That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

Ps. 27:4

Hi everyone! WOW! It's hard to believe 2020 is well underway now! Christmas was a total blast. Thanks for the outpouring from so many people, donating for the kids' Christmas gifts. They're still playing with them, so that's a sign that they received "good stuff"! The kids are back in school again. The snow has hit here hard and heavy. So, it is really cold but there have been lots of snowmen, sledding and snowball fights.

## **Finding Hope Children's Homes**

The red tape on the additional children coming into the new homes has taken longer than we anticipated. Hopefully though, that should be remedied soon. The plan is to have the 24 remaining children in the Romanian homes and 10 more in Moldovan by the end of summer. So, lest I get ahead of myself, let me update on some of those things. Since we'll be getting so many children this summer, we've postponed our trip back to the US with the kids until Summer 2021. Anca and I need to be here in Romania. We currently have two new children in Romania: Maria and Rares; and two in Moldova: Tamaril and Chiril. They all need sponsors, as will the other kids once they arrive – 48 kids total! So, if you want to sponsor one of our children, PLEASE let us know! It would be such a HUGE blessing for them - and you likewise!

## **Church Planting**

We were just able to purchase a building in a village called Tichedeal for a church plant in the gypsy camp there. The building was much needed as we were meeting in a single room (10' x 10') and we were averaging 30 people. There was no seating, only standing room and it was very much like riding a packed city bus, with one's nose in another's back. We just moved into the new building, but it still needs a bit of remodeling, as it was originally a house. We plan to make a sanctuary, nursery and church foyer. Additionally, we would like to outfit the facility as a site for an after-school program for the kids from the Tichendeal village and gypsy camp. We would love to have several construction teams for this renovation. If you or people you know are interested pleased contact us.

Our other church plant in the Dalas gypsy village is growing much more slowly but is still vibrant with the few members that are there. Currently, we are still meeting as a house church, but are praying for growth into full-fledged church one day. Please pray with us in this matter.

Since we are supporting two churches and four children's homes, we desperately need more monthly donors and additional giving in general. We would also be open to folks helping organize some fundraisers. For example, East Taylorsville Baptist Church is sponsoring a golf tournament on May 23 at Brushy Mountain Golf Course. Contact Kevin Powell or the church office for more information.

## A pressing need

We need an additional ministry van for our children's homes in Romania. Presently, we have one 8-seater van that we use to transport our children to church and outside activities. Since we have three children's homes in Romania (meaning we have 36 kids to transport around), we are in dire need of another, larger van. Our church is 20 minutes away from our homes, and at times we have to make multiple trips to get the children to and from church and their youth group. A decent 18-seater van cost around \$17,000. We plan to use the new van in tandem with the other ministry vehicles. Pleas pray with us that God will help us procure said van. If God is calling you to help in this regard, it would lift a big weight off our shoulders. We would be truly grateful indeed!

Thank you all for continuing to pray for and support financially Finding Hope Ministries. May God continue to bless you and your families, as He is doing with Finding Hope Ministries. We love you and thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Sincerely, Nathan & Anca