

# Face of a Child Distribution

October 2009

Through the generosity of God's family at Grace Chapel, you provided 950 backpacks filled with sneakers, school supplies and toiletries to the needy orphans in the Republic of Moldova. More importantly, each child and all the orphanage staff were able to hear the Good News of God's immense love for them through the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. It was a heartwarming trip in so many ways. We want to share a little bit about it with you and allow you to experience the joy we felt.....

## Ialoveni

120 Children

At this handicapped home we saw the great love that teachers had for these special children, and we felt the powerful impact that your gifts have on them. Just seeing the faces of the children was enough to tell you that this was the most exciting day of the year for them. But, the words of a teenage girl who stayed to speak with us when the other children left show what the packages mean to these children. She told us "I have no parents – you are like my parents. You visit me every year and bring gifts, just like a parent would. My sister was adopted and moved to Italy so I have no one. You are my family".



## Falești

120 Children



Well behaved children sat quietly in their seats in a run down auditorium. But, they could hardly sit still with the anticipation of the gifts to come. One of our team members prepared a poster with artwork showing Jesus as a loving friend that children can go to in times of need and in times of joy. Excitement was on all faces as we gave out packages.

## Drochia

200 Children

This orphanage has the blessing of having a missionary work with them so we were treated to a concert of Christian songs (in Moldovan, of course!). We have been going to this same orphanage since the start of the Face of a Child project and we are well known there. A wonderful Little Samaritan couple on staff also visits here to provide medical care and Bible lessons.



## Visoca

75 Children

It was difficult to remain dry-eyed here as a young woman sang a song she had written about how she longs to meet her mother. She was abandoned and left in the care of the orphanage, but knows her mother is alive. Her haunting song told of her dream to have a Christmas dinner with her mother and siblings. She looks for her mother each year, but her mother does not come. The only stability she has is that the Little Samaritan team visits each year with gifts. What a joy to be able to provide security to a child through such a small thing! God truly blesses children in so many ways through this project!



## Meet the Team:

Left to right – Jess Zia, Sue Leach, Rochelle Landon, Lori DesRosiers, Lori O'Malley, Justin Landon, Irene Dygas

All but the team lead are first time missionaries to Moldova and every one would love to return! Some are already planning another trip.

Talk to any one of them if you would like to hear more about the trip.

## Cupcini

65 Children

Another orphanage where God's servants have had a huge impact on the children - Galena, a blessed woman, has worked with these children over 14 years, bringing the message of God's love for them. Many children in this orphanage become members of a local church when they age out of the system and are cared for by church members. What an example of God's people in action for His glory!

## Popeasca

175 Children



An eloquent and heart-rending speech by the Director greeted us as we distributed your gifts. She spoke of the needs of the children and how these gifts show them that they are loved both by God their heavenly Father and by his people from Grace Chapel. We were again reminded of the value of consistency and continuity of the project –

how the children have come to anticipate our visit with excitement and joy, and how it reflects God's constant love for them.

## More Blessings

### Brinzeni

*Adult Handicapped Home*

Distribution of donated t-shirts collected by a Grace Chapel member brought us to this home with 300 happy residents. We gave them each a banana, a small cake and a new t-shirt. Their joy was expressed through singing and dancing by some of the residents, and hugs by all.



## Jesus Savior Church

Worshipping with the Brothers and Sisters at our Sister Church was a delight! All send greetings and pray for you daily. We were able to share God's Word and bring your love to them. It's good to part of God's extended family!



the Ukraine 24/7. Many come to Him through this ministry.

### Radio Interview

The team experienced some celebrity as they were interviewed and broadcast on Little Samaritan Radio. LSM Radio spreads God's Word throughout Moldova and into parts of Romania, Russia and

*Please pray for the children, elderly, infirmed and the many saints who faithfully serve them.*

## Some Special Gifts

The loving generosity of Grace Chapel members allowed us to bless a number of groups of children and elderly in Moldova with special gifts. The gifts included:

### Children's books for each child

Two wonderful children's books were given to each child in every orphanage. A hand-written blessing in Moldovan was inscribed by the author in each of the hard cover books. The children were thrilled and will treasure this gift.



### Tables for a Soup Kitchen & Afterschool Program

The loving gift of a Grace Chapel member provided sturdy tables and desks to replace rickety furniture that had been in use at this village Soup Kitchen which feeds 30 elderly each day. The meal provided is often the only meal of the day for these saints.



### Warm Hats, Scarves and Mittens

The industrious women from MAPS again provided many hand-knitted, warm items for the children. The colorful and love-infused gifts were cherished by all who received them.

