

# 2011 Summer-Fall Update From Livada

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Kati Rostas At Zipline Challenge



Summer Teams Bless Campers



Janos' Fro Causes Cornel To Hide



The Simon Brothers Reunited

## Disciple NOW Weekend

LOC Kids & Grads Are Challenged to Grow in Christ



The LOC kids and grads are growing up fast. We wanted to create an opportunity to really challenge them to grow in their faith so we decided to host a Disciple Now Weekend in Romania. We took them away to camp and had a hilarious family reunion filled with adventure courses, praise and worship, and instruction on Quiet Times, how to study God's word for yourself, and a challenge to live out their faith. It was a great time of bonding, encouragement, and awakening. Many of our kids are still very immature in their walks with God. However some are on fire. Please pray that each LOC kid and grad would learn to spend time alone with God each day in prayer and in God's word. **Pray that they would hear His voice and be reminded of their adoption as sons and daughters.** Please also lift up the leaders, staff, and missionaries who are setting the example for our kids on the frontlines.

## Zorro or Robin Hood?

LOC Kid Zorro Helps Poor Kids At Camp



LOC kid Zorro Lacatus has overcome a lot in his life. He decided this summer that he wanted to give back to others what he had received. Zorro signed up to be one of our summer volunteers at camp to work as a translator and small group leader. He was one of the hardest working summer staff. He was moved by the kids and had an unmatched zeal to help them overcome their hurts. His passion overflowed and Zorro did a lot of growing up. He decided early in the summer that he wanted to get baptized as a step of obedience in his faith in Christ. God continued to move in Zorro's life as he attended the fall retreat and was challenged by the older boys to keep his faith active through daily devotion. **Please pray for Zorro to stay on target** and that God would continue to use him as he takes what He learns from the King and gives it to the poor.

***"The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."*** 2 Timothy 2:2



**Top Left:** Missionary candidate Tiffanie Knight takes a tour of Targu Mures with some of the LOC boys!

**Top Middle:** Daniel Simon leads ballroom dancing lessons at fall retreat!



**Top Right:** Bruce Thomas and David Triff get LOTS of extra help getting the LOC family slideshow together!

**Bottom Middle:** LOC grad Radu Muresan helps lead his team to victory during the rambunctious icebreakers created by Tiffanie Knight.

## Tom Lowry's Twenty Year Journey

Twenty years ago Tom Lowry came to Romania for the first time. Last month he came back on his 18th trip to Romania to help Livada with a Disciple Now retreat, staff leadership retreat, to photograph the LOC kids, and to film our newest DVDs. (Available for viewing now on YouTube by searching "livada orphan care") He has lead countless teams over to help with youth ministry development, orphan care ministry, and to train leaders in a biblical strategy for ministry. Most of our promotional DVDs have been made by Tom. Sincerely, Livada would not be the same without the consistent investment that this one Godly man has made with us over this past decade! Tom's enthusiasm for Romania is so contagious that his daughter Rebekah has served the past two summers with us as an intern AND we have had more interns come from our relationship with Tom than from any other source. His impact has been profound. Please pray for the Lord's blessings on Tom as he is a recent cancer survivor and faithful friend of Livada Orphan Care.



Tom is usually the one behind the camera. On this day we were able to surprise him with a reunion with an orphan named Remus. He had not seen him in eight years since they had been at camp together!



### Geza Leads Worship!

One of the most memorable highlights of the summer AND the fall retreat was Geza Mustăța! He AMAZED the summer teams with his Asperger's Syndrome gift of being able to hear a song in English and then play it like a rock star! He even lead praise and worship at the fall retreat. You have not truly worshiped God until Geza has ended a moving praise chorus with a loud and unexpected strum of the guitar and grand bow to his fans!



### One Night One Child

Marshall Dempsey was on one of the summer teams that led camps this summer. He was so moved by his experience that he and his wife Elizabeth helped develop a fall fundraiser in Dallas. It was a huge success and helped raise over \$44,000 in cash and pledges! Their preparation was so good that our friend Laura Soccia decided to use it for our Atlanta fundraiser event as well. Please pray for all of our fall fundraising efforts to bear fruit that will last.



### Staff Retreat Rocks!

Our directorial staff retreated this fall to Sovata to pray, evaluate, and plan. There were some great revelations as we talked about our ministry and what we hope it will look like in 2016! Please pray with us for an expansion in 2012 of our ministry to abandoned babies. Pray also for a deepening of spiritual growth amongst the staff and the kids we serve. Pray for resources from America, Europe, AND Romania to flourish and for God's kingdom to expand further.

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