

Open Doors Report Feb 2011

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It is with great joy and appreciation that we salute you our dear sponsors and prayer partners around the world!

The closing days of 2010 were again a tremendous opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ. Many, many thanks to all the people in Finland who poured their hearts and finances into the shoe box gifts. We also received cash donations from you who live in the USA, Canada, and the UK along with Romanian donations of food and clothing.





The big truck unloaded 4000 gifts for distribution in the Constanta County area. We were asked to distribute to other organizations the gifts designated for them. Open Doors presented the most wonderful story of Jesus through interactive drama in twelve programs that over 1700 children attended.

A short outline of these programs will help you understand why they have had such a big impact on these children, their parents and teachers. We invite quite a number of the children from each group to be a part of the cast. They are dressed up as shepherds, angels, wise men, and Herod.









We have adults (Dana & Adi) who speak the verbal part of their story dressed as Mary and Joseph. Beti is also dressed up in tradition eastern clothing and is the commentator. The drama acts out the many events leading up to Jesus' birth and the visit from the Magi and Shepherds. Mary and Joseph have considerable dialogue as Mary was to have a baby and Joseph was not convinced at first that the child was the Son of God.





When the story is completed to the point where Herod had all the baby boys put to death, and Jesus' family flees to Egypt, the question is asked, is this the end of the story of Jesus? Many of the children in the Muslim communities as well as others never heard the story of Jesus, to most of them Christmas only means Santa Claus bringing presents.





Herod He gave His very best gift! His life!

Hardi also dressed in a robe, then begins to speak about how Jesus grew up as an obedient child. How when Jesus was thirty years old he left the carpenter shop and began telling people that God loved them and wanted to have a personal relationship with them. The many miracles He performed including raising children from the dead, healing the sick, and feeding thousands with just a few loaves of bread. These all proved that He was not just an ordinary man.

The religious leaders were jealous and felt threatened so they made a plan to kill Him. A flannel board with Jesus and two thieves nailed to cross and a crown of thorns graphically shows the suffering of Jesus. Even when suffering on the cross, Jesus shows His love by praying for those who nailed Him there. He turns to the one dying thief who believed in Him and promised that they would meet later that day in Paradise. The sky darkened for hours and there was an earthquake, which made the Centurion supervising the crucifixion realize, that indeed, "This is the Son of God!"

Jesus did die and was put in a tomb; but something wonderful happened, He rose again and appeared to hundreds of people whose testimony we have to this present day, recorded in the Bible.

Hardi continues to say; when we love somebody we want to give them a gift to show it. God gave His best gift when He gave His only Son Jesus to demonstrate His love for humanity. Jesus gave His very best by giving His life on the cross so we can have eternal life. At Christmas we celebrate the birthday of Jesus. The children are asked if they buy gifts for their friends when it's their own birthday. Of course the answer is no, the birthday child expects to receive gifts from his or her friends.

The question is then posed; "if it's Jesus' birthday, then should we not be thinking of giving Him a gift?" Some of the children reply, yes! Again a question is asked, "what gift can we give Jesus for His birthday?" There are always a few children that come up with wonderful answers, love Jesus, believe in Him, obey, love others, be good, read the bible and more.

Jesus said "if you believe in me you can have eternal life," a wonderful gift of God's love.



When we love, we want to give



Ionuti who we helped with ear surgery

Finally with a gift in hand we tell the audience that there are children and people in Finland and other countries that love Jesus and also love the Romanian children. To show their love,

they have lovingly prepared a present for every child. You in Finland did all the hard work and we have the joy of presenting each child with a wonderful gift. We encourage the children to pass along some love by sharing one or more of the items in the box with a child who didn't get one and tell them that they are doing this, <u>because Jesus loves them.</u>







Anca, who needs a liver transplant

Special needs children











A little love goes a long ways in a child's life

The Christmas gifts you have sent have given us the opportunity to reveal who Jesus is to many thousands of children and their parents over the past years. Only in eternity will you know just how many souls have found salvation through the means of the Christmas shoe box gift program. Please remember to pray for the precious seeds that have been planted in the tender hearts of so many.

The Lord bless you again and again, filling your hearts with joy in knowing that what you have done to the least of these poor children, you have done to The Lord Jesus Christ!



Special appeal for skilled tradespersons to renovate the above Healing Center. We are putting together a team to work on this project the first three weeks of April 2011. Work to be done includes restoration of front to original, three sides polystyrene with acrylic stucco, steel studding interior walls and suspended ceiling, floors etc..

Thank you to those who have already donationed to make this project possible. Please note Canadians; the cost of your ticket and trip qualifies as tax deductable through Eurovangelism. Please pray about this and contact us today.

Please make your donations through our partners or contact us personally.

Thank you again and again.

Please designate your donation for Open Doors or Kubassek's personal support.

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May the Lord's blessings overtake you and make you a vibrant channel of His Love.

For all of us at Open Doors,

Hardi and Beti Kubassek

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