



Sharing the Faith and Making Disciples

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Dear Friends

Welcome to the third 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

Live, Love, Laugh

This is a motto we see often these days on cards, picture frames, advertising boards, blogs and each time we wonder: *"how is this possible to do it on a day to day basis without taking in consideration all the problems that exist?"* Soon, we get the answer and realise that when we were children, we did this everyday!! Live each day as it comes, loved the fact that we did not have any responsibilities, and laugh all the time.... because we did not have any worries.

What changed?

Well, the fact is, everything seems much easier through the eyes of a child!!

In the **Smiles 400 Faith Club** - we have more than 160 children that are thinking the same. In our SCHOOL AND NURSERY another academic year just finished. It was a hard year because of the financial pressure that everyone is under, but that did not stop the kids coming to be educated. **WE** – the people at The Smiles Foundation helped them in every way we could, but that would not have been possible without **YOUR** help!!

On June 9th & 10th all the children from our Nursery and School had their graduation day! They were nervous because they had all their friends and family coming to see their achievements for the year. Teachers were as nervous as the kids, because all wanted to give their best! And they managed it! At the end, everyone received chocolate and prizes....**Lots to smile and laugh about** and finally ... Vacation for 3 months!!

Asking them if they were happy to be free from school, we were surprised at the answers they gave: *"not really, as we do not have much to do at home. We do not have places to go, nowhere to play, nothing to do.. so all day we stay at home!"*. Did you ever imagine your summer holiday could be so boring??!!

For many of us this was not the case. Summer holidays were the best time of the year!! Friends came back home from other schools or other places where they lived during the academic year, and it was time for lots of parties and games.

It is not the same for the kids in Tileagd. They dream of something different. So to help them we introduced **'Summer School'**.

This means that for two days each week they come back to school to have their normal activities plus games and lots of fun! This also means extra cost to our budgets, but we trust God will provide! We also trust God will provide the money to send them for few days on a trip somewhere in the mountains. **Summer vacation or Camps** were very special to us.

If you would like to help us **'make it special'** for the Tileagd children, please help us to raise funds for these two activities.



Tileagd Community Complex

You can provide **"a different summer"** for one of the kids by donating any amount of money for their summer school or summer trip!

We would like to close with one of the main statements that the children from Tileagd Community School and Nursery show us and our visitors all year round - that is they **"love to learn and learn to love"**.



Being educated is very important in our society. Without education, we can't do much in life and we do not have so many opportunities. Through the Tileagd School and Nursery with the help of your sponsorship, we try to build people with good character, integrity and honesty. People who can stand up to the storms of this world! We teach them **to live** good lives as God is teaching us to do! We teach them **to love** their neighbours and be a good citizen. And then for sure we all have many reasons **to laugh!**

We know that building the character of a person takes a life time. So, for each of you who are helping us—

Financially by sponsoring a child through school or nursery and feel sometimes that "things move slow" we ask you not to be discouraged and we thank you for your faithful commitment. One day you will see the results and we're sure you will be proud of them.

For those of you who **support us with your time**, thank you for being here with us and many other places. It feels great to know we are not doing the job on our own.

And for those of you who **support us with your prayers**, this means the world to us as we need it like the air to breath!! Thank you for upholding us and helping to recharge our batteries!

THANK YOU ALL for helping us to change the world for one person through the educational program that is part of Smiles 400 Faith Club!

God bless you all.



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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