

Calm Before The Storm!

~ AMANDA LEWIS; APRIL 20TH 2010 ~



...
UPCOMING EVENTS

**MOVING OUT OF MY
APARTMENT- END OF MAY**

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**CHILDREN'S DAY
1ST JUNE**

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**10 YEAR CELEBRATIONS
FOR POTTER'S HOUSE
12TH JUNE**

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**GERMANY MISSION WITH
POTTER'S HOUSE
18TH-27TH JUNE**

A Time Of **CHANGES!**

I'm not sure what the average is of the number of emotions a person normally feels in one day, but I have a feeling that I have definitely passed that amount in recent weeks.

Thankfully, the long winter has now passed, and we are amidst the April Spring rains, with some beautiful days in between. I am loving watching the new buds sprout and the trees blossoming with life, not to mention seeing the baby lambs and other animals. God certainly has made a wonderful world. We just have to remember to stop a minute to look around us.

I am so often amazed at just how much can happen in a few months and each time I write, I wonder how I can cover everything in such a small space.

With less than eight weeks left of 'normality' (if I can even say that) of my time here in Timisoara, I am trying to get my mind around the changes of things to come. But, that said, I need to process and reflect on the things that have been.

To give you a glimpse, the passed two months have included such things as- Hosting an '[Australian Cultural After-noon](#)' for the children at Potter's House.

A [Valentine's Day party](#) for the girls from both the Girls' House and Potter's House, showing them the love they deserve.

From the 19th to 22nd March- Anna, Jen, Lynn, Kelly, Jill and I travelled over to [Barcelona](#), Spain for a girly weekend for my 25th Birthday Bash. It was a special time away and nice to be able to spend some time together before we all start going our separate ways once more.

We Celebrated with two of the street youth, [Dani and Cristina](#), as they were married on 27th March.

A special day for them both as everything was provided, which would otherwise have been impossible.

From 29th-31st March, with the help of a German team, the Potter's children visited and gave an [Easter program](#) to a local nursing home, the boys juvenile prison in Buzias, and to the children in Pietroasa Village. The children performed pantomimes, sang and the message of Easter was given. It was encouraging to see the Lord bring this all together and to see the openness of those who heard the good news about Jesus.

And in case you're wondering- the Easter craft I was preparing went really well. So thank you to those who played a part in the preparations.

Whilst I continue doing the norms of working with the babies at the hospital and with the children at Potter's House, I



Piața Traian!

Please Pray...

- » **Praise** that the Easter Missions went well and hearts were open to hear the true message of Jesus' Death and Resurrection!
- » **Praise** that the Serbia Roma Youth Camp was great and that nine youth gave their lives to Christ for the first time!
- » **Praise** that God is at work in this city and beyond... **Pray** that people would continue to grow and be disciplined in their faith and love for the Lord.
- » **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 the application process for my studies at SMBC to continue to go smoothly.
- » **Pray** that I would depend on God in all the changes that are to come in my life.

**"HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD
WORK IN YOU WILL BRING IT
TO COMPLETION."
PHILIPPIANS 1:6 (ESV)**



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am excited to look back and see how all the children have grown and changed, and I only pray that this will continue, even after I leave. During a time of prayer at my Potter's House birthday party, I was touched as once of the boys prayed "God, if you need to send Manda to a place where children need her more then we do, that's ok, but if not, please bring her back to us." God is at work!!

Easter Monday saw Kathleen, Stuart and Dorothy (a British couple) and I, drive about nine hours south-west to the town of [Leskovac, Serbia](#). Warmly welcomed as if they had known us for years, we were involved in a four-day [English Camp for the Roma \(Gypsy\) youth](#). About 60 youth, aging from around 10 to 24, came with hearts open to receive the word of God and to learn English. A team of seven Slovenes also made the long trip over for the camp. It was a real privilege to serve alongside them- one, because some of them knew Serbian and could communicate with the youth and two, because they all spoke great English and could communicate with us. It really was a fantastic camp with every opportunity to share God's love with the Roma Youth and I can't wait to hear about the ways God will now grow those nine new Christians as well as those who recommitted their lives to Christ.

I am now finding myself sorting through documents and items I have gathered over the passed (almost) two years. Once again things are about to [change](#), as I will be moving out of my current [apartment](#) at the end of May. Anna will be leaving Romania on the 10th May and another family of three will take her place. For my remaining time until August 9th, I will be staying (when I'm in Timisoara) with another great friend, Lynn. However with so many things happening this will equal to less than a month in between the camps and missions etc. This being the case, sadly, I am already starting to say farewells to people, as I don't know if there will be further opportunities to meet up with them.

I would like to mention and ask for your prayers as I have now put in my [application to study](#) at the Sydney Missionary and Bible College for 2011-12. This will mean that I will have a few months after I arrive back (around the end of September) for catching up with people back home. I would like to request now that you please allow me a few weeks to readjust and ease back into life in Australia, rather than requesting to meet up with me straight away. I would love to meet up with everyone of you personally if I can, but please allow me that initial space.

A second prayer point is that I will be looking for a [car](#) upon my return as, unfortunately, I received news two weeks ago that my car was written off in an accident. So if you know of or hear anything, I would appreciate hearing from you.

With world travel up in the air (or not), and my plans changing too, please disregard my address below after the end of May and don't send anything further by post.

With all my comings and goings over the next few months, I apologise in advance, if I do not respond to any of your emails or messages straight away. I will do my best. And, on a good note, I hope to get one more newsletter out to you before I leave for Germany Mission on the 18th June.

Hristos a inviat!! (Christ is Risen!!) ~Manda~

PS: Please see additional page on the Serbia Roma Camp.

Photos: Australian Cultural Day; Barcelona; Nursing Home; Pietroasa; Easter Picnic with Victor; My Birthday at Potter's; Dani and Cristina's Wedding.

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