



# HEART OF HOPE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

## OAKS CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL SPRING BREAK SERVICE!



*Juniors and Seniors from Oaks Christian High School in West Lake Village, CA spent their spring break providing after school ministry to the children at the Placement Center in Turnu Rosu and facilitating the HHMI Easter Gift from the Heart program to 7 Placement Center's and provided desperately needed food supplies to 170 families.*



*Each Placement Center received a gift bag with an age appropriate Easter devotional, chocolates, toys, and fresh fruit. As the Oaks Teens distributed the food bags, the children of the village began to 'help'!*

*A special **thank you** to our Home Team donors who blessed so many this Easter season!*





*"As I reflect on our 8 years of ministry with Heart of Hope, I am most appreciative of Debbie's leadership and pure example of James 1:27, 'caring for orphans and widows', that our students experience. I am also so thankful for the hard work our translators put in each year; however, they do more than translate, they become friends and we always enjoy the late nights playing ping-pong, cards, friendship bracelets, and laughing - lots of laughing. Our students have an opportunity to love the least of these, those forgotten and discarded by adults in their lives; and because of the long-term investment Heart of Hope makes, we are privileged to share in a small piece of their ministry. I think the greatest impact for our teams has been the last three years at the Turnu Rosu Placement*

*Center. It's an energetic group of kids, but there is a beautiful and mutual love between our students and the kids at Turnu Rosu. This year specifically, our last day with them was so low-key because they simply wanted to 'be' with us, and for the first time they were content to just be near a team member; no games necessary, just hanging out and it was heart-warming to watch. I'm so thankful they will again soon be embraced by the love of Christ at Camp, they talked about it each day!" Susi Matzke is the World Missions and Community Service Director at Oaks Christian School.*

## **CAMP SEASON 2017 BEGINS IN JUST OVER A MONTH!**

*At each Placement Center or Village that the Oaks Team distributed the cherished Easter gifts child after child asked, "when do we go to camp"? For these children it is a childhood milestone, a week of joyful physical, emotional, and spiritual nourishment in a life filled with uncertainty. We are authorized to provide a week of camp to 50 children over the age of 8 each week this summer. For children who have watched others go to camp and are now old enough to go - they couldn't wait to tell me they are finally old enough. For new children that have come into the system this year - hearing the stories of other children who have been to camp are giving them something to look forward to in this year of loss for them.*

### **CAMP SCHEDULE 2017**

*June 26th-July 1st: Boys from the Placement Center at Agarbiciu*

*July 3rd-8th: Boys and Girls from the Placement Center at Orlat*

*July 10th-15th: Boys and Girls from the Special Education Placement Center in Fağaras*

*July 17th-22nd: Boys and Girls from the Special Education Placement Center in Turnu Rosu*

*July 24th-July 29th: Teenage Boys and Girls from the Placement Center at Hegel*

*July 31st-August 5th: Boys and Girls from impoverished villages*

*August 7th-12th: Boys and Girls from impoverished villages*

*Donations for Camp are down and we ask you to kindly consider sponsoring a child to camp this year. For the first time in the 17 years we have operated Camp of the Good Shepherd we have needed to raise the weekly scholarship from \$50.00 to \$65.00 per child. Thank you for any consideration you can give to provide a week of Christian compassion to these dear children in need.*

*Yours in Partnership,*

*Debbie* and your  
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