saw children and staff residing in 7 different Placement Centers (orphanages) receive a cherished Christmas gift in our signature Ziploc bag! American volunteers placed Christmas stickers on the bags to make them more cheerful. Inside the bag each child received a new warm scarf, Christmas devotional book and little toys appropriate for their ages, a new toothbrush and yummy chocolates and fresh fruit! The team, comprised of 3 Americans and several of our young women from Home of Hope, also delivered needed pampers, baby wipes, sterile gloves, and detergent to 2 Centers for disabled children. At each Center the true “Gift of Hope”, God’s greatest gift to us that never leaves us, His only Son the Lord Jesus, was celebrated!

Village Food Distribution is always a part of Heart of Hope’s Christmas program. We partner with a Romanian Foundation that provides a weekly Bible Club and after school tutoring to children in impoverished communities. At each village, every family has the opportunity to receive food staples in the true spirit of giving at Christmas – they are not required to send their children to Bible Club – the food is for everyone and a wonderful blessing!



VILLAGE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

It was a cold and snowy week of Christmas distribution. Hearts and tummies were warmed with physical and spiritual nourishment. Thank you to our Home Team for your generous contributions!



TWO SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISERS



Portland – from left to right: Silvia Vasiu – Heart of Hope Administrative Assistant, Georgene Bernhardt – Longtime volunteer and Ambassador of Hope, Gloria Bernard – Longtime volunteer and Home Team support, Cristina Bria – recent graduate of the Home of Hope Transition program that came to speak at both fundraisers!



California – from left to right: Debbie Marshall – President of Heart of Hope, Bianca Young – former graduate of the Home of Hope Transition program, now married and living in the States, Jana Young – Repeat volunteer and most recently on the Christmas Team, Cristina Bria from the Home of Hope Transition Program!

PURCHASING OUR NEW 'HOME OF HOPE'!

The focus of the fundraisers was to raise funds for our Gift of Hope Christmas Program and to raise enough funds to purchase a new home for the Home of Hope Transition Program. At the end of 2017 we will be losing our lease on the current home and Praise the Lord – we raised enough money to purchase our new 'Home of Hope'! The purchase was completed on November 29th for just under \$107,000. We will focus the next year on raising funds for the renovation that will allow an office and living space for our administrative assistant that manages the young women and two apartment style floors that will house our 8 deserving young women. The property will also provide secure storage for vehicles, tools, and supplies. We are now in the process of getting renovation bids and will be asking for your support in 2017 to complete our new home.



Above: The current young women at Home of Hope in their new 'Christmas jammies'! We have a wonderful group of young women studying and working hard for their futures. They are also learning life lessons and learning to serve others.

For those of you that attended the fundraiser and heard Cristina's story – she has been hired as a pharmacist in Targu Mures! She will move there to help her sister and begin work on January 2nd.

We are so very grateful for you, our Home Team, who so generously gave to make the Gift of Hope Christmas program a blessing to more than 1,000 children and families, and in support of our new home. May your heart be warmed this Christmas season knowing those in need were blessed and embraced with the love of Christ.

Merry Christmas,

Debbie and your
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