

# Căminul Felix

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## Dear Sponsors & Friends,

We are at the beginning of a New Year and we want to wish you a year full of fulfillments, a year in which God's blessings will be with you each and every day.

Over the last year we have again rejoiced in seeing the children at Caminul Felix go to kindergarten or to school for the first time, to see young people graduate high school or college, to see some of them starting their own families, while others were rejoicing at the birth of their first child. All these images are an occasion of joy and we gratefully share them with you, the people who contributed to the

transformation of many lives through your support.

Our desire and prayer for this year is to be a blessing for the ones around us. We are aware that we are facing a year with new challenges, but, more than that, a year in which we have the privilege and, at the same time, the responsibility to be administrators of what God has entrusted us: the precious lives of these children. We are praying that we will be good stewards in the ministry God calls us in, by committing more of our time, feelings and energy to be a support for these children who are on their way to development.



**Thoughts of gratefulness are heading towards you for all your support for this ministry. We encourage you to keep being with us this year, by offering your support to one of the children at Caminul Felix.**

### **Stewards of God`s treasure**

If a nation will not take care of its children, that nation is going to die. If a nation does not invest in its children, that nation does not have a future.

Let us imagine that the richest man on this planet would one day invite you to his residence. During that visit, he will take you and show you his treasure, a beautiful collection of most expensive diamonds and then say: "I made all these to create something that nobody has. I invested all my wisdom, time, resources to create the most beautiful diamonds. These things are the most valuable things I have and I want you to take the position of stewardship of my treasure".

I would say: "What an honor, what an opportunity, what a responsibility and, least but not the last, what a joy!"

God, the Master and Creator of this universe, is giving us this honor when He blesses us with children. They are God`s treasure and they are given to us for a limited time. They are much more precious than any treasure of this

world because they carry the print of eternity and even more than that, they have the print of God in their being. Because of the limited time we have them with us, our impact in their life is to create a confidence and stability that is given by unconditional love. The children that are orphans or abandoned are the treasures that wait to be found and to be valued. They are the treasures that others have thrown in misery and suffering, carelessness and indifference, because they do not realize the value that God put in them.

There is no greater honor than to be called by God in His ministry, there is no greater opportunity than to invest our lives and resources in the lives of the children, there is no greater responsibility than to protect the children who are a result of indifference, there is no greater joy than to discover all the beauty and magnificence that God put in the children.

The calling in every nation and generation is to be stewards of God`s treasure - the children.

*Ghiță Țiplea – father in House # 6*



## Child story

The coming into the world of a child is the most important moment in the life of any family. Nothing can compare with the explosion of feelings that overwhelm you when you hold your newborn. As a mother, you are eager to analyze each square inch of that little body that was formed inside of you... the little eyes, hands, feet, fingers, and you are ready to offer him/her protection and all your love.

This is not what happened with Laura. Her mother abandoned her in the hospital in which she was born just a few days after she gave birth to her. The reasons behind this abandonment were the lack of financial means; this took away the chance of enjoying raising a human being.

Laura was only three and a half when she came into our lives. She was so small and sweet; her big brown eyes won our hearts from the moment we saw her, and her brown, curly, a bit messy hair gave her even more charm.

The transition was not a problem for her. She crossed the barriers of socialization very quickly due to her

lively personality, her openness and her capacity to see things positively.

Laura developed beautifully, both psychologically and physically. The love and the protection she found in her new family helped her gain trust and gave her wings and strength to overcome the critical times in her life. She learned and felt that she needed to be thankful to God for the way in which He cared for all the details in her life.

Laura is now 20 and she studies management at a university in Oradea. In February, 2012, she will marry Ionuț, a special young man she met in our home church.

Laura is one of the most precious gifts our family has been given, a young lady everyone loves to sit beside and to listen to the thoughts she expresses all the time. Just as with the other kids in our home, Laura is the spice that gives our family a very special taste. We feel blessed to have had the opportunity to have her with us for more than 16 years. Her smile and joyfulness is contagious and has filled our home and our lives.

*Radiana Țiplea*



### Monthly E-mail update available

Caminul Felix is providing a monthly, brief update to anyone interested in receiving the latest News. If you would like to add your name to the "email" list, respond to [lhornberg@aol.com](mailto:lhornberg@aol.com). Write: "e-mail update" on the subject space.

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**Estate Planning and Living Family Memorials**

In recent years we have become a comfort to families who initiated contributions to the ministries of Caminul Felix as part of their estate or as living memorials. It is our desire with humility and respect to become the living testament for your family and friends in their time of grief, offering some comfort as a life giving partner in ministry to these once abandoned children. Such a decision should only be made in complete confidence, so we invite you to contact us directly or through our partner organization for more information of ways to establish a living family memorial.

**Greetings to all of you, from the sponsorship office!**

A new year has begun! With joy and excitement we are waiting to see what will happen during this New Year. Among many other things we are looking forward to celebrate Caminul Felix' 20th year anniversary, from 18th to 20th May. We hope that, for that special time, many of our sponsors will come to visit, along with other guests. We invite you to write down these dates and be a part of our celebration.

We know that during the New Year, new children will move into families and for those children we need new sponsors. Some of our house parents will move out to their own lives as they have no young people living with them, and so new families will move in. This way the ministry of Caminul Felix will continue and grow.

We want to express gratitude from Caminul Felix' children and families for the Christmas gifts and cards. Your love, shown by your continuous support of the children, means a lot. You are important!

*Eli Filip and Lisa Egerbo*



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