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UPCOMING EVENTS

**MISSION TRIP WITH
POTTER'S HOUSE
NUREMBERG, GERMANY
18TH-28TH JUNE**

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**ENGLISH YOUTH CAMP
OPOVO + VRDNIK, SERBIA
1ST-13TH JULY**

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**DECLAR ENGLISH
FAMILY CAMP
VALEA DRAGANULUI, ROMANIA
18-25TH JULY**

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**INTERNATIONAL TEAMS
TEAM RETREAT,
BAILE HERCULANE, ROMANIA
27TH-30TH JULY**

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To the Finish Line...!

~ AMANDA LEWIS; JUNE 14TH 2010 ~

A Time Of 'LASTS'!

Now on the final stretch with just three days until the first of my Summer adventures begins, these last few weeks have indeed been a time of 'lasts'!

Last Tuesday I had my final [Romanian lesson](#) with Coco and was glad to finally finish translating 'Charlottes Webb' from Romanian (a big effort).

That morning I also finished my work at the [baby hospital](#) and will certainly miss seeing them each week, but as I prayed over each baby, I felt the assurance that each of their little lives is in Jesus' hands.

Whilst I have had my last craft lesson at the [Potter's House](#), I was encouraged to be able to see so many people who have played a part in this ministry, at the [10th year celebrations](#) on Saturday. Hearing the testimonies from some of the youth and listening to the children sing, it felt like a fitting end to my time, but prayerfully just the beginning of things to come for *Casa Olarului*!

May saw the end of an era as Anna and I both went our separate ways, leaving the [apartment](#) we shared, within a few weeks of each other. Since the start of June I have been staying with another good friend, Lynn, who I have also

appreciated spending more time with.

God has certainly blessed me with wonderful [friends](#) here in Timisoara, both Romanian and from around the world. I was especially encouraged to be able to share in a [farewell barbeque lunch](#) on Sunday with around sixty-five of those who have played a part in my life here.



Spring at the Zoo!

As I look over past newsletters, I can certainly see some of the ways God has answered not only my [prayers](#) but those of all my supporters and friends over the past two and a bit years. He has been my constant companion and

continues to teach me to completely depend on Him alone. He has indeed had a purpose in bringing me to Romania, and I know in my heart that even though I will soon be saying *la revedere* to Romania, God's already got the next part of my journey with Him laid out.

A conformation of this is my acceptance into Sydney Missionary and Bible College where I will be [studying](#) an 'Associate Degree In Theology' full time, from the beginning of 2011, for two years.

The [International Children's Day](#) event was held once more on May 30th. This, being my third year of helping out, I became head chef until the original chef eventually turned up and other changes were also made to the original program. Due to a down pour in the middle of the day, which lasted for about an hour, the

Please Pray...

» **Praise** for the wonderful times I have had recently and the friendships I have developed over the past two years.

» **Praise** for the Potter's House as it continues into another decade of ministry. May God refresh His vision and guide the way forward.

» **Praise** for my acceptance into SMBC and continue to **Pray** for God's provision in regards to a car for when I return to Australia.

» **Pray** that I would be able to prepare well for all events and camps coming up and for safety in travel and health and knowing the Lord's will.

» **Pray** for open hearts as we minister in Germany, Serbia and here in Romania.

» **Pray** that I would be able to finish my time in Romania 'well' in every way.

**"SING TO HIM, SING PRAISE
TO HIM; TELL OF ALL HIS
WONDERFUL ACTS."
PSALM 105:2 (NIV)**



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festivities were put on hold as we stood under the trees and waited. When the rain stopped, the fun continued in the rather muddy conditions. I was also in charge of the children's activities for the day, which included a clown, film, colouring in and of course, face painting. It was a successful day in the end and God was faithful.

Being a public holiday on the 1st May, we headed out to [Radna](#) for a picnic with *Sfanta Trieme Church*. It was great to be able to spend some time with them and also to climb up the hill to the ruined castle. A few days later, it was also nice to go to the zoo one final time with Dawn and the [orphans](#), some of who have grown quite a bit since I last saw them. And it was a first for me as I got to see baby bears, peacocks and a baby wallaby. (I love Spring time!) And just after this, some [clowns](#) came from the UK to join Adi and Jen which meant a fun Friday at the Potter's House.

Whilst that is just a quick outline of my 'last' times here in Timisoara, I am thankful for the time I have been able to spend with those here and being able to say goodbye and finish up my time here 'well'.

Come this Friday another adventure, or should I say marathon, will begin. You can follow this on the 'upcoming events' list, but I wanted to let you know a bit more.

[Germany](#)- 8 adults from Potter's House will be taking 10 children to Nuremberg for ten days. We will be driving across (about twelve hours) and staying in a farmhouse and barn during our stay, but going out and doing programs with the children at a number of different places. Whilst partly to create awareness for *Casa Olarului*, we pray that hearts would also be opened to receive the Good News.

[Serbia](#)- This will be my third camp in Serbia. It is going to be a packed program and I believe also a full camp (as two camps were joined into one). Please pray for those who are new and those who are returning, that hearts would be changed and revived!

[English Family Camp](#)- My main role will be looking after one of the organiser's two month old baby, and where possible, helping out with other activities. Please pray as people learn English, that they would take away a lot more and that the Lord's love would dwell in their hearts.

[IT Retreat](#)- Our last thing together, my team will be going on a retreat for four days to spend time together before we go our separate ways. We know God has His reasons for all the changes going on, but on a good note, it is exciting that Jen and Adi will also be studying at SMBC and that Jen will even be in my class, so it's not all over yet.

I will have a week back in Timisoara before I finally leave Romania on 9th August to travel for a while before returning mid-late September. This in mind, I hope I will be able to write another newsletter in that week.

Thank you again for your continued love, prayers and support over these last two years. And whilst I soon will be missing Romania, I look forward to rekindling my relationships back in Australia as the next season of my life begins.

Until then... *Domnul să vă binecuvânteze!* (The Lord bless you!)

~Manda~

Photos: Anna, Lynn and I at Anna's Farwell; International Children's Day Event; Clowning around at Potter's House; At the zoo with the orphans; Presentation for Serbia; 10th Anniversary Celebrations for Potter's House; Friends at my farewell party.

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