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✧ Romania Mission Trip ✧

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve...” Mark 10:45 NLT

With grateful thanks to our Toledo First SDA Church family for your support and donations, our youth joined the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for a mission to serve the people of Szent Gyorgy, Romania. We went with a mission to follow in the steps of Jesus—to serve others—and in so doing we were greatly blessed ourselves.

We blessed the Romanian people with progress on a new church building that will continue to serve them after we have long since gone. We blessed them with a Vacation Bible School program that enriched the lives of the children and families, who came from all over to experience it, because they otherwise don't get to experience camp, VBS, and other fun summer programs. From us they learned a little English, a little about Jesus, and a little about Americans.

The Romanians blessed us with stories, genuine friendship, a broader understanding of our world and a greater love for the people we share it with. From them we learned to appreciate the most important things in life. We learned the value of friendships, of slowing down and taking time to experience peace, of enjoying things like music, worship, and food—judging them based on the love and effort put into them rather than the quality of the results received. From them we learned that we may actually live better by putting aside

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Mission to Romania



*Give thanks
with
a grateful
heart.*

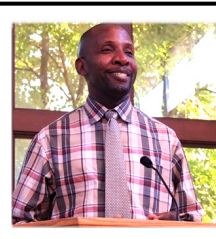


A Christian is the keyhole through which other folks see God.

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Pastor Mike and his wife, Jackie received prayers and good wishes as part of an “I’m praying for you” tribute during a worship service this summer. The second photo is Pastor Mike’s reaction to the surprise 40th

birthday party we had for him. The middle photo is Chef Marc Anthony painting a picture of Jesus with his hands (not brushes) on Sept. 7. Glendon Cross who led songs Sept 14 was surprised by his daughter, Cas-

sidy, who arranged to celebrate his birthday that day with a praise dance (and some over-the-hill gifts). The final photo is of Nina who read the scripture at church—another way our young people continue to

share their gifts during 11 o’clock worship.

Thanks, Jeff Batchelder, for taking the pictures which we share here. ##

SPECIAL EVENTS @ TF	OCT 12	OCT 19	NOV 1	NOV 17
	Connections & Hayride @ Case Place, 6pm	Comedy Fundraiser to fight human trafficking, 5 & 8pm	RingFest Concert, 7:30pm	Church Business Meeting, 7pm

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**JOIN US FOR A
HAYRIDE**

**At Case Place
October 12, 6pm**

**Free Cardmaking
Class Oct 13, 10am**

You are invited to the free cardmaking class in the Fellowship Room Sunday, October 13, 10am - 1pm. (Greater Faith Fellowship is not renting our church that day.) Memorial for John Malosh will be at 1:30pm that day. ##

**Business Meeting
night changed**

The next church business meeting will be on SUNDAY, Nov. 17, 7pm instead of the usual Tuesday night. All members are invited. ##

Canoeing Oct 27

Another church social/Pathfinder event will be canoeing on Sunday, October 27, leaving from the church at 1pm. Canoe trip will be 2 - 4pm. ##

Fundraiser Oct 19

The Free to Laugh Comedy Fundraiser will again be held at the University of Toledo and it’s purpose is to raise money to help fight human traf-

ficking which is a huge problem in our Toledo area. Your presence is important so if you cannot afford the \$20 ticket price, contact Pastor Mike. We need people sitting in the audience for the 5pm and 8pm comedy program. ##

Food for Pantry

Our shelves are getting bare. When shopping, please remember to add a few items to your grocery cart to help the hungry. ##

Order health foods

The Adventist Book Center in Mt. Vernon will schedule a trip to Toledo for a “drop off” in either November or December. You can order food or

other store items anytime between now and then to be guaranteed the sale prices. They will take your payment information and hold your orders until the actual delivery date. Watch the bulletin for the day of delivery. ##

Dinners at church

- Oct 12** - Friendship w/ Shirlie Heiney & team
- Oct 26** - Potluck
- Nov 2** - RingFest Lunch
- Nov 9** - Pathfinder Potluck
- Nov 16** - Friendship w/ Heather LaPoint & team
- Nov 23** - Thanksgiving Potluck

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TF to Celebrate Pathfinder Day



Pathfinder Sabbath is Nov 9th and we hope that everyone will come and join us for vespers and then attend the Pinewood Derby race in the Fellowship Hall.

This year we will welcome youth from all over Ohio to join us for Sabbath School, Church,

Vegetarian Potluck lunch, honors in the afternoon, and then the evening activities.

During the afternoon, the Pathfinders (grades 5-8) will be working on badges in things like: Parrots & Cockatoos, Bridge building, Sharks, and many others. If you have a hobby that you would like to share with this age group & other Pathfinder leaders, let us know

and we can give you the requirements that will allow each Pathfinder to complete a badge/honor.

What is a Pinewood Derby? It is a block of wood about 7 inches long that races on 4 wheels and 4 nails – it was originally a device meant to bring Cub Scouts & their fathers together by working on this together – no one was to do the entire thing – but to do it in cooperation. We have “broadened” the idea and some cars will have axles, some cars won’t even look like cars, but as long as they meet the official measurements, WE RACE.

We’d love to have you come and join us. We will be selling snacks in the evening to help us with the cost to go to OshKosh August 2014. There will be over 36,000 Pathfinder age children & staff. —Linda Bilby ##

Little Minnows

The 7th Annual Little Minnow Awards will be given in November as part of our thankfulness for volunteers. If you know someone you would like to recommend to receive a Little Minnow Award for all the little things they do, please contact Pastor Mike. ##



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our gadgets (wif, phones, computers, Facebook, etc.), our prejudices (the speaker is... or the music was... or that person is...), and our agendas (construction on the church must be completed by... we must eat at this time... the service must conclude by...) to instead ask God what His will is. From them we learned to take each day as it comes, not worrying over what tomorrow will bring. We also learned to be grateful for what we have rather than concerned over what we don’t. From them we learned the meaning of happiness.

John the Revelator wrote in John 21:25 and John 20:31, “Jesus also did many others things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain [it]... But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life...” Similarly, I would paraphrase that Jesus also did many other things during our mission trip to Romania. If they were all written down, I suppose there would not ever be enough space to contain all we experienced nor adequate words to describe His great faithfulness to us and to those we went to serve. But this is written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus still does wondrous things, and He still includes young people in doing it.

Thank you tremendously for your support in sending Emily Bills, Brendan Leibengood, and myself on this trip. May you be especially blessed for your generosity. If you are interested in hearing more and in seeing pictures from our trip, please join us for worship Sabbath morning October 12 at 11:00 for our Romania Recap Presentation.

May God bless you, your family, and all you may have opportunity to influence today.

—Sincerely, Pastor Jolee ##

Baptisms Highlight August Worship Services

August 17 was a high Sabbath at Toledo First as four young people followed their Savior, Jesus, into the waters of baptism.

Kelly Gustrowsky and her brothers, Brandon and Allen were baptized by Pastor Mike Fortune. Nikyta Cantwell was baptized by our former pastor, Kirk C. J. Yoon, who now pastors Capital Memorial Church in Washington, D. C.

We were happy to welcome Nikyta, Kelly, Allen, and Brandon into membership at Toledo First and we ask God to bless and guide them throughout their lives. ##



God Is Faithful

Yes, He's been faithful all through the years. To us. To our school. To our teachers, and students, and parents, and school board members, and treasurers, and secretaries, and volunteers and janitors and fruit program workers and cafeteria cooks and principals. God inspired dedication and instilled love and devotion to the idea of Adventist Christian education in Toledo.

And on August 31, 2013, we gathered to recount and recognize the many different ways God has blessed our school. We heard from our current school board chairman, Emmett Romine, and our 2013-2014 lineup of teachers. We also heard testimonies from former students: Heather Smith-LaPoint, Leslie Talley, Bill Ashley, Kurt Schuster and Mike Zeigler, and former teacher, Marcene Marsa. Current students, David Ashley, Lydia Fortune and Netania



Kells Hall, former head teacher, shares remarks prior to offering a prayer for TJA and the teachers for the new school year. Teachers L to R: Natalie Hood, Vicki Hall, Cindy Naus, and teacher assistants: Sandy Johnson, Teresa Lewis

Rieger presented music. Pastor Mike was our emcee. Thanks to all who came and have supported Toledo Junior Academy (formerly known as Toledo Seventh-day Adventist School) through the years.

We solicit your prayers for this school year, and God's guidance always.

—DeLaura Caulder ##

Thank you

We'd like to thank everyone who came to our scrapbooking crop in September. There were quite a few table renters that help us toward our goal of building a gym for events at Toledo 1st. We have a representative from Creative Memories, Jill Oblizajek, a licensed massage therapist to help ease all those tired scrapbooking shoulders, Duane Leonard, who also brings magnificent discount coupons for massages at a later date, or even as gifts for Christmas. Watch for announcements of future scrapbooking crops and come and join the fun as everyone shares the stories behind their scrapbooking pages. —Linda Bilby ##

Calendar of Events... Oct & Nov 2013

Birthdays

October 1 Megan Cross
 October 2 Steven Bills
 October 4 Mary Famulare
 October 5 Cathie Heath
 October 8 Bill Ashley
 October 9 Vicki Hall
 October 10 Denise Edwards
 October 11 Marshall Makley
 October 14 Pat Olenik, Greg Tary
 October 18 Bill Schulz, Olga Villalon
 October 23 Jean Kline; Kim Williams
 October 26 Wil Ashley
 October 29 Will Orlet
 October 31 Rose Cross

Sabbath Events

Sabbath School Sing @ 9:30am followed by classes. Worship @ 11am

OCT 5 "Recalculating: Galatians 3"; Communion
OCT 12 "Romania Recap" w/Pastor Jolee, Emily Bills & Brendan Leibengood; Friendship Lunch w/Shirley Heiney & her team; Connections and Hayride @ Case Place, 6pm
OCT 19 Worship w/Pastor Mike; visit nursing home on Whiteford at 3pm; Free to Laugh Comedy Fundraiser, 5 & 8pm
OCT 26 Worship w/baptism; Fellowship Potluck; visit Elizabeth Scott nursing home @ 3pm

Sundays - Greater Faith Fellowship Church rents each Sunday morning (except Oct 13 this month)

OCT 13 Free Cardmaking Class, 10am - 1pm
 Memorial for John Malosh, 1:30pm

Mondays

OCT 14 Columbus Day

Tuesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm; Pathfinders, 6:30pm

Wednesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm; Soup for You @ 6pm

OCT 30 Bell Choirs arrive for RingFest

Thursdays

OCT 31 RingFest @ Toledo First

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30pm

OCT 4 Pathfinder Camporee begins



Birthdays

November 1 Frank Engelbert, Anjelika Manakhimova
 November 3 Leisha Barbee
 November 4 Larry Duwve
 November 5 Helen Konewka
 November 9 Bev Ostrander
 November 11 George Jenkins
 November 14 Daniel Landeros
 November 15 Fern Baer, Sara Rios, Randy Neal
 Jennifer, Joshua & Lanna Cozzens
 November 17 Pat Kline, Will Frey
 November 18 Marilu Beebe
 November 21 Andrew Jessop, Ben Neal
 November 22 Shelly Batchelder
 November 27 Sonja Maxwell
 November 30 Alex Bills, Kathryn Landeros



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NOV 2 Pastor Jolee speaks @ RingFest; Lunch for Bell Choirs
NOV 9 Pathfinder Day; Fellowship Potluck; Pathfinder classes in afternoon; vespers; Pinewood Derby
NOV 16 "Can the Bible be Trusted"; Friendship Lunch w/ Heather & team; visit nursing home on Whiteford at 3pm
NOV 23 "Speechless" w/Pastor Mike; Little Minnows; Thanksgiving Potluck; visit Elizabeth Scott nursing home @ 3pm
NOV 30 "The Lord's Servant"; Eat 'n Greet

Sundays - Greater Faith Fellowship Church rents each Sunday morning

NOV 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends

NOV 17 Church Business Meeting @ 7pm

Monday

NOV 11 Veterans' Day

Tuesdays - Church office is open 9am - 4pm; Pathfinders, 6:30pm

NOV 26 TJA Thanksgiving Feast

Wednesdays - Church office open 9am - 4pm; Soup for You @ 6pm

Thursdays

NOV 28 Happy Thanksgiving!

Fridays - Worship Practice @ 5:30pm

NOV 1 RingFest Concert, 7:30pm