

EUROPE

June 2018 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

When you receive this, I will be in Dublin, Ireland, with a CONNECT group I am escorting there. I have eight people who will be traveling with me to work with the Daniel Canavan family in Dublin. We will be doing a variety of activities, from painting and building maintenance, to promotion for the upcoming Bible Clubs, to preaching and teaching. We are anticipating the time will be well spent. Especially, I would ask your prayer for the Lord to use this in the hearts of some of the participants. My main purpose in hosting these trips is that God might use the exposure to an actual mission work to call others to His harvest. We desperately need more personnel. We are told to pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest. Well, we are also putting feet to our prayers and doing all we can so that eyes can affect hearts! I will give a report of all that happens in our next newsletter.

Carole and I thought it would be appropriate to give an update on each of the children from our family in Romania. They are growing up now and while we still have four at the children's home, others have begun taking their places in the world. In this letter, we want to feature Marinela Chifa. Marinela is the oldest of the Chifa clan and has been a blessing from the first moment we met. She was just 11 years old when we took in her and her siblings. Her youngest sister was just one year old. It is hard to believe, but that has been sixteen years ago. Marinela, as well as all her siblings, is very bright and excelled academically. She graduated from college and then acquired her Masters of Education and began teaching. She eventually got a position in London, England, and discovered through a series of circumstances that she has a real gift and love for caring for people. She is now enrolled in a work/study nurses training program in London and loves what she is doing. She will graduate with a nursing degree in a couple of years. She has certainly come a long way from the frightened little 11-year-old girl, in a single bed with her siblings, covers pulled up to hide her face when Carole and I entered the room that cold December night 16 years ago. She regularly sends funds back to help with her brothers and sisters and goes back for visits whenever she has occasion. She knows the Lord and is active in her church there in London as well. She is a virtuous and precious young lady whom the Lord saw fit to rescue. Marinela is a trophy of the Grace of God and product of your love and faithful giving. She now talks of how she sees the hand of God in her life and testifies to the fact that she wants to be used of God to be a blessing to others in need. We are sure that God will continue using her. What a blessing.

It was a joy to add three more missionaries to our Europe Mission's Family at the June candidate school. Would that it were 30, but we'll be quick to praise the Lord for those He calls. Please pray for all our missionaries throughout Europe. Many are facing very difficult circumstances.

As always, thank you for letting Carole and me be a part of your mission family. We are honored to represent you.

Your friends,

Ed & Carole Hembree



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