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THE HAPPY HOME

Our dear friends,

What a blessing to enjoy the warmth of spring after a long, cold winter. And what a blessing to have you as partners in this Ministry in a time of challenges like this. Together we can make a profound difference,

as we work for heaven and for true prosperity.

A Chinese proverb says: "If you want 1 year of prosperity, grow grain. If you want 10 years of prosperity,

grow trees. If you want 100 years of prosperity, grow people."

Below you can read Ghita & Maria Cozma's thoughts. They are two fine people who chose to grow people.





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Estate Planning and Living Family Memorials

In recent years we have become a comfort to families who initiated contributions to the ministries of Caminul Felix as part of their estate or as living memorials. It is our desire with humility and respect to become the living testament for your family and friends in their time of grief, offering some comfort as a life giving partner in ministry to these once abandoned children. Such a decision should only be made in complete confidence, so we invite you to contact us directly or through our partner organization for more information of ways to establish a living family memorial.

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Simply having children does not make mothers

We all know that the world we live in is full of alcoholism, domestic violence and shattered families. In the first months after receiving our new children, they were living proof of the devastating effects of those things. For example, one of them didn't have enough patience to sit and finish his homework –he would break all the pencils. A little one



would scream every time we tried to change his clothes into pajamas or give him a bath, because, based on prior experience, he thought we were going to harm him, as his alcoholic stepfather often did. Five of them were having nightmares and were wetting their beds because of the psychological traumas they had.

These children have been robbed of their childhood! "Simply having children does not make mothers", goes a saying. Sadly this is so true and the children are the ones who suffer the most when they are little and then unconsciously imitate the learned destructive behavior as adults, which lead to more and more crumbled families. That is why the Caminul Felix families need to intervene and to change the course of their lives. The children we were telling you about do not have those symptoms any more! They are all so much better now.

Because we are with them everyday and constantly see their flaws and all their little misbehaviors, we sometimes have the feeling that they haven't acquired enough positive habits. But when we stop and remember how they used to be or when friends and teachers tell us what a difference they see in the children, that is when we realize it is all worth it, because God is blessing this ministry and is changing lives.

*Ghita & Maria Cozma
parents in Villa Falkoping, Caminul Felix # 2*

Child story

Maria writes about **Dani**, one of her sons:

Dani Maftei is part of our family since spring 2002. He was born on March 13, 1993, in a family living in a small Romanian town. His life conditions were tough, as Dani describes them in his own words: "In wintertime, when it was very cold and we didn't have any heating, we would go out thinking that if we have fun we could get warm too." His parents didn't have jobs.



About his father's behavior Dani states: "My father was often aggressive. When he came home late at night, we would all wake up, as we could hear him screaming from far away. That is why we feared getting close to him. When he was drunk, my mother would protect us by taking us to our grandma in another town." This sometimes happened during the night.

About the food he says: "My sister asked me to go with her at night to steal bread from our neighbors." Later on, the siblings ended up needing medical care for 8 days in the hospital, because of their father's beatings.

Of course, Dani has some happy memories from his childhood: "My father and I went fishing every summer!" But the multitude of the bad memories make him be thankful for the fact that he is in Caminul Felix, where he can be "able to sleep in peace every night" without any fear, even though, as all the teenagers yearn, he would want more freedom.

Dani's life is a lot different since he is in Caminul Felix and his future holds bright prospects. He is now the best in his high school class; he is pretty talented at drawing and has obvious technical skills. Since February he is a teacher helper at Sunday School in the church we go to. He still has some fears that keep him from giving his life entirely to Jesus, but he hopes to overcome them soon. Please join us in our prayers for Dani!

Sponsor office

Denisa is one of several children who joined our families during the spring. She came alone and scared, after being found on the street next to her drunk father who was laying in coma. Other children come from similar situations. They have not seen and experienced much more than poverty and misery. Now, they've been given a new family and siblings. We know it means a lot to the children to have a home and a new start in life. As in previous summers, our parents' wish is that they will be able to take their families to the mountains or the sea for a few days to be together as a family. Many of our new children have never seen the mountains, been swimming in the sea or river. This is an extra cost for Caminul Felix. We know that it is important and therefore we are asking if you can give an extra gift to make this summer leave possible for our 16 families and children.

God bless

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Simona Puscas, a Felix mother of many, and responsible for the Felix Study Fund, is the new editor of the Caminul Felix Romania Newsletter.

You will meet a person that wholeheartedly has given her every resource to the Ministry of Caminul Felix. Simona is married to Emil Puscas, the administrator / economist at the Caminul Felix Ministry, Romania.



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