

SMILESreport

September 2004

The Smiles
FOUNDATION



Greetings to you all

and Welcome to the latest update on the work of the Smiles Foundation. We trust you have had a good summer and are now settling back into more 'normal' life. It's been an amazing summer for us with many reports from all the activities, especially in Romania where we held 5 Mission Trips this summer.



Kevin with
Dr. Claudia, Yuri and Meda,
and Maria

New Mission Centre in Romania



Perhaps the excitement and anticipation was extra huge this summer as on June 1st Smiles opened its newly built Mission Centre in Cihei, Romania. A beautiful 54-bed facility with full kitchen and dining room as well as recreation area equipped with snack bar, table football and pool table, all of which was a 'big hit' with the visitors. Last month we were very excited to have the outdoor swimming pool installed which will be ready for all 2005 visitors to enjoy!

A combination of single, twin and group rooms (6 & 8 bed) all with private bathrooms located at Smiles HQ in Romania, provided for an incredible atmosphere for mission trippers. Those who had been several times before all loved the new centre - feeling it made for the best trip yet.

Already people are booked for October, November & December this year - and with 9 trips scheduled for 2005, we strongly recommend you get more information and get signed up.

Special Christmas Trip



Sorting food packages

One very special trip we have arranged is at Christmas. Yes - actually at Christmas. Arrive Romania December 23rd and stay until December 30th and spend Christmas delivering Food Packages to the poor along with **Sacks of Smiles** to the children, who without you may not get a present this Christmas. On top of all this, we get to share the real meaning of Christmas, by sharing the Gospel with families who need to know of the

greatest Love of all, shown to us in the birth of Jesus Christ.

You may never have been on a Mission Trip before but any of these trips would be an experience of a life time - Not to Miss!

**Get the information now by
calling 0113-276-5060 or
e-mail info@thesmilesfoundation.org**

Mission Trip Dates 2004

October 30th - November 11th • December 12th - 19th • December 23rd - 30th

2005

April 16th - 28th • June 4th - 16th • June 18th - 30th • July 2nd - 14th • July 16th - 28th

July 30th - August 11th • August 14th - 25th • November 5th - 17th • December 10th - 22nd

Summer 2004 Mission Trips Report

Over 120 people of all ages and backgrounds joined us this summer to work in Romania. Groups and individuals from across the UK and the US joined food distribution, medical, construction and Holiday Bible Club teams in what proved to be another amazing summer full of unforgettable experiences.

"The most lasting and significant week I've ever been privileged to be a part of"
(Rene Taylor, Baton Rouge, LA)

"It was everything - fun, meaningful, touching, sobering and amazing!"
(Vicky Benton, Denham Springs, LA)

"Easily one of the best weeks of my life" (Dave McCabe, Co. Antrim N.I.)

"Smiles and Romania have changed my life forever. I have never felt closer to God than since I met all these wonderful people."
(Jane Parker-Aiken, Sandbach, UK)

This summer Angela Taylor, from Oldham, England, embarked on her first ever mission trip with Smiles. Here she describes how a week in Romania has impacted her life:



"How can I put into words the effect the mission trip has had on me? It has changed my life completely in every way, emotionally, spiritually and in the way I view life...nothing could have ever prepared me for the situations I saw and heard about. I would not have missed this opportunity for all the world or a million pounds, for the experience has done far more for me than any help I have given to the people of Romania."

We recommend you join one of the teams out to Romania with The Smiles Foundation and see how God changes and challenges your life in ways you'd never imagined or expected.

Special promotion for Church Leaders

Arrange a Mission team from your Church of 5 or more to come with you and get 25% reduction on your costs, increasing to 10 or more - 50% and 15 or more - 75%. Get a group of 20 plus yourself to go and you go free. You only pay for your flight. Get full details from the office. Call **0113-276-5060** or e-mail info@thesmilesfoundation.org

If you're wondering what a Mission trip would be like, order the book *'Romanian Smiles'* written by Roger and Christine Day. This 64 page book with over 100 full-colour photographs is a personal account of their experience on a Smiles Mission Trip last Christmas.

The book costs £5 with all proceeds donated to Smiles.



New Children's Centre in Tileagd



Delia Bideran - Children's Centre Director



During the summer Mission Trips a lot of work was done on the new Tileagd Children's Centre that plans to provide child care for birth - 5 year olds. Thanks to tremendous fund-raising efforts, particularly in the Belfast Marathon, money was raised for the purchase and renovation of a property in Tileagd. Mission Trippers joined Smiles Romanian staff to build and renovate.

As we go to press, all is looking good for opening in September for children to attend. Close to £50,000 has been raised for work to date and now we hope to cover the monthly operating costs for up to 60

children to enjoy professional provision in child care, feeding and hygiene, the likes of which they have never seen before. £35 a month per child will cover the monthly budget of £2,000.

We are delighted to have Delia Bideran as our Children's Centre Director along with a staff of six to provide the quality and professional environment we want for the children.

Please pray for the beginning of this God sized task - the most recent miracle experienced in the Smiles Foundation.

UK Tour 'Making Smiles' - Nia Plus...

A small choir from the school, including **Victor Rostas** - the boy who caused the whole project to begin 3 years ago - will be on tour in October with Nia for the 'Making Smiles' tour.

Don't Miss It! - See the enclosed leaflet and get tickets now for the most rewarding evening you could be a part of. It will be amazing to see what God has done and hear the testimony of Victor and his mother. There will be 8 children and 3 staff on tour but back home in Romania, more than

1,000 children are cared for each month through Smiles Projects, such as Family Care - School - Nursery - Bratca and so on.

We have seen too many Christmas's pass when these children receive no gifts. For the past 3 years, Operation Christmas Child (OCC) have kindly provided us shoeboxes for distribution but they can not guarantee them each year as they have many calls on their resources, so last year when we received 400 - 600 children went without.



New Initiative making Christmas Special for more Children



This year we are launching **S.O.S.** to Romania - Sack of Smiles. Christmas Sacks filled with a specific list of items including clothing, toiletries, toys and sweets - all purchased in Romania and distributed to the children by Mission Trippers in December.

Our prayer is to get 1,000 sacks and the contents sponsored. Each sack is sponsored for £30 which is all inclusive and guarantees consistency of contents in quality and suitability for boys and

girls appropriate for the age receiving them. All supplies will be purchased in Romania to assist the local economy and sacks will be made up by Smiles staff and Mission trippers before distribution.

Please sponsor an **S.O.S.** today and help us make Christmas special for these children. Use the response form or telephone the office.

Headquarters Office Growing

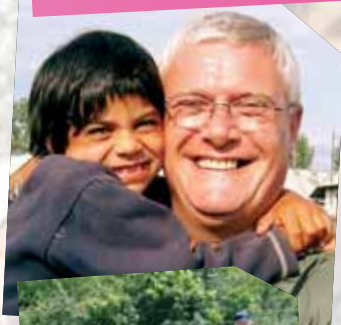
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The growth and expansion of Smiles this past year has been a surprise but great blessing to us all. The down-side is just the volume of work and now both Kevin and Dawn are under too much pressure from the work-load in the Leeds office. At the time of writing this

report, we are looking for an Office Administrator and Secretary to Kevin. We hope it will not take too long to find the right person for the job.

Development Associates/Sofa Teams/Ambassadors



To further help with the distribution of responsibilities, Smiles has established a new level of leadership for our projects. The small 4 person teams are called SOFA teams, working from the 'Sofa' at their home, they Support & Oversee For Action.

recruited for each team. If you are interested in this voluntary role for Smiles - write to me at the Leeds office or e-mail and we'll talk on the possibilities. kevin@thesmilesfoundation.org

From the UK, each team comprises a Specialist - Organiser - Fundraiser - Ambassador. The team take some practical responsibilities for a project to Advise, Promote and Fundraise thereby helping the project to develop.

Ambassadors continue to be a crucial role in the support structure of our work and any interest you have in becoming an Ambassador should be directed to our Development Associates: For England, Scotland or Wales: Margaret Macgregor on **013873-80988** or margaret@thesmilesfoundation.org For Northern Ireland: Peter Little on **028918-23331** or peter@thesmilesfoundation.org

We have SOFA team leaders established for SCHOOL, CHILDREN'S CENTRE, THERAPY and PROPERTY and want to recruit leaders for FAMILY CARE, MEDICAL and AGRICULTURE. Then we will need the other 3 members



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SUPPORT DETAILS

Thank you for sharing the work of The Smiles Foundation with me.

- I would like to support the projects detailed below
- I would like to receive information on hosting Nia's concert
- I would like information on joining a future mission trip
- I would like you to know I will be praying for the work
- I would like to be added to the e-mail list for regular updates:

ALLOCATION OF SUPPORT:

- Where most needed £ _____
 - The Family Support Project £ _____
 - The Medical Project £ _____
 - The Tileagd School Child Sponsorship £ _____
 - The Bratca Hospital Orphanage £ _____
 - The Housing Sponsorship and Renovation Project £ _____
 - Other £ _____
- TOTAL GIFT** £ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel No.: _____ E-mail: _____

- I enclose a Cheque/Postal Order for £ _____ payable to Smiles.
- I want to support with a regular monthly gift.
(Please complete the Bankers Form overleaf)
- I would like to Charge my Visa / Mastercard (please circle which)

Card Number:

Valid From: ___ / ___ Expires End: ___ / ___

Cardholder Name: _____ Signature: _____

Or you can make a secure online gift at www.thesmilesfoundation.org

FUNDRAISING PRODUCTS:

- Romanian Smiles £ 5 each £ _____
- Smiles T shirt XXL/ XL /L / M /S £ _____
- School Plate £ _____
- School Mug £ _____
- School Tea Towel £ _____
- Christmas CD from Nia £ _____
- Christmas Tape from Nia £ _____
- Making Smiles picture book £ _____

If you are a UK tax payer, Please complete the Gift Aid Declaration overleaf. Thank You

Total £ _____

New Promotional Video Available



All of the projects and these prayerful, practical and financial needs not only need your help, but others that you can enrol to support. Maybe your school, nursery, office or of course Church or any opportunity that allows us to share our bountiful blessings with those who have so little. We now have an 11 minute promotional video on VHS or DVD that can be shown in Services, House Groups, Sunday School, Youth Meetings etc to help people know exactly what they are

supporting. Maybe your Harvest Offering, Christmas Offering or simply a Special Offering could be taken for the work of Smiles. And remember 100% of any designated gift goes totally to the project you designate. Nothing is taken out for Overheads or Administration. So you can give confidently knowing that all you give - all goes to those who need it.

That's 100% Charity!! That's Smiles!!

Fundraising Products



Tileagd School - Mug and plates

- 'Romanian Smiles' Book £5
- Smiles T. Shirts £7
- School Decorative Plate £5
- School Decorative Mug £5
- Both Plate and Mug £8 the pair
- School Tea Towel £3
- Christmas CD from Nia £10
- Christmas Cassette from Nia £5

Making Smiles Picture Book £1 - Plus £24
from Sponsored pictures at £1 each.

In closing, we want to say how thankful and humbled we are with the love and support so many show through faithful giving to the work of Smiles. There is so much to be done we need your constant prayers and practical support. Please keep sharing the opportunity with others for them to be a part of this great Work of God.

**Keep in touch with us.
In Christ
The Smiles Foundation**

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BANK STANDING ORDER MANDATE

When completed, Please return this form to:
The Smiles Foundation, P.O. Box HK 70, Leeds LS11 6YR
Charity No. 1087961

DO NOT SEND TO YOUR BANK

I wish to make a Monthly / Annual donation of £ _____ and pay by Standing Order.

Please Complete YOUR Bank details:

Name of your Bank: _____ Sort Code: __ - __ - __

Address of your Bank: _____
Postcode: _____

Please credit the Smiles Foundation: Account Number: 02076954 Sort Code: 30-00-05
Lloyds TSB Bank, Leeds Branch, 6 Park Row, Leeds LS1 1NX

The sum of £ _____ Words: _____

Each month / year starting on ___/___/___ or immediately on receipt of this order whichever is the later date and thereafter on corresponding dates until cancelled by me.

Debiting my account number _____

In the name of _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

GIFT AID DECLARATION

I am a UK tax payer and want The Smiles Foundation (Charity No. 1087961) to treat all donations I have made since April 6th 2001 and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid Donations.

Please complete your details here, using blue or black as the information is part of your declaration.

Details of Donor: _____ Title (Mr / Mrs / Miss / Rev. / Dr.) _____

Surname: _____

Christian Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

2nd Year for Tileagd Community School



End of year concert



The Tileagd Community School begins its second year of operation this month. Additional staff will help provide even better education in all areas of life. We are especially delighted to have now appointed a 'Special Needs' teacher who will provide the special attention to children needing some extra help.

For those of you who sponsor a child to attend school - thank you for such a life changing commitment. We still have some children without sponsors and anyone interested to help, **please contact Dawn on 0113 276 5060 or email: dawn@thesmilesfoundation.org.**

Bratca Hospital

The Bratca Hospital is a special place with 25 special young adults as residents. They are all suffering chronic mental or physical challenges and we not only want them to be included in the **S.O.S.** distribution but we want them to be warm this winter. Since Smiles installed the new central heating

system 2 years ago, we have provided the wood fuel each winter. It costs a total of £2,500 for the wood to last October - March and if you can help us with all or part of this, please send your gift to the office - designated for Bratca.



Armenia



With so much attention in Romania, we don't want to overlook the work in Armenia. The Soup Kitchen in Yerevan, Social Programme and Prison Ministry in Spitak and Worship & Cultural Centre in Guimry are all progressing well and meeting many crucial needs for people who have suffered the

impact of War, Famine or Natural Disaster. Our main concern currently is support for the Soup Kitchen which has only 50% of days sponsored each month and would be a tragedy if we had to reduce support for these refugees needing a hot meal each day.

Smiles Missionaries



At the end of the Summer Mission Trips, every visitor left bar one - Sarah Urwin, our field representative for Mission trips and Family Care project. Sarah stayed to begin her commitment to life in Romania as a Smiles Missionary.

Please pray for Sarah as she faces life in a new country, learning a new language and a new job. Sarah is also praying for the Lord to provide all her financial needs and currently is short of important monthly sponsorship needs to help with housing. If you can help, please designate your gift for Sarah.

In January 2005, Margaret and Norman Crofts from Rugby are moving to Romania for an indefinite period. They are responding

to God's Call of 18 years ago and feel now is the right time to go. Margaret is a qualified child minder and will work at the Children's Centre in Tileagd and Norman is a craftsman in joinery and will assist the construction and development work on all the properties in Romania.

Also in January, Margaret Biddulph is expecting to move out to Romania. Margaret has been working for Essex County Council as a teacher to **'travellers'** and will work closely with our Gypsy Community in Tileagd.

Others are also considering God's Call on their lives with Romania as the focus. Please pray for them all and that God will supply all their needs.

