



Sharing the Faith and Making Disciples

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Dear Friends

Edition 6

Welcome to the sixth edition of the **Smiles 400 Faith Club Newsletter**. We are very grateful for your continued support of the projects within the Smiles 400 Faith Club which covers all aspects of the work with the Tileagd Roma community and the surrounding area. We hope you enjoy this update and should you have questions or require further copies, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Smiles 400 Faith Club is about supporting the projects in Tileagd, Romania

So, here we are with just few days left before Christmas!

Lots of things to get ready for the occasion! Family are coming. Travel plans to finalise. Lots of shopping to do, lots of Christmas carols playing in the shops, on the radio, everywhere you go!

People seem busier than ever.....and so many of them, in their busyness, forget the real meaning of Christmas! So many forget WHY we all celebrate!

I had the privilege to "share" so many gifts with lots of people this month! All of them were sooo happy!! For most, that's the only gift they will get. I do not have enough words to say THANK YOU to ALL the people that donated money during the December month. Thank you for your generosity and for your big heart!

But, do you ever wonder what the recipients think about receiving the gifts. What do they say to themselves and to others? Sometimes, it is worth asking. So I did. I hope you will be encouraged with what the people really think about your support and help, what they really feel, when asked!

I have a few comments from some of our beneficiaries! A few words of what it really means to them to have our help!



Cassandra - 9 years old -
"the best thing I've got this year is the chocolate and I love it. I want to say THANK YOU to the people they gave the money for me to have this gift in my SOS"

Sergiu - 8 years old -
I loved the snacks, chips and biscuits.and the Santa Clause. Thank you."

Kevin - 6 years old-
"the chip sticks were my favourite in the SOS bag, and the crosspoint keep me good for a day!"

Sebi. - 15 years-
"I love my new life. I did not imagine that things can be soooo good. I realise, God really loves me. Thank you for everything you do for me!"

Cornel - 16 years old-
"I got so much more than the SOS Bag, I have new friends, and a new life in High School! I want to say Thank you to the people that keep supporting me in 2011. I continue to try my best. God bless you! "

There were so many wonderful expressions of thanks for the youngest to the oldest. The School and Nursery had wonderful Presentations for parents and visitors to experience, before Smiles Santa distributed so many gifts through the SOS project.



Tileagd Community Complex



Through-out the year, many have benefitted from the Medical work in Tileagd both Optical with **Chris and Pat Calow's** work and Dental with our Romanian dentist, **Calin Scurt**. It is wonderful to provide such care for our 150 children in School and Nursery free of charge for such important care of eyes and teeth.

The work through **Tileagd Community Church** is critical to continue sharing the Gospel in word and actions to the Gypsy community. Their 'World' is changing and it is not always easy for them to change at the same pace. Children being educated, some now in High School, others responding to God's Love and wanting to live differently in the future. The Church needs to be there helping with the direction and adjustment to culture and daily life.

This is the work of **Smiles 400 Faith Club** and we thank you for supporting it monthly through-out the year. The 400 Club which includes the School and Nursery is the most expensive project with Smiles, so we need your continued support and we need more to get involved. As we enter a new year, pray with us for all the projects within the 400 Faith Club and pray we will have the financial support to continue the job of 'Changing the World' for the **Tileagd Community**.



The final word from me,
Maria- Director of Operations and responsible for the work in Tileagd -

"God's love and blessings are showing through people like you. Thank you for your time, love and support that you gave us in 2011. Your prayers are being answered each day! Thank you"

**Thank you for everything you are doing for us!
Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!!**

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for the Nursery, Kindergarten and School. For the impact education is having on the lives of the children in Tileagd.
2. Pray for the Medical Services of the Tileagd Community Complex, including Dental and Optometry.
3. Pray for the Gypsy Community for their continued adjustment to a different life from the past and the support they need to succeed.
4. Pray for the provision of funds to meet the ongoing needs of the Tileagd Community, particularly to cover the current deficit for the School and Nursery.
5. Pray for the ministry at Tileagd Community Church especially the children's work, youth work and family ministry. Pray for decisions for Christ and transformed lives.
6. Pray for the unity and co-ordination of the ministry team members at Tileagd.

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