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NEWS FROM THE ROMANIAN EVANGELISTIC MEDICAL MISSION



The Bridge

Located in the center of Beius is REMM's most recent Christian outreach ministry, The Bridge. It is a coffee shop located next to the local market, across the street from the high school and city park. This is not an ordinary Romanian coffee shop, it is a coffee shop that offers anyone that enters an opportunity to hear the gospel and see it in action. The atmosphere is filled with up beat Christian music, wonderful artwork, great coffee and desserts. The Bridge provides an exciting Christian atmosphere for the youth and families of Beius.



Tom Williams

"The true evidence of his life in Christ can be seen in the ministry he helped shape in Romania through REMM and the lives of those he touched there."

WITH GRATITUDE FOR THE RESURRECTION

Many of you know REMM President Tom Williams joined his Father in Heaven as he lost his battle with cancer in May. We would like to thank all of you for your prayers for Tom and his family during this very difficult time. The outpouring of love and support for Tom and the REMM family was evidence of the body of Christ.

Tom has been at the heart of the REMM ministry since the beginning, founding days. He helped Peter start the medical ministry, meeting both the physical and spiritual needs of so many in Romania.

During Tom's time of treatment he said, "I feel blessed I have had a great life no matter what comes. I am learning that it is not about

the time. It is what you do with your time. It is not about how much time I have left, but what I am doing with the time I have.

The time Tom had here on earth was spent glorifying God in so many ways. His humility and leadership will always be imprinted on those who spent time with him and served. We look forward to honoring Tom's memory and ministry in Christ through future ministry projects and opportunities. The following was Tom's life verse:



"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the

race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." Acts 20:24 (NIV)

Josef's House and International Adoptions



In spring 2005, REMM's board announced the difficult decision to close Josef's House. This decision was made as a result of a new Romanian law

banning international adoptions as well as the enormous expense of keeping such a facility open. Since then, the ministry has been very committed to finding healthy living alternatives for the children in their care.

In the past 6 months, and with much effort, Foster Care placement was found within Christian homes for all but 17 of the children. In order to reduce expenses the living quarters for these remaining children were moved to a smaller building at the front of the

property. It is a more space-efficient for the number of children and more cost-efficient for heating in the winter. The rooms for the children to sleep, eat and play in are very bright and colorful, and provide all that they need for the winter.

Fourteen of the children are able to go to preschool during the daytime. Can you imagine getting 14 little ones dressed and ready for school each day? What a job that must be! The children are adjusting to their new opportunity and enjoy the learning and social

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More About The Bridge

As the name implies the coffee shop acts as a bridge between Christians and non-Christians as well as a bridge between denominations and people groups. The large room at the back of the coffee shop has been used for meetings between church leaders in the community, small group Bible studies, discipleship opportunities, and most recently, a Christian conference for public school teachers.

Behind the coffee shop is a beautiful yard area surrounded by flowers planted by Peter and many of the short-term mission teams. This area provides lots of space for regular volleyball games and barbecues for the local youth groups.

The ministry at The Bridge is going extremely well. During the school year, the shop is often overflowing with youth who meet for a coffee after school.

When you have coffee at The Bridge, there is information available to you about REMM and that your patronage supports the Josef House and other ministries REMM sponsors. The Bridge is a great way to allow the people of

Beius a glimpse of what REMM is doing in their community and how they can be a part of it.

The ministry here is new and evolving, the opportunities for outreach are just beginning to be realized. There have been many visitors from other parts of Romania who have come to see the Christian coffee shop in hope of duplicating this kind of ministry in their own area. Some of these visitors include the former Ambassador to Romanian.

Please pray for The Bridge ministry and for those who work and minister there. Pray that many will come to know the Lord, be discipled and grow in their faith at this meeting place.

“Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailling love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes.” Mark 10:7,8



Joseph's House continued from front

activities with other children in the Beius community.

It is amazing to us to see how God opened the doors of international adoption to our ministry—which enabled us to provide homes and financial support to so many children—and then to see those same doors close so quickly with the new law.

Our ministry and commitment to these children will not change although the child welfare laws in Romania continue to do so. Their lives are precious in the eyes of the Lord and he knows them by name.

We all know that children's lives and their life opportunities require financial support. With that in mind, we would like to thank the many of you who have given generously to care for these children over the years. Please pray for the thousands of children in Romania that still need permanent, loving homes. Please pray that the Romanian law banning international adoption will be reversed. Finally, please pray about your support of the aspects within REMM's ministry that supports homeless children in Romania—the Josef House and Foster Care.



FUNDS SUPPORTED BY YOUR GIVING

Here are just some of the things your money is used for when you support a particular fund:

JOSEF HOUSE

- **Wood for heating** this winter
- **Preschool tuition**, i.e. learning materials and lunch
- **Transportation costs**, including driver and gas, to and from preschool

FOSTER CARE

- **Training and certification** of prospective foster home care givers
- **Placement in a private,**

Christian foster home

- **Ongoing care for 18 children** within a family environment

THE BRIDGE

- **Youth outreach events** at the coffee house, including recreational equipment and Bible study materials
- **Evangelism** in the heart of the community

AGAPE

- **Food packages** (sugar, flour, oil, pasta, etc.) for approximately 100 needy families
- **Transportation costs** to deliver packages, including driver and gas

FINANCIAL GIVING

REMM feels so blessed by the many who give on a monthly basis. Those who support specific funds within the ministry support the day-to-day functions, and allow the love of Jesus Christ to impact those in Romania.

With the many changes the ministry has experienced in the past year—including the restructuring of the Romanian currency—REMM needs to increase monthly support for the upcoming year to meet needs.

If you have been impacted by REMM in some way, we are asking you to prayerfully consider supporting REMM on a monthly basis or increasing your monthly support for the upcoming year. Monthly contributions of any amount will make a great difference. (Electronic giving is now possible for REMM. Please see information included with this newsletter.)

Coming soon . . .

- A new REMM website with ministry news and updates
- Our Christmas Newsletter—Short term missions reports from various teams, future REMM projects including a medical mission update (revamping and restructuring the medical clinic), gypsy ministry (new home being built) and Agape ministry

