



## 2010: Year in Review

Project Ruth experienced many positive changes throughout this year. The outline below describes the general areas while specific details and graphs may be found in at the end of the document:

### **I. Programming**

- Obed Day Center
- Social Work
- After-School Program
- New emphasis on Hygiene Program
- Summer Camp
- Publicity

### **II. Personnel**

- Gabriela Carstea (Accountant)
- Angela Serghei (Pre-school teacher/Social Worker)
- Aurel Ghita (Publicity/TCM Secretary)
- Lacramioara Tudorica (Nurse)
- Ralph and Tammy Stocks (CBF Field Personnel)

### **III. Building/Facilitators**

- Library
- Office relocation
- Renovation of dormitory rooms
- Security Video System

### **IV. Financial**

- Grants

## I. Programming

### **Obed Day Center**

The Obed Day Center opened on September 20th with 17 students enrolled. The class meets in one of the rooms of the Ruth Center. Angela Serghei instructs the students daily from 8:00a until 12:00a. The children also benefit from having a lunch and practice good hygiene.

### **Social Work**

Angela Serghei also serves as a Social Worker and makes home visits to both families of the Day Center kids as well as families of students at the Ruth School. She observes and evaluates the needs of the families as we seek to improve conditions for academic achievement.

### **After-School Program**

From September students at the Ruth School have been offered additional academic help during afternoon hours. Two classes have formed with teachers assisting students with homework and addressing specific needs.

### **New emphasis on Hygiene Program**

With the new academic year the nurse has paid particular attention to teaching good hygiene practices and checking the children for head lice. All students in the first four grades wash their hands and brush their teeth daily.

### **Summer Camp**

During the summer of 2010 Ellen Sechrest together with a team from Boulevard Baptist Church organized a camp in the mountains. Some 37 kids attended this unique opportunity to “vacation” away from the poverty of Ferentari.

### **Publicity**

From May we initiated the Project Ruth webpage and update it minimally every two weeks with news, pictures, special events and needs. Links are available to the calendar, video presentation, payment options, registration for electronic newsletters, etc. A DVD of Project Ruth was prepared and made available for promotional activities. The Caravan Stories penned by Oti Bunaciu has recently begun. A database has been created of email addresses (currently 300) of supporters to enhance our ability to communicate.

## II. Personnel

### **Gabriela Carstea** (Accountant)

A member of Providenta Baptist Church, Gabriela began Oct. 1st and she has been instrumental in installing and running the new accounting software. This new software will help us to more efficiently monitor our financial situation and generate needed reports.

· **Angela Serghei** (Pre-school teacher/Social Worker)

Angela has degrees in Social Work and Theology and is a current member of Providenta Baptist Church. She worked for several years as a teacher at the Ruth School prior to assuming teaching duties at the Obed Day Center. She also takes the responsibility for visiting the homes of the children.

### **Aurel Ghita** (Publicity/TCM Secretary)

Aurel brings ministry experience to his position of promoting activities of the Project Ruth's programs. He too is a member of Providenta Baptist Church. Many of the pictures and articles on the website are to be credited to him.

### **Lacramioara Tudorica** (Nurse)

We are pleased that Lacramioara joined the clinic at the beginning of October. She is spending time daily checking the students and helping them to develop good hygiene habits.

### **Ralph and Tammy Stocks** (CBF Field Personnel)

The Stocks transferred to Romania in September and have thrown their talents and energies into assisting with the many ministries of Project Ruth.

## III. Building/Facilitators

### **Library**

The library is nearing completion with shelving installed, a new ceiling and lighting, new blinds, and accommodation prepared for a laptop, video projector and a sound system. We were able to do this with a generous donation from TDO Outreach Foundation. Upon final completion the Library will serve as a good resource for the students in the After School Program.

### **Office relocation**

To reduce the expenses of administration the offices were moved to the newer building in January. This enhances staff coordination. The new location offers space for additional personnel.

### **Renovation of dormitory rooms**

With the offices relocated several rooms were renovated to provide additional sleeping capacity for conference participants and volunteer teams. A fresh coat of paint was applied and several rooms were outfitted with new beds.

### **Security Video System**

The police require the use of a professional Security company which includes a guard during the day and video surveillance cameras to cover nights and weekends. This service insures a feeling of security and stability within the neighborhood.

## **IV. Financial**

### **Grants**

-The King Baudouin Foundation, in a partnership with the Caterpillar Foundation, provided a substantial amount that enabled us to begin the Obed Center, the After School Program and improve the quality of lunches for the school children.

-TD Outreach Foundation gave us a generous amount that provided Gypsy Smith scholarships and helped us to outfit the library with all needed equipment.

-United Way of Romania subsidized maintenance costs by providing funding for utilities, food programs and some administration costs.