Smiles 100 Love Club

Showing Love to Children living with Family difficulties

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Dear Friends

Welcome to the third edition of the Smiles 100 Love Club Newsletter. We are so thankful for your support and participation in the work of Smiles. **Club 100** supports very important projects and all are impacting the lives of many in the Name of Christ. We hope you enjoy this update and will contact us with any questions. Please share the work with others and request more Newsletters if you need them.

SPECIAL FEATURE – EMERGENCY HOUSING UNIT



Mrs TG arrived in our project during the summer of 2009 by making an application to the department of social work for child protection where she expressed the need to be helped because she could no longer live together with her husband. For 12 years she had a hard life with her husband being subjected to beatings and driven away from home whenever he was drunk. **This domestic abuse victim had suffered enough aggressive behaviour from her husband so she took the small child with her and went in search of support.**

She appealed to the state institutions, but because they didn't have enough places, they sent her to our shelter, asking if we could help? **Arriving here, she benefited from our support by offering a room in which to live, all meals were provided along with protection, emotional counselling and material support.** She managed to get over the trauma which was submitted by the husband and she has focused her attention on her children's education.



She had the opportunity to put aside her low income for when she would leave the shelter and have an independent life. She stayed 6 months in our project, during which time she had a normal and peaceful life and then she decided to give another chance with her husband knowing that they have two further children and so many years of relationship together ... 10 days later she called again for help ... life with her husband was impossible ... all hopes crumbled ...she decided to break it and the only conclusion she had was to take her life into her own hands and go forward together with her children.

She filed a complaint to the police against her husband and came back in our EHU. In one month she was admitted as an emergency into hospital and found to be pregnant, but because of complications, she lost the baby. While she was in the hospital, other victims living at EHU took care of her children and they were well cared until mother returned home from hospital. After all of this, the mother stayed at EHU a few more months before deciding to begin an independent life.



She left the EHU and she wants a new life where she can raise her children and can give a better future than the one experienced before. **Because of The Smiles Foundation's Emergency Housing Unit, this mother had a year of opportunity when she could recover, she could decide for her life and her children's lives, and she also could stabilise physically and emotionally!**

We want to thank all of you for your support to the **Smiles 100 Love Club** and all the projects, just like the Emergency Housing Unit, share God's Love in a very special way.

May God bless you and your families.

Cihei Family Centre - Gepiu Community Project -Emergency Housing Unit
Bratca State Hospital - Crisis Care - Salard Gypsy Community

Project Updates: In addition to the Emergency Housing Unit these projects form the Smiles 100 Love Club

Cihei Family Centre

From a facility that only helped children who had problems in their homes, now we can help single mother with babies also. The facility has now provided crucial shelter for mothers who want to keep their babies but don't have the support of their partners or family. They found here a special love for them and their babies.

Gepiu Community Project

God has blessed us in Gepiu with a great team now and because of that we can do more for those who are part of the project. We start guitar lessons for teenagers, computer classes as part of the after school program. And because of your support, we can continue all the activities that we did in the past, especially for our elderly Gepiu residents.

Emergency House Unit

We continue to provide a great refuge for women in desperate situations, women who are victims of domestic abuse. Here they find help, comfort, love and peace for their life.

Cihei Crisis Centre

This facility is now providing care for mothers and children facing serious difficulties that cause them to lose hope and feel unloved. The Smiles Centre restores Hope and provides Love, so these people can begin to rebuild their lives.

Bratca Hospital

Our support continues to be a real blessing to the Hospital staff and residential patients.

Salard Community

Having stabilised some of the poorest families in better living accommodation we are now working closely with the Mayor and his staff to move the community residents on to new ideas of self supporting help.






Prayer Points:

1. Pray for the families and especially the children impacted every day by these projects.
2. Pray for the staff who serve and care for them that they can show Jesus and His Love in all they do.
3. Pray for guidance in staff appointments for all projects. That we will have people who care, as Jesus cared, for all people, families, children and the elderly, the sick, the lonely and the poor.
4. Pray for the residents of our Emergency Housing Unit. Traumatised by the ugliness of this world, that they can find Love, Peace and Security—not just in Smiles, but in Jesus.
5. Pray for the crucial work of the Cihei Crisis Centre, that Love and Hope will have a new meaning as they see Jesus.
6. Pray for the development of the work in Salard as we begin new initiatives with the local authorities.

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