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It is a privilege for me to introduce Jason Kiriaka — CAIRD Vice president and liaison for Romania (pictured to the left with one of FH Romania children). Jason lives in High River, Alberta and works as a paramedic. His medical background has been very helpful in training our Romanian Father's House families. Jason's faith is evidenced by his great compassion for suffering and needy children. He is a strong addition to the CAIRD board of directors overseeing Father's House Romania - Peter Mrazik



Spring/Summer 2013

Dear Friend and Partner of CAIRD,

As we rounded the corner, just a block from the home where we were to meet one of the Father's House Romania families, I saw it. I had seen many of these "Fortified Churches" before, a relatively common sight in Romania, but never one so close as this. The church (*pictured above*), with its huge stone wall and bell tower, looked like a small impenetrable fortress. Built around 400 years ago, this church served as the spiritual and defensive center of the village. When an invasion was imminent, the bell would ring out and the villagers knew to seek refuge within the church, protected by its walls.

What an amazing analogy of what family is meant to be: a refuge in times of trouble and a place of retreat that demonstrates stability and permanence in a world that is anything but that. This is what a Father's House Orphanage family offers an orphaned or abandoned child. Each child is rescued out of despair and put into a "refuge of love" where he/she can find hope along with physical, emotional and spiritual healing.

I was so very privileged to travel to Romania in March and meet with the extraordinary parents of Father's House Romania. The grace and love they demonstrate in caring for orphaned and abandoned children is truly amazing. Another great privilege was meeting with two young women who grew up in Father's House: Ioana and Anca. They have graduated/are graduating from university as a registered nurse and pharmacist respectively. I am in awe of how God has placed it upon the hearts of CAIRD's partners to support Romanian families in extending the love of Christ to the orphaned and abandoned children. On behalf of the CAIRD board, we thank you for your support in this ministry.



- Jason Kiriaka

News and Needs

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•**Safety Bars (burglar bars):** Crime is a serious issue in South Africa. One of our Father's House families needs bars installed on their windows for their safety - particularly at night. If you would like to sponsor this project, please indicate along with your cheque or on-line donation that it is for the FH Africa—Burglar bars project. Cost of project: \$700.00

•**For the FH Africa Children:** Two of CAIRD's board members will be traveling to Africa at the end of July. The following items can be donated for them to take: multi-vitamins, Band-Aids, Polysporin, hair accessories, stickers, colouring books, Christian books and novels (geared for children and young adults).

Please ensure that they reach the CAIRD office by July 19, 2013. Thank you!



•**Backpacks for school:** CAIRD will have an opportunity to send some backpacks to Romania for the FH children in August. If you would like to purchase a backpack, we simply ask that you make arrangements to get it to the CAIRD office in Edmonton. CAIRD will ensure that it reaches one of the Father's House children in Romania. We ask that only plain backpacks (without any figures, cartoon characters etc.) be donated.

•**Multivitamins:** Multivitamins with iron are needed. We kindly request that you make arrangement to have them sent to the CAIRD office in Edmonton. Thank you!

When an orphan is raised in a family, he/she experiences the love and teaching that only a mother and father can provide. Pictured below is one of the girls from Father's House Romania being taught how to bake by her F.H. mother.



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