



Winter 2016

## COME TOGETHER ONE AND ALL IN THE GIVING SPIRIT

From the song God Bless Us Everyone

### MI CASITA: FELIZ NAVIDAD y PROSPERO AÑO NUEVO

Mi Casita has had a great year! Since its opening in May 2016, it is now home to 8 abandoned children. These children range in age from 4 months to 3 years old. Although the home is licensed for 12 children under 3 years of age, Mi Casita has had to turn away 4 more in the last month alone. Mi Casita

simply does not have the funds for the additional staff necessary to care for 4 more children. In fact, it is struggling now to provide for these 8 babies. Many of the children need diapers and formula which are very expensive items in Guatemala. Many of these children also come with health issues whether it is prematurity, malnutrition, STDs or other physical and psychological abuse. The medical and psychological needs of the children are provided solely by Mi Casita, not the government. All of these special needs of the children strain Mi Casita's already stretched budget!

**Hopefully, with your donations, we can once again open our doors to 4 more abandoned children!**



Our Mi Casita Children



Ashanty our first baby  
June 26, 2016



Ashanty on Nov. 11,  
2016



Linda June 28, 2016



Linda Nov. 8, 2016



Tatiana July 2, 2016



Tatiana Nov. 7, 2016



Yaidelin July 23, 2016



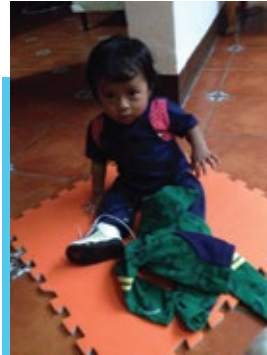
Yaidelin Nov. 10, 2016



Olfris Sept. 9, 2016



Olfris Nov. 9, 2016



Estiven Sept. 22, 2016



Estiven on Nov. 11, 2016



Erick Sept 24, 2016



Erick Nov. 10, 2016



Margori, Nov. 11, 2016

## CASA MEA: CRACIUN FERICIT si AN NOU FERICIT

### 24 Hours to Prejmer

Boarded British Airways flight 886 to Bucharest, Romania, which took 4 hours. Driver John picked us up at the airport and 3 hours later we arrived at the Pensiuine (inn) in Prejmer. A total of 24 hours.

The next morning we walked to Casa Mea where Felicia and the children greeted us. Before the day was out, we had spent time with each child.

American flight 50 from DFW to London Heathrow took 11 hours. We then incurred a 6 hour layover at Heathrow that included a change of terminals and again going through Passport Control and Security.

## Nobody's Children By Donor Michael Hoad



## The Children

The next day, Felicia picked us up at the Pensiuane and we went to purchase sports equipment in Brasov. A soccer ball, ping pong balls, paddles, net, and other items provided great fun for the children. We also visited the Adventure Park which was a challenge, especially for the adults!

## Georgiana

In 3 years since our last visit, the children have grown amazingly. The newest addition is Georgiana. We celebrated her 4th birthday; she never stops talking! She has beautiful brown eyes and a lovely smile. She "found" Casa Mea through Child Protective Services. She was living on the streets of Brasov with her mother, who is now giving birth to her fifth child. Georgiana and her mother foraged dumpsters to survive which caused Georgiana many health issues. Casa Mea needed to address her health issues when she first arrived.

## Raul

Raul, who we hadn't met on our last visit, is incredibly athletic, especially in soccer. He is slender, dark haired and brown eyed. He is soon to be a heartthrob and is very smart. He was surrendered by his grandmother to Child Protective Services because they were living in vacant houses. She was concerned about his education.



Georgiana, Vlad, Livia & Ana Maria creating holiday cards

## Stelian & Livia

The twins, Steli and Livia, are fiercely competitive, particularly in ping pong. Kudos to Steli for installing the net. I'm rather challenged in assembly. He will be an engineer someday. It is clear that after the Adventure Park soiree, his t-shirt will read "No Fear." Livia is effervescent in her purple hued eyeglass frames and loves to jump on the trampoline. She always seems to be in motion.

## Cristina

Cristina, who is now 5 inches taller since our last visit, is becoming a beautiful young lady. Her lovely chestnut wavy hair is her striking feature. She is very good at typing and loves to volunteer in the kitchen.



Celebrating Raul's Birthday in October

## Robert & Ana Maria

Robi and Ana Maria are siblings. We were able to celebrate Robi's ninth birthday during our visit. He loves to ride his bike and practice karate. We were fortunate to visit his karate practice. His good friend got the best of him, but Robi never gives up. As boys will be boys, he sports a missing front tooth, compliments of Vlad. Ana Maria is the "glue" of our Casa Mea family. She helps the younger children and keeps the older children in line. She loves to swim and takes the train to Brasov two times a week for lessons. She completed all levels of the Adventure Park Course and loved the zip line (along with Vlad and Raul). She is developing into a beautiful young woman. Ana's English is very good, thus she is always the translator.



Celebrating Halloween

## Vlad

Vlad, age 15, has been accepted into a German school and vocational program in Brasov. He will spend 4 hours a day in school and 4 hours on the job training. He truly loved the Adventure Park, especially the zip line.



Celebrating American Thanksgiving

## Thanks to You

These fortunate children are able to grow, prosper and eventually become contributing members of society due to contributions from donors such as yourself. Casa Mea could not exist without your donations. All donations go directly to support the children; all US labor and supplies are donated. I am asking for your contribution because I have seen firsthand the good Casa Mea provides.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR DONORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND VISITORS! YOU ENRICH THE LIVES OF ALL THE CHILDREN AND US!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! WE AT CASA MEA HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT!**

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