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Dear Friends

Welcome to the fourth 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

Everyone loves a Celebration!

A big smile, a tight hug, and a nice thank you very much ...are just a few of the things worth celebrating! Rarely these days do we see children that are so happy, even when they receive a small gift.....Children that give you such a big hug and appreciate what they receive....no matter the size of their gift!

This is the attitude that ALL the Children from The Smiles Foundation projects had when we gave to them the SOS bags! For most of them, this was the only gift that they received this Christmas! The 20 items inside each sack went a long way! Sweets and toys can change a child's world, even if that change is for a few minutes or a few hours!!

We will never forget the joy that the children from our **Tileagd School and Nursery** had when they received their SOS this Christmas. Their faces were more than words can describe when Santa Clause arrived in the room. A real joy! **The Tileagd Community School and Nursery** are significant members of The Smiles Foundation projects forming the **400 Faith Club**.

The School opened in 2003 and the Nursery one year later in 2004 in response to the need of the children for an education. They had never been to school and could not even speak the Romanian language!

8 years later this is still an issue for the Roma children, not only in Tileagd but all over Romania. It is hard for them to be integrated into Romanian schools when they do not speak the language. This is why the work of Smiles in the projects of the **400 Faith Club** is so crucial.



Tileagd Community Complex

We can't wake up in the morning and say: "because we do not have enough financial support, we close the school!".....We need to trust that God, with whom everything is possible, will provide for us too, everything that is needed!

As we reach out to the **Tileagd Roma Community – offering Education, Medical Care and Spiritual Growth through the Community Church**, we are seeing lives change and Hope restored for a future that can be better than the past.

Please continue to pray for us, continue to support the **400 club** and spread the word to encourage others to help 'Change the World' for a child wanting an education!

Your help is already 'Changing the World' for more than 160 children every academic year!!

Our sincere thanks to all our supporters who make this work possible.



Our challenge for 2011 is to **DOUBLE** the Sponsorships we have for the School and Nursery in Tileagd.

Currently, about half the annual budget is covered through Sponsorships and we would like to see the full budget supported.

Can You Help?

Share the need and opportunity to 'Change the World' with family, friends, colleagues or church. Encourage one person to sponsor the 400 Club. If we all do that—add one person—our 2011 Challenge will be fulfilled.

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 work of the Children's Choir with their efforts to promote the work of Smiles and the impact it makes on the lives of the Choir members.
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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