



HEART OF HOPE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

A GIFT FROM THE HEART JOYFULLY PACKED AND DELIVERED!



12 Students and 3 chaperones from Oaks Christian High School in West Lake Village, CA spent their spring break serving with Heart of Hope at Camp of the Good Shepherd. The team packed all the Gift from the Heart Easter gifts for children in 5 Placement Centers and 3 Village Bible Clubs. They also packed and delivered 175 food care packages their last day of service.



Debbie guarded the bags while the team went door to door in the impoverished community of Combinat to deliver the food staples; soon a group of children curious to see what's inside the blue bags gathered to help keep her company!

Combinat is on the margin of Fagaras and when you hear about the 'marginalized' this community is the poster child in every way. Families, widows and singles were blessed by the compassion and service of this team and the generosity of those that provided funds for the wonderful gift of food!



The team spent their afternoons at the Turnu Rosu Placement Center ~ spending time with the 48 children left there over the spring holiday. The team provided crafts, games, Bible stories, special treats, and truly demonstrated the love of Christ. The most frequent question asked: "when is camp?!" It was a wonderful week of ministry!



INVESTING IN ROMANIA'S FUTURE LEADERS!



March 27th-30th, in partnership with AMEC - (Child Evangelism Fellowship), Heart of Hope hosted a training for this year's Romanian Camp Volunteers. The classes were taught by AMEC leader, Sebi Solomon (not pictured). The classes covered everything from appropriate age-related Bible



lessons and applications, to discipline, to the special opportunities that a camp experience provides a child in need. We had 9 participants of the 20 plus Romanians scheduled to serve at Camp this year! Each week we already have at least 7 Romanian volunteers signed up to serve at Camp of the Good Shepherd; we are so grateful to be so far ahead so early!

THE 'TENDER HEARTS' TEAM - CAMP TEAM 1, 2018

The first American Volunteer Camp Team this summer will be led by Douglas and Karen Bernhardt. Douglas and Karen have a special connection to Romania, in that they were some of the last foreigners allowed to adopt from Romania some 18 years ago. Douglas and Karen rescued and adopted 3 children and in 2015 returned with those 3, now young adults, to serve at camp. Last year, Douglas and Karen returned as volunteers to work with the children the 2 weeks we have special education camps. This year they will lead a 6 member team to minister to the children from the Turnu Rosu Special Education Placement Center and the Fagaras Special Education Placement Center. They have chosen 'Tender Hearts' as their team name to represent both the tender hearts of the children in need and Christ's tender love and mercy He has for the children.



"God has blessed us with the opportunity to return and lead a team at camp this summer. We are excited to see the children again this summer and are looking forward to strengthening our relationship with them and Christ."



For the next 3 months we will be seeking to raise more than 300 Camp Scholarships to sponsor children from both Placement Centers and impoverished communities to camp. Your \$65.00 gift provides an entire week of Christian compassion and nourishment to the hurting, invisible and sometimes forgotten children we work with. Each scholarship will cover the cost of 16 meals, 5 snacks, and transportation to camp. Financial cost: \$65.00, value of the joy for each child: priceless! Thank you for any consideration you can give at this time!

Yours in Partnership,

Debbie and your
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