

## OPERATIONS SUSPENDED AT MI CASITA



Some Mi Casita Girls



An Ordinary Day at Mi Casita

Due to lack of adequate funding, Mi Casita can no longer financially support its operations. Currently, we are in the process of placing our children in other homes or orphanages and letting our staff go.

This has been an extremely difficult decision to make. It was heart wrenching for all concerned.

We only hope our infants will not become traumatized by yet another abandonment. For those of you who have

consistently supported us at Mi Casita, we are grateful and hope that you will continue to support our older children at Casa Mea in Romania. Thank you all for your love and support while we have tried to get Mi Casita operational these past three years.



Fun in a "Boat"

# IT IS BACK TO SCHOOL AT CASA MEA

The children had a wonderful summer thanks to all of your donations and to all the work of our volunteers. Raul and Stelian played soccer all summer with Raul earning a trophy, Robert continued to participate in karate, while Vlad studied for his math and chemistry tests at the end of August. We are pleased to report that he passed so he will now enter his second year of high school. Ana Maria & Cristina helped the staff with cooking, cleaning and laundry while Livia looked after Georgiana.

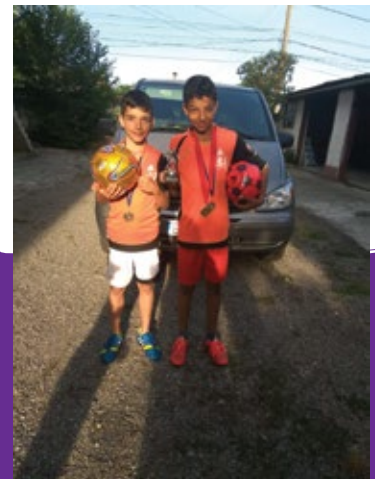


First Day of School

All the children participated in the Prejmer Summer Festival. They all worked making homemade crafts to sell at the festival and were quite successful. With some of the proceeds of their sales they enjoyed a few trips to the pool in the neighboring village. With the exception of Vlad,

all the children participated in the EU sponsored summer program in Prejmer, earning summer diplomas. Plus they all participated in the activities the volunteers planned and directed.

Summer Pool Party



Boys Returning from Soccer Camp

Summer Festival in Prejmer



## SUMMER VOLUNTEERS



Yue from China & Sara from Portugal

Casa Mea was so fortunate to have volunteers this summer from all over the world. Sara was our volunteer from Portugal, Yue from China, Milena from Columbia and last, but not least, Brett returned this summer from the U.S. Each volunteer taught the children a bit of their language. They explored their countries with the children and explained their culture. We hope this international experience will expose our children to life outside of Romania. We depend so heavily on our volunteers because of the richness they bring to our children's lives. Thanks to all of you!

In early October, a British couple, who have been living in Spain, will arrive at Casa Mea for an extended volunteer opportunity. David and Hazel have volunteered in the past at Casa Mea and have been actively involved in fund raising for Casa Mea. We are all looking forward to them returning and becoming part of our family.



Brett from USA



Milena from Columbia

## MORE SAD FAREWELLS

With sadness we say good bye to Alexandra who has been our social worker for several years. She finished her Master's degree in social work this spring and recently decided to move closer to her fiancé. Although we know it will be difficult at Casa Mea without her, we wish her well in her future endeavors. Thanks to a generous donation from Children's Helpers Worldwide, we hope to find an equally qualified and loving social worker.



Alexandra (center) with Staff & Children

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