

# Veritas View

Sighisoara, Romania

Spring 2018

## Volunteers Make a Difference at Veritas



A team of eight men and women from South Carolina and Pennsylvania spent 9 days in Romania from April 9-17. This was the 20<sup>th</sup> year Lois Rosenberry, leader of the team, has come to volunteer at Veritas. She brought with her a caring, enthusiastic group whose involvement with programs, creative ideas, and the spiritual enrichment provided especially by Pastor Karl Burns of Church of the Savior, Johns Island, SC were greatly appreciated by staff. The team was actively involved in a variety of Veritas programs during their time in Sighisoara.



Clockwise from bottom left:  
Sorting clothes, staining the front door, sharing sewing ideas, home visits, leading crafts, helping with a field trip for elderly & special needs clients



Team members said:

"I counted it a privilege to walk alongside the staff and volunteers." They were delightful and caring, friendly and welcoming. "I felt God's presence more this trip than ever." Our time was well-organized and it felt God-inspired.

"I was so blessed to have shared in this ministry. 'Whatever you did to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did to me.' Part of my heart always stays in Sighisoara and Veritas. May God continue to work through you."

Staff response:

Staff appreciated the many new ideas the team brought and that they didn't just bring a craft, but also a devotional or a story to go along with it. They appreciated the team's kindness and the way they expressed love for the clients and staff.

The financial contributions, craft and sewing materials, and medical and office supplies from the team and from members of the Church of the Savior were greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!

## Volunteers Make a Difference (continued from page 1)

Shane and Velda White continue to volunteer at Veritas. This spring they complete their third year. (They go back to Prince Edward Island, Canada each summer to raise funds and be with family.) They plan to return to Sighisoara again next fall. Shane offers devotionals for staff and Velda recently completed a huge project of sorting all donated baby clothing into ready-to-hand-out packets for clients who request them. Velda responds to many other requests for clothes and assists in the Preschool and Special Needs programs. She and Shane also work with other organizations in Sighisoara and in surrounding villages.

Volunteers: Shane, Velda, & Nadine



### You can volunteer at Veritas, too!

Nadine Kalmbach, from Germany, stopped in at Veritas on an opportune day – the arrival of a truck from Holland bearing over 500 boxes of donations. She helped unload the truck and then stuck around for the next two days helping to get the items organized.

Whether you're married or single, whether you can work for a day or two, or for a longer time, we welcome you to consider volunteering at Veritas! Send an email to [veritas@veritas.ro](mailto:veritas@veritas.ro), tell us about yourself and ask for a volunteer application. More information about volunteering can be found at [www.veritas.ro/volunteer](http://www.veritas.ro/volunteer)

## Welcome to New Staff



In 2017, Melania Matei came to work at Veritas as a volunteer. A year later she returned on the first of March, 2018 and was hired as a social pedagogue. She completed a social work course in Bucharest. Before coming to Veritas, Melania worked as a teacher, a secretary, an administrator and as an assistant for an elderly person in Austria. Melania likes to garden, read and listen to music.



Izabella Țăranu began working at Veritas in January, 2018. In addition to her work in the kitchen and cleaning the Family Center, Izabella assists in the Special Needs program as needed.

Izabella has a high school diploma and a caregiving diploma for working with people in their homes. She has worked previously in a confectionary, in Italy providing home-care, and in kitchens in Austria and Germany. Izabella likes to spend her free time outside in nature, with her family, and sewing and working in the garden.



In March 2018, Julia Szell began working at the Veritas Foundation as an educator in the Preschool program. She studied at the Reformed University Karoli Gaspar. Before she came to Veritas, Julia worked in schools in Sighisoara: Gimnaziul de Stat, "Aurel Mosora", and "Zaraia Boui," Școala Generala in Vânători. Julia likes to read and work with flowers.

## Land Purchase Completed



After 17 years of negotiations, Veritas has been able to finalize purchase of the land under the original Family Center building. In Romania, owning the building and the land under it are two different transactions. After many trips to City Hall, many evaluations of the land value, and many years of waiting, Dorothy Tarrant (Veritas founder) and Ovidiu Mălăncrăvean (mayor of Sighisoara) signed the papers and shook hands over the purchase of the land from the city. Now that Veritas owns both the land and the building, decisions can be made about the future of the building. Praise be to God!

## Celebrating Women

March begins with celebrations here in Romania. On Mărțișor (March 1) small pins and trinkets are given to (female) family members, friends and colleagues to show friendship, respect or admiration. The International Day of Women is celebrated around the world, but especially here in Romania on March 8 – and is also called Ziua Mamei – or Mother’s Day.

Many celebrations took place at Veritas:



Program participants sang for their mothers at a special tea in the International Café.

After Roberta Bustin led staff in a devotion on women in the Bible, the Veritas staff enjoyed a meal together.



35 children presented a program for 15 moms in Kids’ Club.

## We Need a Van!

Veritas currently owns two very old vans, neither of which have engines which will pass inspections any longer. We need your help to purchase one larger, 9-passenger van that is handicap accessible. Estimated cost is 36,000 Euros (about 44,000 USD).



### Who will benefit?

- Our special needs clients, several who are severely handicapped
- Staff who will no longer need to carry wheel-chair bound clients into the van
- Children who would like to attend the preschool program but aren't able to come because parents can't bring them
- Elderly and kids' clubs members for excursions and transport to summer camp
- Members of the community who currently don't attend programs because of lack of transportation

This is an urgent need and we ask that you prayerfully consider making a generous donation for this specific purchase.

### What can you give?

In the U.S.:

Write check to Missio International and mail to Veritas Advisory Board, 6450 Weatherfield Court, Suite 3, Maumee, Ohio 43537. Be sure to put Veritas in the memo line on your check.

U.S. donors can give tax deductible donations online at <http://veritas.ro/get-involved/u-s-donations/>

In the UK, donations can be increased through Gift Aid by sending them to the Titus Trust. Mail c/o Dr. Paul Tarrant, 129 Mains Drive, Erskine, Renfrewshire, PA8 7JJ or directly to the Titus Trust (IBAN GB85 BOFS 8013 5306 0009 36) Bank of Scotland, Bridgewater Shopping Centre, Erskine, Renfrewshire, PA8 7AA.

Thank you for your support!

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