



KI Reporter

"Together we can make a difference for a better tomorrow"

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Kidstown Aims to Assist Additional Orphanages

After careful searching and evaluating, Kidstown has accepted four more orphanages into its sponsorship program (a brief description of each is included below and on the next page). The process of raising support will take time, therefore it may take up to a year to adequately fund all four. These orphanages have proven to be of superior quality and have created environments where the love of God is freely given to the children. The selection of quality orphanages is of utmost importance to Kidstown, due to the corruption so often found in non-Christian orphanages. Therefore Kidstown applies stringent criteria, an in-depth questionnaire, and on-site visits for all candidate orphanages. It is with pleasure that we partner with the following four orphanages:

The first orphanage Kidstown hopes to help is located in the port city of Constanta, Romania. The name of the orphanage is the **Diaconia Foundation**. A group from Sweden has helped this orphanage over the last years, but due to an anticipated decrease in support from Sweden and increasing costs in Romania, Kidstown decided to lend a helping hand. The main purpose of this orphanage is to prevent child abandonment. It targets families with serious problems where the children are at high risk of being abandoned or ending up underdeveloped mentally and physically due to poverty, lack of education, and lack of interest by the parents. Parents willingly entrust the children to the care of the Diaconia Foundation. Currently there are six children who live in this orphanage. Four of the children are siblings who come from a large family of seven children, all of whom lived in a one room house. A few years ago, when they arrived at the Diaconia Foundation, all four were quite underdeveloped mentally. Two of the girls and the boy have developed wonderfully, catching up to their peers mentally, and even excelling in school. The third sister has also improved, but is noticeably still damaged mentally. The other two children living at the Diaconia Foundation are twin girls, now three years old. The father of the girls is unknown, but is believed to be a sailor from the orient who occasioned Constanta when his ship came to the port. The director and his wife, Petrica and Anna, are a godly couple who genuinely love the children. The children are incorporated into the local Evangelical Church congregation, attend church regularly, and are taught about the Lord through daily devotions.



Petrica and Anna Andronache and the six children of the Diaconia Foundation orphanage.

KIDSTOWN International

Our organization is committed to supporting orphans in Romania. Our goal is to receive these children in love, provide for their daily needs, encourage their hopes for the future, and let each child know that God loves them. Your contribution makes you a partner in caring for these needy children, supplying resources to equip them to meet life's challenges.

Kidstown Aims to Assist Additional Orphanages (continued)

The **Emmaus Home** is a small, Christian orphanage located near the city of Tirgu Mures, in Northwestern Romania. A group of ladies, after visiting children in state orphanages, had the vision of beginning a Christian orphanage. Thus the Emmaus Home was founded. It is directed by Karoly and Eszter Marosi, a wonderful young couple dedicated to the work of God. Karoly is the pastor of the Hungarian Reformed church in the village. There are 13 children living in the Emmaus Home, ages 4-15 years. These children come from either state orphanages, or from poor families where the parents cannot care for the children. The children are surrounded by an environment that is centered on Christ and in which they receive love and nurture. All the caretakers are Christians. The children have devotions daily and attend the local church on Sunday. The children are integrated with the members of the congregation and with the Marosi family. The financial situation at the Emmaus Home is one of need. They receive some financial support from Canada and the government of Romania, but still lack 53% of their operating budget.



Eszter and Karoly Marosi, directors of the Emmaus Home orphanage.



The European Union provided the funding for the Cernatul de Sus orphanage building.

Cernatul de Sus is the third orphanage Kidstown hopes to help. Cernatul de Sus is located near the city of Brasov and is directed by Ilona Szocs, whose husband is the pastor of the local Hungarian Reformed church. The orphanage building was funded by the European Union and leased to the Hungarian Reformed church by the municipality. The orphanage is divided into two apartments, each accommodating eight children and one set of house parents. This family setting is beneficial to the children's emotional and psychological healing and development. The children are brought up in the ways of the Lord by attending church on Sunday, having Bible studies and Sunday School each Saturday, and by having Bible reading and prayer each evening at the orphanage. The children are integrating well with the members of the congregation. The children of Cernatul de Sus all come from state orphanages.

The fourth orphanage Kidstown plans to support is the **Lupeni Children's Home** which is located in the city of Lupeni, situated in an economically depressed area of Western Romania. Unemployment in that region is high (45%) and funding for the orphanage is in short supply. An organization from Great Britain funded the construction of the Lupeni Children's Home, but are decreasing their support on a descending scale. Currently, the orphanage lacks about 44% of its operating budget. A Baptist Church located next to the orphanage provides spiritual oversight for the children. The children attend church services and are taught about the Lord. There are 16 children who live in the Lupeni Children's Home.



The Lupeni Children's Home: a beacon of hope for abandoned children.

Items Needed for Container Project

In the upcoming year, Kidstown will be gearing up to send another 40' container to Romania with supplies for the orphanages it supports. Perhaps you or someone you know could help us collect the following items:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Condition</u>
School desks	50	New/Used (good condition if used)
Chairs (for desks)	50	New/Used (good condition if used)
Bunk beds	4 sets	New/Used (good condition if used)
Single mattresses	8	<i>New</i>
Tables	10	New/Used (good condition if used)
Dressers/closets/night stands	20 each	New/Used (good condition if used)
Couches	3	New/Used (good condition if used)
Carpet (large pieces, any color)		<i>New</i>
Sinks and toilets	6 each	New/Used (good condition if used)
Children's shoes (all sizes)	200	<i>New</i>
Children's winter jackets (all sizes)	200	New/Used (good condition if used)
Ping pong/foosball table	1 each	New/Used (good condition if used)
Wall hangings with Christian theme	Many	New/Used (good condition if used)
Children's clothes		<i>New</i>

If you are able to help, please contact Matthew Smith at 360-647-2470 or director@kidstown.org.

Sponsor Search



Genoveva

Meet Daniela and Genoveva Plesca. They are twins, born on May 2, 2000, and the youngest members of the Diaconia orphanage in Constanta, Romania. They were prematurely born (at 7 months) and each weighed only about 4 pounds. Their mother had syphilis when they were born. Three months later they were accepted at the Diaconia orphanage, each having gained about 5 pounds. The mother was homeless and unable to offer proper care for the girls. The girls are very healthy and smart. Daniela looks somewhat Turkish, while Genoveva has a more Japanese look. This is due to the probability that their father was from the orient. The girls are very sweet and are loved by all who come in contact with them.



Daniela

Will you sponsor one, or both, of these girls?

KIDSTOWN International Reply Card

YES! I/we can sponsor _____ KI child(ren) at \$35 per month.

My gift of \$ _____ for the shipping costs of the container.

Name _____ Address _____

City/State/Postal Code _____

Daytime phone _____ Monthly sponsorship to be paid by: check credit card

Credit card no. _____ Exp. date ____/____

Signature for credit card _____

Please have the sponsorship charge appear: monthly (\$35) quarterly (\$105)

semi-annually (\$210) annually (\$420)