

Extending a Vision of Hope Through Hands-On Christian Love

Congratulations Roni!

translated by Jacqui Knight

Our house dad, Roni Stepan, graduated with a bachelor's degree in social work this summer! I had the privilege of working side-by-side with Roni for four years. His hard work and dedication to the children of Global Hope have always been an inspiration to me, and perhaps more importantly, an encouragement during the times when I was ready to give up. I asked him to share a little bit about his vision for the future.

I thank God that I was able to finish this specialization in social work!

Surely, without the help of the children and my co-workers, this wouldn't have been possible--and without the prayers of all of our friends.

I chose to become a social assistant so that I could better understand child abandonment in Romania; the causes, prevention, child psychology, and the problems that arise in the aftermath. I felt I needed to understand these things in order to get closer to the children that the Lord has called me to work with.



Thanks for opening up this special edition of Hope News! We want to let you know about some of the special events that are happening this month.

One of the principal objectives we need to have when working with abandoned children is to uncover those pathways that the child will need to follow to become self-sufficient in life. I believe that we are called to be role models for these children--there is no better lesson for our children than watching us live our lives well.

Right now, I have another decision in front of me. I would like to get a Masters degree in family counseling. In this way, I feel I could be useful in preventing abandonment, and in the future I would like to open a center where families and children can find the help they need to resolve their issues.

I thank you for your support, and I know the Lord will continue to guide us in our work. I'm so grateful to be part of the Global Hope family.



Roni celebrates after his 2008 graduation ceremony!

Hope for Healing in Vienna

Below is a letter from Sarah Davis, one of our missionaries currently on-site in Arad. She sent out this update about one of our girls, Ioana, who is in need of special prayer right now.

I wanted to send out this letter to let everyone know what God is doing in the life of one of our girls, Ioana. Some of you may know Ioana. She came to be a part of our family in 2004. She is a kind girl with a sweet, affectionate spirit. She is smart, quick to help and rarely misbehaves at home. However, life is not so simple for Ioana. She

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has been diagnosed with severe scoliosis. This sharp curve in her spine has caused her ribs to grow in an unusual way, causing her a great deal of discomfort and sometimes, pain. She has great difficulty walking and moving about. But please let me assure you that her physical difficulties have not affected her beautiful smile. Recently, Romica Iuga (who is a Romanian pastor and has served as a leader within Global Hope since its beginning) found a doctor in Vienna who offered to help Ioana. He and his medical colleagues offered to bring Ioana to Austria for tests and possible surgery

to help alleviate the pressure on her internal organs that is caused by her ribs and the curve in her spine. Ioana went to Austria a few weeks ago and stayed with a Romanian family there. The doctors examined her, trying to determine if surgery was the right course of action. They finally decided that an operation could potentially benefit Ioana and ultimately, lengthen her life. They discovered that the pressure on her

organs was such a problem that in a few years she would have great difficulty breathing and would have heart problems. This would mean a drastically accelerated aging process, shortening her life. So the doctors have decided to operate and Ioana is returning to Vienna today to be prepared for the surgery. This is a difficult situation because she is just a child and can't be left there on her own. We have no idea how long she will be there because we're not sure how long the post-surgery recovery process is. She will be accompanied by our psychologist, Ana Gavrilă, and her husband, Cristi. Aside from Ana and Cristi's help, we are also receiving help from Romica and the Speranta Baptist Church. Ioana is Romanian, so apparently



Ioana, after having her face painted at the Expo in Arad, Romania in April 2008.

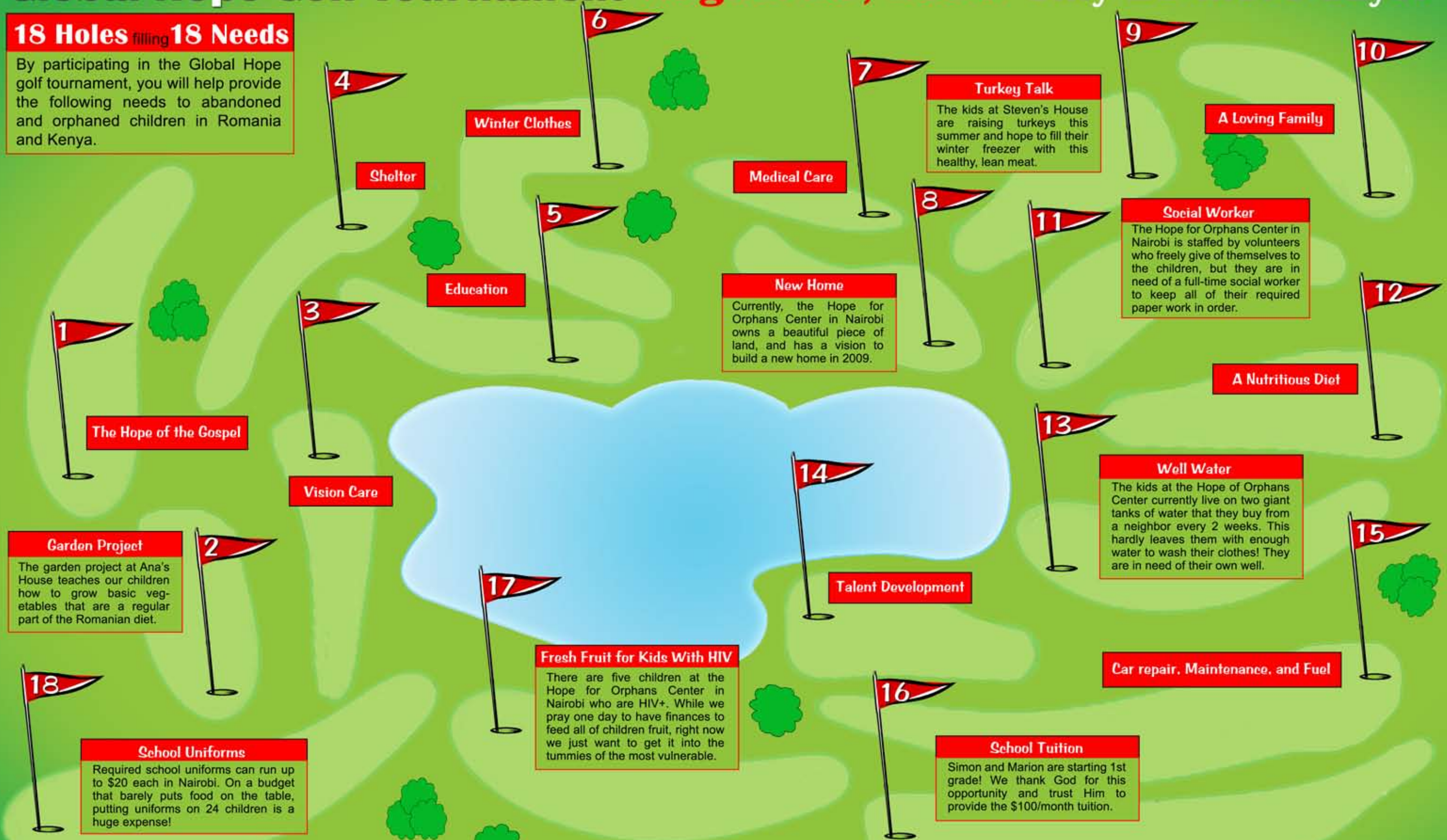
Austrian laws prohibit her from receiving medical treatment 100% free. This surgery is expensive but the doctors have narrowed the expenses we must cover to approximately 15,000 euros. Romica, through contacts in Austria and here in Romania, is pretty confident that he can cover 10,000 euros. That leaves the remaining 5,000 to be raised. Romica has asked Speranta members to pray for Ioana and possibly donate money. I am now writing to you to also pray for Ioana. The doctors have decided to operate whether we have all of the money or not, but we still need to raise this money as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call Ike Elliott at 720-227-0230 or send an email to ike@practiq.com. May God bless you for your support of God's work through Global Hope!



7th Annual
Global Hope Golf Tournament August 23, 2008 only 23 more days!

18 Holes filling **18 Needs**

By participating in the Global Hope golf tournament, you will help provide the following needs to abandoned and orphaned children in Romania and Kenya.



1
The Hope of the Gospel

Garden Project
The garden project at Ana's House teaches our children how to grow basic vegetables that are a regular part of the Romanian diet.

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School Uniforms
Required school uniforms can run up to \$20 each in Nairobi. On a budget that barely puts food on the table, putting uniforms on 24 children is a huge expense!

2
Vision Care

3
Education

4
Shelter

5
Winter Clothes

6
Medical Care

7
Turkey Talk
The kids at Steven's House are raising turkeys this summer and hope to fill their winter freezer with this healthy, lean meat.

8
New Home
Currently, the Hope for Orphans Center in Nairobi owns a beautiful piece of land, and has a vision to build a new home in 2009.

9
Talent Development

10
A Loving Family

11
Social Worker
The Hope for Orphans Center in Nairobi is staffed by volunteers who freely give of themselves to the children, but they are in need of a full-time social worker to keep all of their required paper work in order.

12
School Tuition
Simon and Marion are starting 1st grade! We thank God for this opportunity and trust Him to provide the \$100/month tuition.

13
Well Water
The kids at the Hope of Orphans Center currently live on two giant tanks of water that they buy from a neighbor every 2 weeks. This hardly leaves them with enough water to wash their clothes! They are in need of their own well.

14
Car repair, Maintenance, and Fuel

15
A Nutritious Diet

17
Fresh Fruit for Kids With HIV
There are five children at the Hope for Orphans Center in Nairobi who are HIV+. While we pray one day to have finances to feed all of children fruit, right now we just want to get it into the tummies of the most vulnerable.

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Global Hope Golf Tournament

7th Annual

Modified Scramble Format

The format will be similar to last year: a modified scramble with teams of four teeing off, taking the best shot, and each golfer playing their ball in from there. The best individual score is taken as the team score. We'll have a slightly more civilized start time, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start! Bring your golfing buddies!



\$30,000 Fundraising Goal

We are looking to beat last year's fundraising total of \$30,000, so please let us know if you have a line on a tournament sponsor or a prize donor. You can call Ike Elliott at 720-227-0230, or email him at ike@practiq.com to help with finding great sponsors and prizes!

Registration

Register online at
www.egolftourney.com/vistaridge
OR
register by mail by sending your entrance check to Global Hope at
P.O. Box 1052
Broomfield, CO 80038-1052.



Fees

\$140.00



Supertickets

Supertickets are \$40.00 which includes a chance to win

-  \$100,000 Hole-In-One Contest
-  A Vacation to Mexico
-  5 feet of hole-enlarging string
-  Two mulligans
-  One move-up-a-teebox certificate
-  Entry into all game hole competitions*

**you must have a Superticket to be eligible to win the game holes (closest to the pin, longest drive, etc.)*

**Vista Ridge
Golf Course
in Erie, CO**

August 23rd

**8:30am
Start Time**