

Finding Hope June 2019 Update:

*What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?
Romans 8:31*

Children's Homes:

Hope Home (1st children's home)

Things are still going as before. The 13 kids in the Hope Home are thriving, enjoying family life, and growing up in the ways of the Lord (most of the older ones know the Lord as their personal Savior). Soon school will be out, and the summer fun will begin. This will include summer camps, a trip to the beach (the Black Sea), camping and hiking trips with the Finding Hope family, outreaches in the gypsy villages, and lots of other fun activities.

Perhaps the biggest news: Alina, our oldest daughter, is heading to the USA in July 2019. She will be doing her senior year at a Christian high school in NC. Then she wants to go to a US university to study social work. Her dream is to eventually return to Romania to become a host parent at one of our children's homes. We are so very proud of our daughter Alina.

Lucas Home (2nd Children's Home)

The renovations are nearly finished thanks to hard work from volunteers and a mission team from East Taylorsville and Antioch Baptist Church. Next comes, inspections/permitting, and installation of a fire installation/suppression system. There is no telling how long this will take. We are hoping and praying that we can open the Lucas home by the end of the summer. Please pray with us that God will make the way smooth and quick. There are many orphan children eagerly waiting the Lucas House their home!

Anchor Home (3rd children's Home):

This home still requires more renovations and inspections before we can open it. We have the host parents but are just beginning with the necessary renovations to pass inspection. We expect to open this home for operation around December 2019 or early 2020.

Missionary Quarters

Recently a mission team from Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte came to build a place so we can better host short-term mission teams. This facility is on the property of the Lucas children's home. It will be able to comfortably house 12 people, has two bathrooms (including two showers), a living area, and conditioner/heating. Unfortunately, because of time constraints, Hickory Grove was unable to completely finish the project. We still need to hang a few doors, hang/mud some drywall, do the trim work, paint, and install the

flooring. We are looking for volunteers or mission teams to button this project up. If you or anyone you know are interested, please let us know. We would be very grateful.

Church Planting and Gypsy Ministry Outreach:

Thanks to Dale and Kathy Little (missionaries from the USA) joining the team we are able to start planting churches in some of the local gypsy villages. We have started small home Bible study groups. We are believing God will eventually grow these home groups into full-fledged churches. Please pray that God will enable us to plant these churches and bring many of the gypsy people to the Lord.

Additionally, we finished building a living quarters for an older, handicapped gentleman in one of the villages. He had been in living in dire circumstances before this. He is now attending our weekly Bible studies.

Mission Teams:

There are three more mission teams slated for this year, but we would like to schedule a few more since the needs are so many. We especially need more construction teams, as we have a lot more of this sort of work.

If are interest in coming to visit/volunteer or have questions about planning a mission trip, please contact us. We would be very delighted to have you. The needs are many and the laborers few!

Future Visions:

Children's Home in USA:

We are currently laying the ground work to begin a Finding Hope Children's Home in North Carolina. We envision a children's home similar to the ones we operate in Romania, where the kids become part of a family - rather than a ward in a small private institution. The home will be staffed by house parents (a Christian married couple) and have no more than 12 kids. The house parents will serve as the would-be parents of the children in the home, living with them 24/7. They will not work in shifts or take extended time away from the children, as happens in other children's homes in the US. They will be *de facto* parents, not caretakers/shift-workers. Moreover, we will seek kids that will stay in our home until they age out at 18. We will not house children who are shifted back and forth between different homes, as frequently happens in the US. We want the Finding Hope home in the USA to be a family environment where kids can thrive, are loved, and can grow up in the ways of the Lord. We expect this home to take at least two years of planning and praying. Please pray this will one day become a reality.

Children's Home in Moldova:

God has also given us a vision to start a Finding Hope Children's Home in Moldova. Moldova is the poorest country in Europe. Though Moldova has fewer orphans than Romania, their plight and future is much bleaker since the country is poorer than Romania. We just need the host parents, volunteers, funds, and a lot of prayer. Perhaps, one day this children's home in Moldova will be a reality!

Home for Disabled children:

Currently there is no private institution in Romania that houses disabled orphans. All the disabled orphans are holed up in state-run facilities which are far worse than the worst nursing home in the US. These poor children live in horrid circumstances where no one cares about them. We would love to be able to provide a family to love some of these unfortunate orphan children. We pray God will pave for this.

Needs:

We always need more volunteers and mission teams. As noted above, we especially need building teams to help with the many construction projects we have. So, if you have interest in coming to visit/volunteer or have questions about planning a mission trip, please let us know. We would be delighted to have you.

As is always the case when ministry is involved, financial needs abound. Below are some current and soon-to-be financial needs:

- There are several construction type inspections necessary. All three homes must pass a fire inspection. This includes modifying the homes (installing fire escapes, changing up the hallways, and putting in bigger windows in the bedrooms) and installing a sophisticated installation of a fire sensor/suppression system. The cost for each home is around \$3,700/home. We received money for one home recently but still need to cover the other two homes. This is a very pressing need – so we can get ready for the children!
- We are in need of a 2nd ministry van (and perhaps a 3rd in the not too distant future!) We're limited to a single 8-passenger van now. The cost for a good used one should be around \$10,000.
- We will have more children very soon and will need more sponsors for them as well.
- We also need money to help us buy furnishings for the 2nd and 3rd homes – beds, couch, sheets, blankets, kitchenware/appliances, wardrobes, dressers, etc.

- Art/craft supplies are hard to find here. We can't buy Ranch dressing mix and the peanut butter is bad. They also don't know what terrycloth is and we need kitchen towels. So if you'd prefer to send things, here's a good starting place!

Please pray where God would have you help serve. There are SO many needs but prayer and financial support are two of the biggest and most pressing. We need more people involved. Please make it a point to share our ministry with others in your church and community. Print off the newsletter and share it with someone else. Or send a link with our Facebook page to your friends. And here is the direct link to our website: <https://findinghopeministries.org/>. We never know when a new seed is planted, how God will make it grow. Find your place and join us!

God bless,
Nathan, Anca, and Family