



Showing Love to Children living with Family difficulties

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Dear Friends

Edition 6

*Welcome to the sixth edition of the Smiles 100 Love Club Newsletter. We are so thankful for your support and participation in the work of Smiles. **Club 100** supports very important projects and all are impacting the lives of many in the Name of Christ. We hope you enjoy this update and will contact us with any questions. Please share the work with others and request more Newsletters if you need them.*

When the road gets close to the end

We are all so busy with doing things, running all over the place to achieve and accomplish, we are so active and we mix with people also busy and wanting to achieve. But we forget that all around us are people that cannot do so many things anymore, they are not running around... Yet, they need our attention and care, our love and understanding. It's so easy to forget about them, because we do not come across them too much. They are not in the middle of the action and they do not make their presence overtly noticeable! They are rather quiet and shy, because they've been overlooked. They are not much, anymore... **They are old!**

Among them, we will find many different situations. Some don't have anyone left in their family. Their spouse may have died, they do not have any children, possibly no relatives. They live alone and are often lonely. Some are simply forgotten by their family, as they moved to the city or even another country and the distance is too big! There are many elderly we know, that have not seen their children in more than five years.

They hope one day, but sometimes the hope fades away with time.

When many of us think of the elderly, we feel uncomfortable. We may not want to have too much to do with them. Unfortunately, in Romania there are many people like that. They so easily forget about the needs of their parents, grandparents or they find them annoying, boring, too demanding. Who needs them?! **Who needs them anymore?!**

There is an old Romanian saying that probably started back when life had more values and when wisdom was more appreciated. It says **"Who does not have old people should buy some!"** Too bad many forgot it. But we at Smiles did not forget!



At the **Gepiu Community Centre**, the **Tileagd Complex**, the **Emergency Housing Unit** - we have places where we offer a little bit of hope, a smile, a ray of sunshine for the people we have just described.

For many years now, we have a very special programme we call **'Elderly Luncheons'**. So many Mission visitors are touched and moved to tears seeing how much our efforts are appreciated by these sweet and sensitive people. Often our care will require much more than providing a lunch. Often it means 'Cleaning House', providing Medicine, Wood for the Fire, essential Food to see these people through the difficulties of life in a society that doesn't provide, doesn't care Doesn't understand!

NOW the Smiles Foundation plans something big to truly help these people and their needs for the long term. We plan to build an Elderly Care Home, in the beautiful market town of Salonta. Part of our 'Joint Facility of Love' complex that will incorporate a Centre for Children with Disabilities, a Christian Coffee Shop and Retail outlets for Clothes and Farm Produce.

**Cihei Family Centre - Gepiu Community Project -Emergency Housing Unit
Crisis Care - Salard Gypsy Community**

The Care Home plans up to 36 beds when completed providing 24/7 care for the people we owe so much to. Those who can not care for themselves any longer, those who can't keep pace with the cost and demands of a life that is almost over. **Those who look to us for a little help from a friend.**



The Care Home capital investment is estimated at over £500,000 (\$750,000) and we need your help to see these funds raised urgently. **Smiles have all the Building Permits and Operational Approvals and are ready to start the work just as soon as the capital finance is received.** Enough people across United Kingdom and America committed to this, could make it happen. Many are praying for God's Blessing on our dreams and efforts.

Such is the urgency of need for the Care Home, we have decided to use our **Cihei Family Centre** to provide care for Elderly people until the first part of the Salonta building can be opened and operational. We hope by October 2011 to have our first of 8 people to care for. We anticipate a budget of **£200 (\$300) a month per person to provide 24/7 care** along with all meals, heating and reasonable medication.

This is a challenge for the Smiles 100 Love Club and we share the challenge with you. A wonderful opportunity for us to share Love with these people in need who have no other Hope than in God. That He will provide a solution through you and other Smiles supporters.

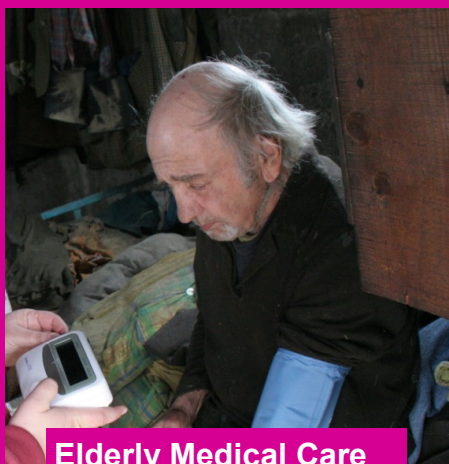
If you can help, please send a special gift to the 100 Love Club for Elderly Care. If you can help fund-raise by organising a special event, contact the office and we'll be in touch further.

Thank you for 'Changing the World' for an elderly person who is desperate for your help.



Prayer Points:

1. Pray for the efforts of Smiles to Care for the Elderly and Share the Love they need and deserve.
2. Pray for the Plans and Fund-Raising needs for the Joint Facility of Love, that construction for this urgently needed facility can start soon.
3. Pray for the arrangements necessary to provide temporary Elderly Care at Cihei while the Joint Facility of Love is under construction.
4. Pray for the difficult decisions on selecting who, from the many in need, we are able to offer support to and for the monthly financial support needed to provide the Care.
5. Pray for the transition of the residents from their life-time homes to our Cihei facility.
6. Pray for all the Projects within Smiles 100 Love Club – including Gepiu, Salard, EHU in Mierlou – for the work with families and children as well as the elderly.



Elderly Medical Care



Emergency Housing



Family Support

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