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Dear Friends

*Welcome to the fifth 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 REPORT –



Eva and Family

Last year, within our work with the street people of Oradea, we encountered an alarming situation with the **Mate family** and we thought we should take some action urgently. The family is of relatively young parents with three pre-school children. They were faced with very serious issues. An abusive and alcoholic father, a desperate mother with three children that did not know what the next day held let alone their future.

The family lived on the street, in a hut with no electricity or heating. The mother managed to save a little money from the child benefit support, dreaming for a decent life one day, but this money was always spent by the father on alcohol in just a few days. So, she became very depressed because of the situation that she saw no way out of. All the savings were gone and they faced another winter on the streets, in freezing cold conditions. The three little girls, 7, 3 and 2 would have to go through all the suffering because of the mistakes made by their parents.

Another case of 'innocent victims'!



Emergency Housing Unit

In this state of despair, the mother and the girls arrived at our **Emergency Housing Unit**, able to benefit from all the advantages of being in a safe environment. The older girls were integrated in the local kindergarten, making new friends very quickly among the other children. Now, the mother can save money again, for a future home to rent or even, as she now dreams, to have a Smiles Container.



But the problems were not ending there. The youngest of the girls started to have some serious medical problems. She had to be hospitalised more than once. Doctors from Oradea recommended that she be taken to another hospital, another city, where the girl can be operated on by a specialist. So, from this point on, not only the lack of a house is worrying the mum, but also the health of the little girl. If the daughter isn't operated on by the right time, the complications could put her life in danger, or leave permanent damage.

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

Right now, mum does not know or see how she will manage the little income they have. She would like to have a nice, comfortable container as her house, but at the same time she needs to put her daughter's life first and after seeing how serious the health issue is, she does not really have many options. She will do whatever is possible so that her daughter has a better chance for the future.

These are the families Smiles are helping and the **Emergency Housing Unit** has already been a life-saver to Mrs Mate and her children. Your support of the Smiles 100 Love Club is already making a difference and helping us maintain these programmes of support.
We would like to continue ensuring this project is available 24/7 for such needs and also help Eva's daughter have the operation and medical care she so desperately needs.

If you can help with a special donation, send it to us marked for 'EVA at EHU' and we will be thankful and excited to see another miracle unfold.


Eva's daughter, Edith

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.


Gepiu Senior's Lunch


Emergency Housing


Family Centre

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