



My Brother's Keeper Ministries

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We hope our efforts in these activities will have eternal impact. "Talk about (God's law) when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up... Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." (Deut 6:7-9)

PIATRA NEAMT, ROMANIA, 2017 REPORT

Dear Friends, Brothers, & Sisters,

This year we have had fun in our activities! **At Youth Camp** on July 24-29 2017, we had 65 participants and 25 leaders, and we stayed in the beautiful town of Voronet at Camp Cristia in Northern Romania. Three young people accepted Jesus Christ and 3 others got baptized after the camp. The theme was "Beyond Appearances" where the teens were learning to

look beyond their problems to see God's purposes. Attendees were from Casa Ray Orphanage, Santa Maria Orphanage, the city of

Piatra Neamt, Garcina, Negresti, and other surrounding villages.

The youth camp is an important way to jump start a youth coming to church. Since before we started camps 3 years ago, our church's youth group (Sfanta Treime Baptist) had 3-4 youth. After having camps with MBK, the numbers have gone up, now we have 40 young people. Also, in the last three years, we have seen 12 of the youth from our camps get baptized. Please pray for them, that they keep Jesus central in their life and continue to grow spiritually.

At **Children's Camp** August 10-15, 2017 we had 20 children from our village program in Garcina, and surrounding villages. We stayed at the same place as last year, an old house-turned-Christian camp in the village of Rotbav, near city of Brasov, in central Romania. Our theme was "Moses, the Great Leader!" and we learned about the burning bush, the 10 plagues,

parting of the sea, and the Ten Commandments. We have been working with these children for three years,

they know what to expect, and even if they are from unchurched families, they were excited to learn the lessons! We also had group games and excursions to nearby tourist locations including Transfagarasan, on a long windy road that has a great view!



Youth Camp 2017 in Voronet, Romania



Children's Camp 2017 in Rotbav, Romania

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Lucian is in his 2nd year of nursing school, with one more to go. He does clinicals in the hospital in our town, and has been enjoying it! He meets regularly with some teens for breakfast & devotions. Beyond this he also helps in the youth group. Pray for these groups of teens to have opportunities to grow in their relationship with God.
- Rebecca has continued tutoring in English among the kids we know: two days a week at the Casa Ray Orphanage, one at Elena Doamna Orphanage, and other days from home. Emily enjoys visiting the kids with mommy! Prayers that we find patience in our work and as a family.
- The village in which we work, Garcina, next to our city, has some extreme poverty, and we want to see the kids succeed in life by finding Christ. It has a population of 4,300. Besides our weekly children's program, we invite them to our camps, and have evangelistic programs there through the year. Please pray for the two 14-year-olds, Petruta and Antonio, who have not been to school much.



UPDATES FOR 2017:

This year we have been blessed by a more streamlined routine, dedicated team members from our prayer group, and our family's improved cohesiveness. We have reached the end of our three-year contract with MBK (looking forward to renew), and so have settled into a good routine with our activities, becoming familiar with the kids we are serving. We are thankful to have had members from our church (Sfanta Treime Baptist, in Piatra Neamt) who are involved with us in the activities. And having a toddler as opposed to a baby makes things easier! We are thankful to have adjusted well to our families' changes. This year's activities:

- We had two picnics for Children's Day on June 1, one with the Elena Doamna Orphanage with 25 children, and one in the village of Garcina where we have our children's program, with 45 children.
- We had a Harvest Celebration in the village ministry on Oct 15, where we invited a choir to come from Ploiesti who also works through MBK. There were 90 people, including 35 children and their parents. We had a meal after the church service and thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship!
- Luci has continued to meet with the breakfast club, a group of 4-10 teenagers who meet daily before school. They have been to camp with us and desire to deepen their spiritual walk.
- Our ministry vehicle was purchased in July 2017. It is a 2009 7-seat VW Touran. Very helpful for summer & other activities. THANK YOU to those who were involved!

THANK YOU for your involvement in our ministry, your prayers, and your gifts!
 We are very grateful to have been able to provide camps for youth in our area for the past 3 years with your help and MBK. Domnul să va binecuvânteze!
 May God bless you and your families this Christmas season !!!

-Lucian & Becca Avadanei & Emily
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On Children's Day June 1 at our two picnics, with 25 children from the Elena Doamna Orphanage and with 45 kids in the village of Garcina.



Harvest Celebration in village of Garcina, on Oct 15th. We had 90 people, including 32 children. Pray for this village as we are trying to evangelize.

Luci with the breakfast group.



Christmas Celebration on Dec 16th, 2017 in village of Garcina. After a program, boxes were handed out to the 60 kids who came, and we gave an additional 20 boxes to neighboring village of Negresti. Pray as we strive to make an impact in these two villages.