



# Randy & Debbie Bullock

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Randy and I wanted to say a very special "Thank You" to Church of HOPE for sponsoring one of the Summer Camps this year for the children who mostly live in Ceica Village. Without your support this camp would not of happened. Without this camp lives on both sides of the ocean would not have been changed by God's handiwork in each persons' lives. He was present every step of the way and no one could dispute that fact. He was in charge from the very inception of it. He chose each team member! He prepared each of their hearts, minds and bodies to be able to do the work He assigned to them. He took ordinary people into his extra ordinary hands and used them in a mighty way.

The team comprised of Dianne Phipps (team leader), Charlene and Emiliane Wheeler, Kristi & Chris Lovell, Kailey Trew, Amy Ergle and Annie Grace Shaffer did an outstanding job! They gave everything they had in their cup to the children and more. God blessed them with health – one of the only teams that we didn't have someone sick; energy for each new day; courage; strength; patience (especially Kristi with her boys in her group); teamwork; endurance and most of all love! With there only being eight members on the team they needed all hands on deck every day. Randy talked one morning with the US and Romanian Team during our "early" morning devotions about sowing seeds, however, Randy shared that a friend of ours, who is my dad's age, explained that of all the mission trips he has had the privilege of being a part of he didn't necessarily feel that he was sowing seeds. He felt like he was breaking or plowing the ground, getting it ready for the seed. How cool is that! Especially for those of us who go to a foreign land with communication being a barrier. Yes, Hope's Romanian Summer Camp Team members were definitely plowing the ground last week at camp. I think they also planted some seeds too along the way.



As I said earlier, God was in control from the beginning and He showed up so many times.....when we arrived at the airport in Budapest and we all left the terminal to get into the vans that would transport us back to Romania, Randy realized he had left his bag in the airport terminal which had his passport, credit cards, money, driver's license, etc. I just knew it was gone. But, guess what, God protected it and they found it. That just doesn't happen by chance, especially in Europe. He protected the team from illness while on the trip – that just doesn't happen. Somebody usually gets sick over something. Even though I made our reservations late for our stay in Budapest on Saturday night before the Team flew out on Sunday,

He still provided rooms for us when the hotel was full. No, we didn't have A/C but guess what? It was very, very cool that afternoon and evening so we didn't even need it. There were a couple of large teams in the hotel, but where the ladies were staying there was a quiet picnic table where we could have dinner and debrief without any interruptions. Yes, God was in control!

Most of all He was there during our worship services and lives were changed for eternity. We would ask you to pray for the following children who made a decision last week – Adrian, Raul, Monica, David, Emanuel, Florin, Radu, Alex, Rares (our favorite trouble maker), Remus (our favorite trouble maker's sidekick), Denisa, Ramona, Corina, Andrea, Anamaria and Abigail. We don't like to say that they accepted Christ as their savior because Pastor Florin will be following up with each one of them to make sure they really understand this decision. So pray for each one of these children. Pray that the ground that was broken; for the seeds that were planted last week and for those seeds that will come in the future. That they will fall on fertile ground and will be nurtured by God's hands as these children grow up in Romania.

The teams themes for the week were: Tuesday - Faith, Wednesday - Hope, Thursday - Love. On Friday they wrapped it all up into Trust God, Love Others and Invest your Life – sound familiar? We showed the movie “Evan Almighty” for the first three nights of camp with the purpose of doing an “ARK” on Friday morning. If you have seen the movie, ARK means “Act of Random Kindness”. The team had planned on allowing the older group, which ended up being all girls, to take the evangelism bracelets with the card explaining their colors and a New Testament Bible to the nearby Village to give away to random people. The girls came alive and shared Christ to strangers. This is something that is just not done in Romania – at least in this area! They were so excited and they even shared their experiences that evening during worship time. Even after they went home they were changed. This past Sunday, Pastor Florin allowed them to share what camp meant to them and he was so blessed to hear their stories of how it has changed their lives for eternity. Even their parents were in awe of how the children had changed. As Lydia (Pastor Florin's wife) said, this camp will be something that these children will never ever forget – they wanted it to go on for a couple more weeks it was so special for them.

All of this to once again say “Thank You”. Without Church of HOPE's support and prayers none of this would have been possible. Without the team members that God provided with resources, finances, time away from their families and the heart to share their love of Jesus Christ to the Children of Romania none of this would have been possible. THANK YOU!!!

Blessings to each of you,

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