



Summer Camp for Romanian Orphans

Dear Friend,

Marie may not look unusual to you. She could be one of your neighbor's kids. Or your own grandchild. But there's one huge difference – Marie is a Romanian orphan. She lost both her parents before she learned to walk or talk. The only love she knows is that given by Christians and Jesus.



Like many of her fellow orphans, Marie is eagerly looking forward to Christian summer camp at Tabara, a miracle camp that many of you helped build. For years I dreamed about creating a camp for impoverished and abandoned Romanian children. Under the direction of Elizabeth Rodiet of Door of Hope/France and Agostino Furari and the help and sacrifice of many Christians in France and Belgium, God has turned my dream into reality. What a joy to offer the hope and love of Christ to children in Romania where Communists once indoctrinated them to believe God did not exist.

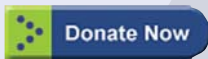
When Communists controlled Romania, they confiscated the property of ordinary citizens. Decades later when communism fell many of the same citizens were able to regain their property. Tabara was born through the generosity of one such man, Corneliu Ratiu, who donated his five acres of land in the picturesque Transylvanian mountains of Romania for orphans. The children who live most of the year in extremely polluted cities are able to enjoy the clean air, rivers, horses and neighboring farms. Tabara's gardens provide some produce, and the children learn

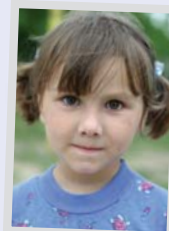
how vegetables grow. One day we hope to add a safe playground and soccer field.

Praise God our quality dormitory facilities can now house 50 children, and camp operations are in full swing. An abundance of hygienic showers and bathrooms enable us to handle a larger overflow of youth housed in tents on the grounds.

Yes, Paul, I want to give to help Romanian orphans attend Christian summer camp and help Door of Hope International meet its commitments.

Please donate your three-month pledge of \$ _____ each month, or another amount \$ _____, or "where most needed."


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This summer the Lord has blessed us with a wonderful team of volunteers. Alina, a young university medical student, who has ministered in youth camp for five summers, will lead our team of counselors. Her team will consist of fellow Christian student volunteers. The key to Tabara's life-changing success is the relationship between each child and his or her counselor. A bond develops that includes personal follow-up throughout the year. By sending just one child to camp, you may impact the future of Romania. We do not know what God has in store for each of these precious children. They may become pastors or presidents, but most important they will learn to know Christ.

They need the chance to get away from their normal lives and have a time to reflect with Christian counselors. If Marie was a child you knew personally, would you reach out to help her? Your gift today can show these children that they are not forgotten and alone. A gift of \$25 will provide nourishing food, a warm bed, Christian counseling and the chance for them to play in the clean air outdoors.

I'm also asking for your assistance to purchase equipment such as a digital projector to enable our counselors to teach more effectively and to rent buses to transport the children to and from Tabara. Fifty percent of the orphans attending will be from non-Christian backgrounds. Youth camp is a great opportunity to teach them about Christ.



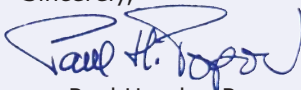
I'll never forget the joy of attending summer camp as a boy in Sweden. At school the kids saw me as a poor immigrant the class bully picked on. It hurt when they laughed at me. At camp the counselors made me feel wanted. I played happily with other kids. We learned team work, discipline and structure. These were new concepts to many of the youth from poor and broken families.

In this tough economy, mission giving is falling. Door of Hope is challenged to meet its many commitments around the world. Please know that your gifts will always go directly toward our most important ministry commitments in Eastern Europe.

We are in the season when giving drops to its lowest. If you could make a three-month commitment of just \$25 or more to see us through the summer, I'd be enormously grateful. God has enabled this ministry to continue its vital work because you care.

Please, join with me and give a gift today to help Romanian orphans attend Christian summer camp, and Door of Hope International to meet its many summer commitments. No gift is too large or small. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and God bless you all.

Sincerely,


Paul Haralan Popov



P. S. Join with me in giving Romanian orphans the opportunity to attend Christian summer camp. It's an investment of time and energy into their future lives, which will affect everyone around them as these children come to accept the love of Jesus in their hearts.