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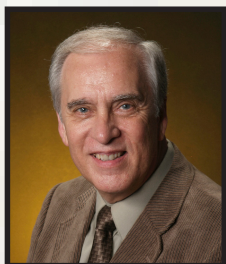
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For believers, spring is a reminder that God is all about making things new. In fact, Jesus promised to make everything new one day (Revelation 21:5). In the meantime, He gives us glimpses of the coming attractions through spring.

## Growth

*"He who delights in the law of the Lord is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do, prospers."* Psalm 1:3 (NIV)

## Starting Over

*"As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth."*

Hosea 6:3 (NIV)

## Provision

*"I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil."* Deuteronomy 11:14 (NIV)

## Enlightenment

*"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants."* Deuteronomy 32:2 (NIV)

## Peace

*"Why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these."* Matthew 6:28-29 (NIV)

## The Advent Of A Full Summer Of Ministry

by Del Huff, Executive Director

What an exciting time it was, 10 days of ministry preparation and another opportunity to take part in helping with the needs of the Ukrainian people.

I was not sure what to expect on this trip to Romania, Ukraine and Hungary, but I went with the anticipation that God was going to do something extraordinary. And He did.



First on the calendar was a meeting with Emi Popa with the Maranata Charity Assoc., an orphanage in Arad, Romania. We have continued to develop our relationship with the orphanage and were pleased to meet Emi for the first time in his hometown of Arad. It was also a pleasure to personally see the completed work of insulating the entire building on the outside, with a new plaster coating over the styrofoam insulation panels. Emi's first statements were words of gratitude for the help we were able to offer in completing this huge task. He admitted that it will save the orphanage literally thousands of \$\$ every winter with this improvement.

I want to thank all of our friends who quickly participated in our Christmas project 2022 to encourage the leaders of the orphanage with this money to complete the project, and, to bring joy to the kids with money sent to plan a very special Christmas party for the children.

But of course, he went on to say that this was the beginning of future renovation plans. The next step is to upgrade the entire kitchen area, built in the early 1960's. It is still functional, but just old and many appliances and cabinets are desperately in need of replacement.

Prayer Points #1 - For our tentative plans to coordinate a small tour with Emi Popa to the States, possibly in the Fall of this year for him to present the orphanage and the progress and vision of the home for the future.

#2 - For the possibility of several children from the orphanage to attend our camp this summer. Details are to be worked out, the biggest challenge is, Friendship Camp is completely booked out for this summer. Lord, we need more space!



Next on the agenda was to prepare for our trip to the Ukraine with one very special piece of equipment, which we were able to buy with funds, again, donated by many of you who have a special heart for the Ukrainian people

We met with Pastor Radu Ungur and his family who had sourced the Ultrasound machine from a Clinic in a nearby city that closed and was selling all of its equipment. The machine was very heavy, over 200 lbs, but not so big, so we were able to make contact with an orphanage, RCE, which we have partnered with for many years. They offered to send clothing and shoes out of their warehouse of donations. This was perfect for filling up our van but because there was still room. We met with a brother working with the Baptist Assoc. of churches for the Arad district, who also contributed another



huge amount of clothes and food.

And finally, last but not least, we met with friends we have known since last year who work with Child Evangelism Fellowship. We met them last year when they made a significant donation of children's materials packaged in a perfect, simple backpack, with the message, "Hope for Ukraine", printed on the front.





young, happy, positive youth, and share some time at lunch with them.



Our trip to Ukraine went without incident, very long, 14 hours one way, from Arad to Chernivsti, Ukraine, a town just one hours drive inside the country. But what a beautiful Springtime panorama around every turn, mild weather and typical scenes on both sides of our van.



We had the privilege of again meeting our brother, Pastor John, who heads the distribution center, which sends Aid and Relief throughout the entire country of Ukraine. He was overjoyed to have received "your" gift of the Ultrasound machine. He admitted that there was always a need for the essentials of life - food, clothes, shoes and everyday items, but this piece of medical equipment, was a very special gift to the Ukrainian people.



### Update On Friendship Camp

by Callum King, Camp Supervisor

We are thankful for all the projects we were able to complete last year and that the pole barn, the kitchen, and the bathroom/showers only need minor work before they will be ready to go again. A big **Thank You** again to those who gave and those who came to serve and make all of these things possible.

Our focus this year however turns to accommodations. Due to changes in the Romanian law we have been forced to reduce the number of



beds in each teepee and wagon. We have two options - reduce the number of kids who can come to camp, or increase the number of accommodations. Our hope and prayer is that we will be able to add 6 more dormitory rooms, each with space for 4 children and a leader.

Due to the huge increase in prices of construction materials, after extensive research, we have decided the most practical and cost effective option is to buy prefabricated modular accommodation containers which come pre-insulated, watertight, with windows, doors, flooring and electrical installation.

The benefit of this option is that in the future they can also be heated, allowing us to extend the camp season into the spring and the fall when nights are colder.

The containers will come with a painted metal finish on the outside however we will clad them in wood to incorporate them into the theme of the camp. Each container will be another building in our western town - a bank, jail, saloon, sheriff's office, hotel and a post office.



One finished container - including the cost of delivery, outside cladding and furniture for the inside will be \$6,500. Maybe you can help us? Every dollar/euro/pound or Romanian lei helps. Maybe your church or business could think about sponsoring the cost of one container. One container will allow at least 40 more children to come to camp each summer!

Our calendar for the summer is already nearly full and we are expecting another busy summer. Please remember our sponsorship program. Many of the children we bring to camp are from orphanages and less privileged family backgrounds as well as refugees from Ukraine.

We firmly believe that cost should never stop a kid coming to camp and therefore we want welcome many kids to camp through our sponsorship program. Please consider sponsoring a child to come for just - \$75 per child.



**And most importantly please pray!** Even if we don't know yet the names of all the children who will come, God knows and is preparing the hearts of hundreds of children who will be exposed to the life changing gospel of Jesus Christ at Friendship Camp this summer. ***We are confident of God's promise in Isaiah 55:12 - as His word goes out, it will not return empty!***

Pray for us, pray for volunteers who will come to serve and pray for the children. May God's name be glorified in everything we do!



**These Are Two Definite Challenges For This Summer**  
***We are going to need your help!***



Our hope is to raise funds for at least 3 of the 6 containers, to be installed before this summer of camp.

Each container's cost - \$6,500.-

## Camp Sponsorship



**\$75, THAT'S ALL IT TAKES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**Here's how you can help**  
**Make checks payable to -**  
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go to Donate button at the top of page and follow instructions for donating. **Indicate Send Kids to Camp or Container Purchase.**