

DIVITA GRATE UNIVERSITY AND ORHEI ORPHANAGE

I traveled to Moldova April 29-May 8 to meet with representatives of University Divitia Gratiae (UDG) and to work with students of the school and representatives of Youth for Christ to carry out Save the Orphans' programs in Moldova.

DAYS 1-2

I was graciously picked up at the airport and able to stay on the Campus of the Divita Gratiae University (UDG). I enjoyed meeting with faculty and students of the Master of Social Work (MSW) program. I was also able to meet with Dr. Dumitru Sevastian, the Dean of Faculty of Theology and Serghei Namesnic, the Provost of University Divitia Gratiae.



SERGHEI NAMESNIC,
PROVOST OF UDG

Day 3

Our local Director of Moldova Operations is Diana Todica; she coordinated and oversaw all logistics of the trip. We visited the Orhei orphanage with 10 students and their guitars. At this orphanage there are about 240 severely handicapped male orphans. Half are restricted to their beds and cannot walk or talk, however, they have the most amazing smiles when you speak to them or touch them on their foreheads or cheeks. For the other orphans we were able to sing Gospel songs and visit as we gave out gifts of socks and fresh fruits.



UDG STUDENTS



DIANA AND TEAM

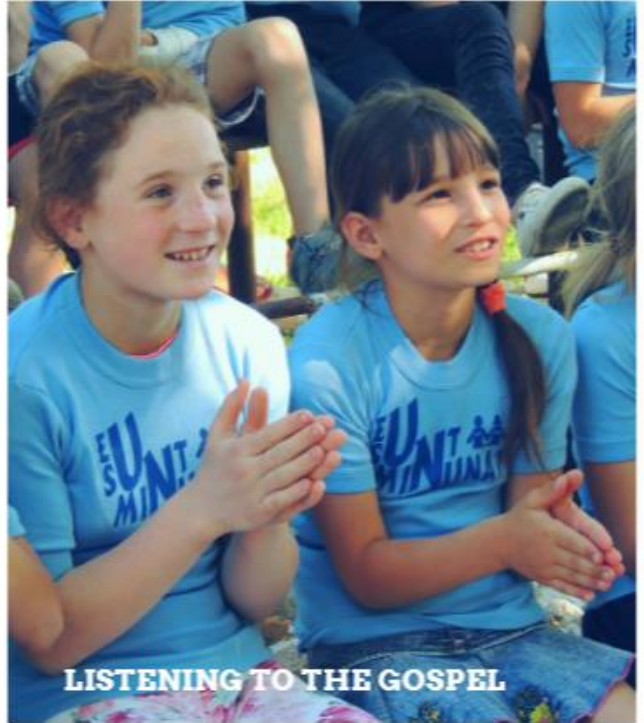


ORHEI ORPHAN

BULBOACA AND CARPINENI ORPHANAGES

DAYS 4-5

The students from the University along with Diana and I visited both the Bulboaca and Carpineni Orphanages. At these orphanages we are able to offer our full program of playing games, singing songs, lectures, and bible study. We spoke about the importance of self-esteem and confidence, which is always a struggle for orphans as well as breaking the cycle of alcoholism and violence from their early childhoods by introducing Jesus into their lives.



We gave out personalized t-shirts and hats with the message "You are beautiful." We spoke about the value of education as their key for future success and how to protect themselves from the dangers of human trafficking.





ORPHANAGE OF VILLAGE ANENII-NOI , BUEBOACA



**CARPINANI ORPHANAGE
DIRECTOR TUDOR**



BIBLE STORIES



ORPHANS SHARING STOP TRAFFICKING MESSAGE

VILLAGE OF SOLDENESTI

Brother Vasile Surdu's Ministry



OPERATIONS MOBILIZE VOLUNTEERS AND SYLVIA



BOTHER VASILE SURDU



SAVE THE ORPHANS SPONSORED 2-DAY BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

DAYS 6-7

I traveled to the village of Soldanesti where I stayed with brother Vasile Surdu and his wife Lucia. Vasile and Lucia have built a lovely church for their community and they also have a transitional home for orphan boys. I sponsored a two-day program for the children and social orphans of their village. This program consisted of arts, crafts, singing, games, and lessons with breakfast, lunch, and treats each day.

HINCESTI ORPHANAGE

DAYS 8-9

I had the joy to celebrate with my sponsored daughter her 22nd birthday. My husband Roch and I have sponsored Mihaela from the age of 9; she was an orphan at the Strasseni Orphanage. Now at age 22, she is married, has a beautiful child and helps other orphans and poor families the same way in Moldova.



We visited the Hincesti Orphanage which hosts 300 handicap orphan girls. We loved the response and gratitude from the treats of fresh fruits and gifts of socks. Their smiles warmed our hearts and their appreciation alone made the trip worthwhile.



'FACEVA' THE OAK HOUSE

Transitional Home for college bound orphans

Day 10

The Oak House is Youth for Christ's Transitional Home for 22 College-age orphans. Transitional Homes provide orphans the opportunity to leave orphanages and to live in a family style environment.

Each girl shared their story about the journey growing up as an orphan and the impact that groups like us make in their lives.

This was one of the most rewarding trips working with YFC-Moldova. It was a wonderful day. The celebration ended with pizza, birthday cake, prayers, and a happy birthday song to me.

'Save the Orphans' enjoys a partnership with 'Youth for Christ Moldova.' We sponsored their outreach programs to visit children in hospitals who are burn victims, have cancer, or psychiatric conditions and to share the love of Jesus.



Save Moldova's Orphans



We are grateful for your generosity, your trust, and most importantly, your commitment to our mission. Your support for our ongoing programs allows Save the Orphans to continue to minister to our orphan's needs. These pictures are merely a tiny view of what you have made possible.

Thank you and many blessings,
Sylvia and the Save the Orphans Team

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