



# Into another year...

~ AMANDA LEWIS; JUNE 27TH 2009 ~

## **A Time Of** **PROCESSING!**

As I passed the one year mark since my arrival here in Timisoara on May 20th, I feel truly grateful for all the blessings I have received.

The Summer is now in full swing and I am excited to be able to swim again and enjoy some of the outdoors and fresh air once more.

One of the things I give thanks for includes being able to serve alongside a team of Christians who daily give their lives in every way to share the love of our Lord. I was greatly encouraged at our recent '[International Teams Romania Retreat](#)' where twenty of us from around Romania, The Netherlands and The UK came together for three days. It was an opportunity to hear about the bigger picture of how God is at work throughout Romania and to talk about where we are headed. God is at work in this country!

One thing to rejoice at is that IT is now sending [Livi](#), a Romanian, to China for a short term mission. We pray that this will be the start of bigger things yet to come in partnering with Romanians to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Yet again, however, our [team](#) is undergoing transition as Adi and Jen

have now returned from their furlough in Australia and Tyler will be leaving us in mid July.

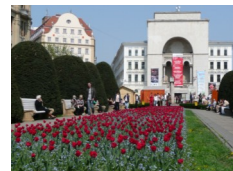
In my last newsletter I asked you to pray for [Marian](#), an Indian medical student who was in a serious car accident. Praise the Lord he is now walking with crutches and is cast-free, but there are concerns

about the bones healing straight. Please continue to pray for his recovery, physio and for the continuing legal and financial situation.

As with [Children's Day](#) last year, we held an event for the homeless and poor at the 'Green Forest' on May 31st.

This year's event proved to be even bigger with probably close to 300 people—double that of last year. Activities ranged from ping pong, chess, colouring in, volleyball, rides on quad bikes, water-bottle rockets, haircutting, and I was in charge of the face painting. There was a soccer tournament which was taken very seriously and Geoff, a Kiwi and ex-sheep shearer, shored a sheep and gave a message about 'The Good Shepherd'. The day came together and we pray that the Lord will work in the hearts of those who were there; that they genuinely come to have a faith in Christ.

On another note, I never thought that I would use the hospitality skills I learned at school for anything other than daily cooking. God has surprisingly brought up



**The Opera House  
In Summer!**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ENGLISH YOUTH CAMP  
IN SERBIA  
4-14TH JULY**

**POTTER'S HOUSE  
CHILDREN'S CAMP  
JULY 20-27TH**

## **Please Pray...**

- » **Praise** for an encouraging time at the IT Romania Retreat!
- » **Praise** for those who came to the Children's Day Event and Pray that their hearts will be genuinely challenged and changed.
- » **Praise** that the summer program at Potter's House has gone well so far and **pray** this continues in the remaining two weeks. May God continue to work in the hearts of the kids.
- » **Pray** that I would continue to use the gifts God has blessed me with to serve others.
- » **Pray** for the Serbian and Potter's House Camps; for the youth to know the love of Christ.
- » **Pray** for ideas and resources needed for Potter's House, Kids Club and Camp programs.
- » **Pray** for good health- both physically, mentally and spiritually!
- » **Pray** for the progress of my visa as I continue to wait patiently.

**"FOR IT IS GOD WHO WORKS  
IN YOU TO WILL AND TO ACT  
ACCORDING TO HIS GOOD  
PURPOSE." PHILIPPIANS 2:13**



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various opportunities that have seen me [cook](#) for the International Students at a retreat; Bake scones and cakes for the IT retreat; cook for a friend who broke her leg, cook for the 'street youth' and also through inviting people into our home for meals. It has been a real blessing and joy to know that the simplest of gifts can be used to build relationships. And there is no stopping a good thing!

Various random and more routinely things have also been happening. I continue to lead the weekly [Kids Club](#) and am thankful that Jen is now back to help again! I love seeing the [babies](#) at the hospital and I am still waiting patiently for my [visa](#) to be sorted out (though a small amount of progress has been made). I was also thrilled to be able to see the '[Planet Shaker's](#)' band who came to Timisoara at the end of May- a friendly reminder of home!

From the 15th-19th June, Jill, Denisa and I led the first week of the [Summer Program](#) at Potter's House. It was a real privilege to work alongside the 'World Racers' American team, who were a great help with the smooth running of the week. A daily program included breakfast, lunch and supper; games, crafts, bible lessons, singing and our theme for the week was 'Transportation- God's grace from place to place'. The program will continue until the 10th July and each week will be led by various leaders. Please pray for the 30 or so kids, especially those who don't usually attend the normal weekly program, that their hearts would be touched by the love of Christ.

About three weeks ago, Kathleen asked me if I would consider helping her lead the team from Romania to the [English Youth Camp in Serbia](#). Compared with last years eight people, this year there are only four of us going from Romania- Kathleen, myself and Eunice and David who are brother and sister. If last year's camp is anything to go by, we can expect there to be about 45 to 50 people on camp. We will leave for Serbia on the 4th July and have a couple of days training together in *Novi Sad* before driving another hour and a half to where the camp will be, returning on the 14th. With the theme being 'Stories', our team will be in charge of the crafts, and I will assist Kathleen in one of the English groups as well as doing anything else we can to serve. Please pray that we would be able to share Jesus' love and follow His example (Phil 2) despite language and cultural differences and that we would be able to assist in linking up the youth with friends and relationships that can be grown into the future.

With just enough time to recuperate, I will have five days back in Timisoara before going on the [Potter's House Camp](#) to *Firdea* from 20-27th July. We will be travelling by train from Timisoara to *Făget* and then minibus-ing everyone to the camp site. We are expecting around 60 Children between the ages of 7-14 and will have the privilege of sleeping in tents, most of which have been brought over from Scotland by Lorry. We have a variety of people helping with this camp including an Irish team, some other international helpers and those who are regularly involved. I will be in charge of the crafts and anything else that is needed each day. There is a lake for swimming about a twenty minute walk away and various activities planned for the week. Please uphold us all for good health (this has been an issue in the past), energy, safety and a fun time to build on our relationships with the kids.

*Photos: group photo from summer program at Potter's; Jill and I (we work together at both Potter's and the Baby Hospital); the kids had to complete a travel simulation including putting up tents; Clara and I at the Planet Shakers Concert; Children's Day.*

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