

Jubilee News

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"Let my heart be broken with the things which break the heart of God."

Bob Pierce



BROKEN HEARTS

For the past few months we have tried to highlight the ministry of the Girls Home through the lens of the girl's sad and broken life stories. They are the stories that break God's heart and ours also. Twins sold by their parents, sisters separated and then finding each other at the girls home, parental abuse, living on the streets, being hungry and abandoned.

And then kindness and love and warmth entered in. One look in the eyes of a stranger and they know instinctively that the stranger before them truly loves them and does not want to see them harmed.

Such is the love of Christ.

We happen to believe that there is no substitute for the broken-ness that one feels when confronted with these girls stories. Their faces encourage us that they are on the way to being healed. It is a feeling like no other and can only be obtained through experiencing their brokenness with them.

In a real way, the garden project illustrates their new life, taken by sowing a small seed in barren ground, watering it and nurturing it to fruitful growth, beautiful and aromatic.

A garden speaks the truth of God's Creation. Each girl's life is sown a seed in His garden. When new life breaks forth by faith in Christ, it becomes His possession for all eternity. A precious and valuable child of God. Eternity is now in their eyes and we are privileged to partner with you to behold it.



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RECENT MOVES

You recently received an email from Bart that tells about Flore's hospitalization and infection after delivering her first child by C-Section.

Some may ask, who is Flore? I thought the Mama's and Babies home is closed. Well, you are correct, it has been closed by Court order since 2006.

Flore is the wife of Dorin, an employee for many years of Inasmuch. Flore is also one of the first Street Kids that Sue Bates brought to the girls home.

She literally lost her mother when Sue died.

Dorin, unfortunately is another story. Sue tirelessly worked with him to help him overcome his addiction to alcohol. She literally bore his shame to show the love of Christ to him. At Sue's death Dorin lost his true friend and now has chosen to leave his young wife and pursue his god, the bottle. A sad end to 7 long years of love by Sue.

Now Flore is without home or money to care for her new baby. She is temporarily being sheltered at

Sue's former living quarters in Ciorogirla.

Several have asked why she cannot stay at the girls home. The authorities feel it is not a good environment to bring up a child. The child would have 37 mothers! Also several of these former street kids would get pregnant so they could insure themselves a place to live with their child.

Such is life at Jubilee Girls Home. A constant battle with lives in turmoil. We are always needing your prayers.

Viorica—the sister whose life story was written up in the last newsletter—planting seeds. You cannot imagine how it feels, coming from the "streets" to security.





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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Many of you have been following my activities with regard to the liquidation process and here is an update:

- 1) A new lawyer has been retained.
- 2) A liquidator has been identified and asked to serve. She has agreed and given us valuable and positive information. The Court must approve of her appointment to this position.
- 3) As of July, I will be working full-time on the liquidation process.
- 4) We are attempting to rent the properties to obtain funds to pay for legal and liquidation expenses.
- 5) I will continue to live in my Mother's home in Ciorogirla for the time being.
- 6) My brother Dana is in England working on his PhD at Oxford.
- 7) Thank you for your prayers and encouragement these past eight months.

Bart Bates

JUBILEE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR April/May, 2008

We are happy to report that all the bills and salaries were paid and the Lord has provided so that the girls home is still open and all 37 girls are fed, clothed and cared for. If you think about it, 37 girls plus staff of 2-3 people is $40 \times 3 = 120$ meals each day. Food is an important budget item!!

NOTE: All funds are taken from the bank in RON the local currency, dollar amounts are converted at rate of 2.31 RON to the dollar. Monthly budget for all expenses is \$12,600, but we have not received that amount each month lately (see Urgent Message below).

IMPORTANT CHANGES

For some seven months, Bart and Dana Bates have been occupied with the transition of the girls home from the Inasmuch Foundation established by Sue and Ron Bates to the Jubilee Ministries Association (its hoped for successor organization). Jubilee was formed by Sue and Ron when it became clear after the Court ruled in 2005 that Inasmuch must be dissolved, that all the assets (buildings) used for the ministry could be lost in a process called "liquidation" in Romania. Bart Bates has been responsible for day-to-day oversight for Jubilee, the girls home and the liquidation process and Dana Bates has acted in an advisory capacity to Bart and has been involved in his own ministry (Young Life) in high schools in Romania. He lives about eight hours away from Inasmuch.

It has become clear now that Bart must concentrate his full-time efforts with the Inasmuch liquidation process and that Jubilee must concentrate its efforts in keeping the girls home secure for the 37 girls housed there. Bart has resigned all his administrative duties for Jubilee and Dana has also resigned as a Jubilee Board member.

It was not an easy decision for Bart and Dana to separate from Jubilee. They feel strongly that their parents 17 year ministry to "the least of these" should continue and the Jubilee/girls home is the Bates legacy to Romania.

Nelu Nica, a former administrator at Inasmuch for some 12 years has agreed to return to administer Jubilee and the girls home as of July 1. Nelu is in fellowship with a brethren assembly in Bucharest and loves the ministry to "street kids", i.e., the girls home.

URGENT MESSAGE

During the past three months, gifts channeled through Concern International have fallen short of our budget needs for the girls home. We have paid all our bills and salaries through the generosity of the Lord's people at Concern who have made up the difference we needed. This ministry was started and funded through the generous hearts of those fellowshiping with the assemblies of Christian brethren. Most of our efforts have centered on keeping this ministry with its unique beginnings and close to its roots. The efforts to keep Jubilee and the girls home viable are totally dependent on the gifts made by the Lord's people. It was begun as a work of faith and will continue to be so as the Lord Permits. The separations and realignments outlined above are directly related to accomplishing this goal.