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UPCOMING EVENTS

GYPSY ENGLISH CAMP
LESKOVAC, SERBIA
5-11TH APRIL

Four of us from Timisoara will be heading to Southern Serbia to join other foreign, Serbian and Gypsy leaders run a 'day camp' for the Gypsy community. This may also include an evangelistic outreach afternoon on the 10th.

These Gypsies are a very open (to God) group of people. Please pray for many to attend and that God would change the hearts and lives of those who come.

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Looking Forward...!

~ AMANDA LEWIS;

FEB 5TH 2010~

A Time Of **REVEALING!**

As stated in my previous newsletter, that I was hoping to share more about what lies ahead for me, I am smiling as I am just realising what the Lord has been doing over the past few months to reveal His plans to me.

He knew that He had to make me stop and just be with Him, especially when there are so many 'good' things happening that I want to be involved with, but that so often take the focus away from quality time with just Him and me!

The lead up the Christmas Day included so many special events and 'things'.

I was encouraged to see some of the children and youth from Potter's House setting a good example as we participated at the [Hunedoara](#) Christmas Castle event and also ran a program for the children in the village of [Pietroasa](#). For me, having been involved with Samaritan's Purse in Australia, it was a special time to be at the distribution end, seeing the wide eyes and smiles as the children received their Christmas shoebox gifts.

December also included selling many of the crafts that the kids from Potter's House had made throughout the year.

The [exhibition](#) was held at the town hall, and whilst it raised around 100€, its main purpose was to raise awareness about the program and bring its needs and desires to attention.

As with last year, [Christmas](#) proved to be truly multicultural and full of fun and praise for our wonderful Saviour. After a

Christmas Eve church service at Sfântă Treime we headed out carolling, and carol we did, getting home around 4:30am. This was followed by a 5:00am Skype call to my family before crashing to bed around 6am.



Piața Traian!

Waking up again at 1pm, we got ready for Christmas 'dunch', starting at 3pm. With eight nationalities, we sat down to eat, talk and eat some more before watching a movie and heading home. Once home, we decided we should probably open our stockings whilst it was still Christmas Day, at 11:30pm.

With an abrupt halt, I woke up feeling very unwell on Boxing Day. Later finding out I had Bronchitis as well as the flu, I was not surprised, as I remained house-ridden for about three weeks. New Years consisted of watching what fireworks I could see rising above the buildings behind our apartment before going to bed! And just as I thought I was getting better and starting to get back into a routine, I had another dose of food poisoning on Australia Day night!! Thankfully, however, this did not interfere

Please Pray...

» **Praise** that the craft exhibition, Hunedoara event, Pietroasa and other Christmas programs went smoothly!

» **Praise** for the wonderful fellowship that was had over the Christmas season, including the opportunities to share about Jesus' birth.

» **Praise** that my unexpected 'time out' due to illness also included some wonderful times of just being with God! But please continue to **Pray** that my immune system would continue to grow in strength and that my body would be protected from further sickness.

» **Pray** that I would be able to prepare well for the various events and camps coming up.

» **Pray** for me to be able to make the right decisions and take the right actions regarding my future- especially for the application process to go to SMBC.

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2 THESSALONIANS 3:5



with me enjoying our muffin-tin-sized, almost-fully-cooked meat pies and crinkle chips and slightly-overdone mini pavlovas!! The thought was there- and Jen even managed to find us passionfruit (that's a big thing!!)

But as I said, God has a way of making us turn our focus back to Him! This time of staying home and some days sleeping fifteen hours also brought me to rest in another way. I have been praying that God would reveal Himself to me and He has clarified, in more ways than one, His promises in Jeremiah 29:11...

"For I know the plans I have for you (Manda), plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

With this in mind, It is now that I would like to share with you what I believe the Lord has been showing me in His plans for me for the next few years...

After talking with various people, I have come to the decision to stay on in Timisoara and see out the [Summer camps and programs](#) including doing the Serbia English Youth Camp and Declar English Family Camp, which will take up the majority of July. This will also mean that I will be moving out of my current apartment about the end of June to help save on rent and bills that I would otherwise be wasting. And in case you are wondering, Anna will also be leaving, but in May.

Once all the camps are finished, I plan to be back in Timisoara for around two weeks before I will be saying farewell (at least for now) to what's been home for the past two and a bit years. [Leaving](#) on the 9th August, I will be meeting up with Anna in Warsaw and we will be doing a bit of travel together around Poland and the Czech Republic. From Prague I will fly to Belfast and stay with Jill, whilst also meeting up with some of the other Irish people who I have met during my time in Romania.

From Belfast I will fly to Edinburgh- where I will hire a car and have a few days driving around Scotland, staying with a few people along the way, before heading to Llandudno Wales to have a weeks debrief and processing with Wayne and Kim Platt, a couple who are also with International Teams. Making my way back toward London, I am planning to head home to Australia around mid-late September.

I am currently in the process of trying to work through applications etc, but, once home, I am planning to [study](#) full-time at the Sydney Missionary and Bible College over 2011-12. This will also include living on campus.

Only the Lord knows what is install beyond this time, but at this stage my heart is open to go where He leads me, whether this be returning to overseas mission and Romania or elsewhere, or in a completely different field. I only pray that I would be sensitive to His calling through it all!

I have written this newsletter to you, my supporters and friends, in the hope that you would join me in praying that the decisions I make now would help equip me for what the Lord has instore for me in the future. May His will be done!

To God Be the Glory forever! xx Manda xx

PS: I am certainly open to any advise or words of wisdom you may have, especially in regards to Bible College.

Photos: IT Christmas lunch; Gingerbread Nativity Scene; Hunedoara Castle Event; Pietroasa Christmas Program; at House Church Christmas lunch; Potter's House Christmas Party with Kaitlyn and Oana; Christmas Dunch; Australia Day Dinner!

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