



Our Spring 2014 Volunteer Work Team Trip was a great success thanks to our generous donors and volunteers. We were very busy distributing 1200 pairs of shoes donated by Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls, as well as the many clothing donations from our friends and families. We also received donations for this trip from Baylor Heart and Vascular Hospital, Christian Community Action Center and Maggie Watt – thank you. And a big thank you to our “Sponsor a Child” sponsors who, through their continuing generosity, make a huge difference in a family/child’s life.

A very special thank you to Florin Catanescu (and the boys from USPV), Laurentiu Burlacu, and Traian for all their hard work helping us get to where we needed to go, moving boxes of donations and food and for being great tour guides! Although the photos in the attached trip review don’t reflect it, we were able to get in some great sightseeing in the Brasov area as well. Thank you Mariana Achiriloaie for coordinating all our activities while in Romania – we can’t do this without you - and to Rodica Toma for everything you do for us in Romania. LeighAnn Ward – your photos are wonderful.

And last, but certainly not least, to our work team volunteers (from Dallas and California) who tirelessly gave of their time to make this trip one of our most successful: Doris Marshall, Gabi Wilson, Caitlyn Kramp, DJ Sprenger and Brad Sprenger – your endless energy and patience was greatly appreciated and you will be remembered by each child whose life you touched. We can’t thank you all enough.

Hearts Across Romania President, Jerry Williams, was part of this volunteer work team. From Jerry:

“I have just completed my third humanitarian trip to Romania with the Hearts Across Romania (HAR) team. During my first two trips I served as a volunteer and on this trip, I was there as a HAR board member. Each of the visits was unique and very rewarding as each time I made the trip with a different group of volunteers. I have memories of the orphanages, the hospitals, and the smiles of the Romanian people that we met; they are so thankful for anything we do to enrich their lives. Whether locally or while serving abroad, I challenge you to get involved and to be engaged. As Gandhi said it: *“The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others”*.

I wish to thank HAR and all of you who volunteered on this most recent trip as we shared a life changing time together. Go forth with the knowledge that you made a difference in the lives of so many and may your memories live on a life time.”

Please take a look at the photo summary of our recent trip as well as our website where we have posted more photos –

<http://heartsacrossromania.org/photo-gallery.htm>

We are looking forward to our next trip in September!

Hearts Across Romania

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