



**Update from Felipe and Janelle de Waard-Silva
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**Our Favorite Time of the Year: Summer
The Anchor Church**



We had our first church retreat just last week at the Black Sea. We have two Brazilian missionary friends that began a Presbyterian church in Mangalia (Black Sea) 22 years ago. They have a building that they use for children's outreach and they invited our church to spend a week there! We went with 32 people from the Anchor Church, and had a great time resting on the beach, swimming, and group devotion and prayer time daily. We celebrated the first baptism at Anchor church. Lucretia made her profession of faith in Jesus Christ and we rejoiced together welcoming her to the family of Christ!

To the right is the woman's bible study group at the Anchor church. We had a blessed year getting to know each other and growing together in our faith. We did the Rivka video series Bible study, which was a practical and meaningful study.



The tiny little baby is Vlad. We celebrated his birth with much joy, as his mother was getting an ultrasound to have an abortion when the Holy Spirit moved her not to go through with the process. By the time he was born, God had provided every material thing the family needed to welcome him. Praise God!



Sunday school classroom



The Anchor Church



Together with the city hall, we gave out food packages to each child's family.

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Education Program

Summer is a fun time for the kids in the education program to have some fun outings and some more creative ways of learning. This is a group of kids visiting the Hunedoara Castle,

The kids worked very hard for the full month of June on these paintings! We have some talented painters and the kids loved designing and working on their personal masterpieces. At the end, we all voted on the winners and we had some fun prizes for winners and participants alike!



Fara Limite Climbing Gym

Summer Camp! 7 days, 55 kids, 18 volunteers—crazy fun!

This year's camp theme was "where your heart is, there will your treasure be also." We learned about what it means to not worry about gaining earthly treasures and how we can work with the help of the Holy Spirit to build up treasures in heaven. We had daily memory verses, activities, and songs that went along with the theme.





This year we had two climbers become first-time national Romanian champions! They worked hard this year, showed great commitment, and trained eagerly and seriously. Estera Vantoaia, age 14, and Gabi Raita, age 15, both placed first in their categories at the National Championships in Cluj-Napoca. The gym continues to be full, and we have now passed 150 kids enrolled in the climbing gym programs. We are eager for school to start again, after the year and a half of COVID-19 closures. We continue to have the orphanage for disabled children come to the gym for group time each Tuesday and welcome other small groups from time to time. God is faithful and we are thankful :)

Praise God that *"the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace"* We pray for you and for ourselves for *"God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins"* Colossians 1



With love,

Felipe, Janelle, Luca (5), Sofia (3), and Mila (2) Silva