

Căminul Felix



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Dear sponsors and dear friends,

We are so glad to be in touch with you again. We hope you are enjoying your summer! It seems time is running so fast, and lots of things have happened in Caminul Felix families since we wrote you last time. Summer is here and all of us are excited. The time has come for long vacations and for more outdoor activities.

At the end of March, a group of six young people from Caminul Felix were on a tour in Spain, for four weeks, visiting lots of churches and sharing about Caminul Felix Ministry; it was a blessed tour and we thank God for that too.

We also have the joy to let you know that, recently, four more children arrived in their new home – a place that they formerly only dreamed of, has now become reality for them. Each child deserves to feel safe and loved, so we say thank you so much for your tremendous love and support. Your partnership enables us to reach out to more children, and we are more than grateful for your continued support. Serving others leads to a fulfilling and significant life!





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Monthly E-mail update available

Caminul Felix is providing a monthly, brief update to anyone interested in receiving the latest News. If you would like to add your name to the "email" list, respond to Ihornberg@aol.com. Write: "e-mail update" on the subject space.

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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A prayer for our children

I have always been attracted by the Lord's prayer in John 17. Every time I read it, I realize the tight connection, the unique bond between God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. I am amazed by the burning desire of Jesus to let us, His followers, taste from it, at least a little bit. It is extraordinary to see the tender care and huge love of Jesus for His disciples.



Our desire as parents for our children is that they might know Him, the only true God and Jesus Christ, so that they have eternal life, fulfilled joy, be sanctified through the truth, and that they may be one with the Father. I would like to quote a prayer and raise it with my husband for our children:

"Father, we pray for our children Victor, Vali, Ghita, Norbi, Andrea, Ghitishor, Zoli, Maria, Ionut, Dora, Catalina, Ioana, Timi, Adalia, Hanna. Stay with them and care for them, so that they will always be united with You. May they walk with You daily and desire to spend refreshing times in Your presence. Keep them safe from the evil one. May they be sensitive and obedient to the promptings of the Holy Spirit concerning any sin in their lives. Sanctify them in the truth of Your Word. We pray that their heart would hunger and thirst for the righteousness of the Scriptures and that they will be lost in the goodness and trustworthiness of Your way for them. May they never doubt Your love for them. We pray that they would continually be amazed by Your desire for intimacy and constantly stand in awe of Your glory. These things we ask in Christ's name. Amen."

May this prayer follow our children until all the words will be fulfilled in them.

Words by Felix parents: *Ionel and Anca Bodog – parents in Celebration House*

Child story

Anca writes about **Maria Varga** – one of her daughters:

Maria is our special girl. We first saw her at a children's orphanage – a brunette girl, fearful and distrustful of the unknown people. She was with her sister, Catalina, and only uttered few words when somebody was talking to her. Half a year later, they arrived in our home. We had a constant struggle with their fear, with their introversion. Maria used to get upset and cry very easily; she was usually angry and she used to lie and hide a lot of things.

After a long period, she began to smile more often, got closer to us and even responded to hugs. Eventually she became the Maria that we know today: joyful, optimistic, friendly, and confident in herself and in us. You would love to be around her, because she is full of energy and joy. It contaminates us all, whether we want it or not. Maria comes from a Gypsy family and she is the second of her seven brothers. Her parents decided to give her to the orphanage for a few months, with her sister Catalina. Unfortunately, she stayed there for five years. It was not at all a healthy place for their development. Throughout the years, we kept in touch with their parents, and so Maria and Catalina came to know their other brothers, sisters and relatives from their village and their living conditions.

Maria is in 8th grade and learns quite well. She is very talented at sports: she is known as the best footballer in the school and in Caminul Felix. Her desire is to go to the Sports School since 9th grade, and we encourage her because we know this is her strength. About a year ago, she began studying trumpet: at first it was difficult, but with more study and perseverance she started to love it and plays well. Her teacher is very happy with it. She played the trumpet several times in the church and it was very good. We gladly look at her and thank God that He worked in her life, took care of her in many ways. We pray that He will guide her and give her a happy future.





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Greetings from the sponsor office!

After a long winter and staying inside most of the time, we can see our children playing and having fun outside. The smaller ones are on the swings or playing in the sand. The teenagers are playing basketball or football. It is a blessed sound to hear them shout and laugh of joy. It is not like when they were silent and did not smile. During the last months we have received almost 10 children, and more are on their way to come. We are so thankful to parents from Caminul Felix, who have devoted and given their lives for the children.

During the years we have seen and experienced your faithfulness as sponsors, for which we are thankful. We pray that many will reach out this summer, especially for the vacations of the families and camps for the young ones. As in previous years, our families want to go away with their children for a week, up in the mountains. If you could, please send an extra gift for that. We would appreciate that, as it would come as a great help.



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