

Extending a Vision of Hope Through Hands-On Christian Love

Blessings in the "Lack"

By Jennifer Phillips

Jennifer Phillips, a missionary who served 8 years in Romania and is now serving in Africa, recently made these observations about her experiences in both countries: "There are blessings in the "lack". I see that what I consider as lacking to them is only more space for the Lord to fill. If we never see need, we will never feel compassion to give. If we never experience pain, we will never desire to ease another who is in pain. I see such a huge difference in cultures and I fear that America is really the one in need. It is so easy to live in comfort because we are not surrounded by need. Of course, it depends on where one lives. However, I think for the children the ones in need are more greatly filled by the Lord. Not that I want the kids I adore in America ever to lack anything; I just hope they will get to experience the joy of giving of themselves. And the kids I adore in Romania and Africa, I want to give them everything they don't have. However, it is beyond me or any person. I will do my part but I see that it is enough because the Lord can multiply and bless it; what I do, what you do back home, what everyone does who is led by the Spirit."



Children from Steven's House, clockwise from top: Ionut, Andrada, Hoyny, and Flavius

Mission Trips, 2008!

Will Johnston, Volunteer Missions Administrator

Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well. I Peter 4:10

We are in the process of planning mission teams for next year and it should be a great season for those called to serve in Romania! If you've never participated on a mission team, we urge you to consider it. If you've served before, we'd love to have you join us again. Schedules are not final but we anticipate having the following opportunities available in the spring and summer of 2008:

Camp Hope 2008 (May 24 – June 7) - Cassandra Bindea and a team of volunteers will host summer camp for the children of CP010. CP010 is a government facility in Arad which houses children with disabilities. Camp Hope

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The mission team, kids, house parents, and staff members at Camp Marga, the 2007 vacation bible school team.

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provides these children with a rare opportunity to experience the magic of summer camp. Providing around the clock care for these special needs children is a demanding task and we need your help. Volunteers from past camps found that they were exhausted but blessed beyond measure by the experience.

Vacation Bible School Team (schedule pending) - This team conducts vacation bible school for the younger members of the Global Hope family and other children from the local community. You'll be blessed by the opportunity to minister to these youngsters.

Bible Camp Team (schedule pending) - Team members will partner with our older children for bible study, fellowship and some great camp activities. Share your faith and friendship with these children and learn how God is working in their lives.

Community Outreach Team (schedule pending) - Serve alongside the Global Hope children as they minister to others within their local community. These children are powerful witnesses of God's love in the world.

Mission trips to Romania have proven to be powerful, enriching, and transformational experiences for those answering God's call to serve. For more information about joining one of these teams please contact Will Johnston at wiljohnston@earthlink.net or contact Global Hope by phone at 720-887-4673.

Change of Season

By Walter Williams, Global Hope Missionary

A new season of change is upon us and a most glorious fall has followed a very busy summer here in Arad, Romania. Each season reveals something different & new and of course change is one thing we can always expect. It has been two years now since the Gibble family returned home and with that transition and administrative lead (among many other things) went our ability on some level to actively generate team interest. Honestly there are many factors involved. The simple fact remains, we need bodies to come, to serve, & experience and to keep the support engine alive. I do not believe any private funded foundation can survive without team presence & support. Anyone out there feeling called to facilitate this need, please contact us. It does require structure and accountability, something we can sure try to do better. I have learned how much time & effort this takes and we need help. Naturally we find ourselves seeking new ways and other options to host teams in a ever changing environment. In saying this, I am aware of the interest for those who want to come and serve, individual & team inquiries. Please be patient and we will have some dates available soon. This summer Global Hope had the pleasure of hosting two official teams that came to serve with our families in 3 homes. After being here for 3 years now, other opportunities have come along to diversify in hosting specific task teams. More later!

I have been taking some time in my village home and preparing the house for winter, and preparing for my return to Colorado. Change is good but sometimes it takes a little longer to understand what God has in His plan. I am blessed to feel His comfort and by taking time to pull away from all the needs, can one really feel and let the emotions come out. How can I explain my everyday emotions? I am all over the place. I will return for 2-3 months and seek more clarity in my future service here.

I have another ministry in itself by inviting kids and families to come out and enjoy the village life



Global Hope kids singing after summer camp.

& some of the best time of the year. It is BBQ central, with plenty of things to do. We have been gathering fruit (apples, pears & quinces) and we had a big grape harvest this year. It is amazing how much it takes to work this land to realize the potential it deserves. I do what I can outside and so on, and when it rains I continue inside. The house is a full on construction zone, moving stuff & making different messes along the way. My heart is renewed out here & God is placing a real conviction inside me. This period of pulling away, taking time, has been very good. I do feel better & understand more of what I need in creating a healthy balance. It is not easy & perhaps I can speak to what it means to me when I return. I am open to share with any of you and small groups are best. Romania will wait. I have never experienced before how time is not your own here, a completely

different movement of time. Foreign missionaries beware of your own agenda's & alter ego motives! I mean this in the way we do not see change or, in a way, I think we are conditioned in our western ways to see & expect results or some kind of success. It just does not move this way, and God sorts out & tests those who He calls to serve Him! I believe those who survive, those who stay long term, move patiently, humbly, create a family of support, and seek God and see the fruit He provides.

God continues to bless me by opening opportunities to serve in Romania ~ my change in season seems more real as I become in sync with the bounty & beauty He surrounds me in. The fact is I never have taken true time to be out here. The truth is in the heart & soul of the people

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Camp Hope, 2007

Cassandra Bindea, Global Hope Missionary

This year Camp Hope was held in the first two weeks of August, in Miniş, a village about half an hour outside Arad. Nineteen beautiful children from CP010 (an orphanage for children with disabilities) and twelve wonderful volunteers attended. This year was extra special because it was the inaugural year for the custom-built Camp Hope Playground. Check out Cassandra's website at <http://ro-cassandra.tripod.com> to see more pictures and read volunteers' stories. You can also learn how to sign up for next year's camp, which will be held from August 2nd – 16th, 2008. Thank you to everyone who helped build the dream this year!

"God has made everything beautiful in its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end."

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The volunteers and team with the children at Camp Hope, 2007

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living in the rural villages. They are the backbone of Romania. My perspective has changed and so have I after becoming a part of this little community. I understand I have a choice and can not force or expect others to see or feel what I do. For many here life is not easy, but they do not expect more, because they have never had much more.

I understand now how much the children & body of Global Hope have meant to me. My true family of support, whom I have grown to love and respect no matter our differences. My relationships within this foundation have offered the most constant stability I have ever known here. The message that rings most true & keeps tugging on my heart is to find that joy and passion again ~ that desire & vision to serve with God in the lead. To use this passion and effectively apply it in a way that serves a real need.

"The power of the wicked will be broken, but the Lord supports those who do right." -- Psalm 37:17

"Therefore, who ever humbles himself like



Walter Williams (in blue) with June Mission Team

this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." --Matt 18:4

God is blessing those serving humbly and moves before those who stay obedient. The children of Global Hope are being blessed through faith, God is supporting &

preparing for more, we just can't know what.

Please know your support and prayers are deeply felt.

Be blessed, Walt.





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New Horizons, New Hope

Jacci Knight, Global Hope Board Member

What started as a journey to find *one little girl* in the city of Arad blossomed into a ministry four years later as a group of friends and short-term missionaries to Romania gathered to form the organization Global Hope. They declared their mission was “to offer a vision of hope through hands-on Christian love,” and Romania became our home-away-from-home for the next 11 years.

But, you might notice that this statement has nothing to do with geography. (It doesn’t even mention orphans!) The Lord has truly blessed our efforts in the past decade, and the work of our hands in Romania. This fall, we are excited about a new opportunity that has been put before us. Since April of 2007, Global Hope has been corresponding with Christine Wambui, the director of a small orphanage in Kenya, about the possibility of financial sponsorship. The HOREC orphanage is home to 20 girls between the ages of 3 and 12 years. Many of them

have lost their families to HIV and AIDS.

In her letters, Christine has described this little orphanage to us. They have two house mothers who work on a full-time, *volunteer* basis, as well as a social worker who visits regularly. That is to say the ratio is about one adult to 10 girls. The house has two bedrooms and a sitting room, which at night transforms into another bedroom. Each room has three bunk beds (at least I assume that’s what “deckers” are) and about six girls sleep in each room. Occasionally a sponsor will come through and provide a meal that includes meat and fruit, but their daily diet consists of vegetables, cereal and porridge.

It is my privilege, along with my fellow GH board member Wendy Hunt, to travel to Kenya this winter and meet Christine, the girls at HOREC, and to learn more about how Global Hope can help provide for the needs of this ministry.

I know that Romania is a poor country, and I got used to seeing poverty on a regular basis when I was living there. Those of us who make regular visits are not nearly as struck by the conditions as we were the first time around. But somehow I have a feeling that what I have known will not even compare to what I am about to see. The Lord is continually stretching us and leading us further out of our comfort zones, but He always gives us the strength to stand (not break down crying or run out of the room), put our arms around that precious, dirty child and look them in the eyes and say, “I’m here because God sent me. That’s how much He loves you!”

“Hands-on Christian love,” –that is what Global Hope is about—in Europe, in Africa, and wherever else the Lord may lead us. Stay tuned for upcoming mission opportunities—we are getting ready to see God move!

