

# CELEBRATING WOMEN

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First Official Wedding!!  
Alina and Marian

On May 19th, we will joyously celebrate the legal, official marriage of Alina and Marian. As two of our faithfully invested attenders, we are excited to announce that these two who have been together for 20 years and have two sons together - Marian and Toni - have requested to be legally married within Romania and to have a church wedding.

Marian (the first man to join consistently in our worship services) and Alina (a long time faithful pillar in our community and events) have not only been joining us weekly in worship but have been working to keep the facility functional and clean. We are excited to see what the Lord might do with this first family stepping out in faith and who might follow their lead.



## International Women’s Day

Our first annual gathering specifically for the women in the village was a success this year on International Women’s Day. Twelve women - mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and other relatives of our children - came to the Sharing Life building to do just that.

We celebrated them and their hard work providing for their families by giving them a time to be together without having to prepare anything. After the initial nerves of something new and not knowing what to expect passed, we shared a meal, reflected back over the past 10 years, laughed at some picture of the children when they were very small, and then spent some time crafting beaded bracelets and necklaces. Some of the moms made one for their daughter as well.

As a parting blessing we gave them goodie bags with chocolates, shampoo, body wash, deodorant and a beautiful flower. We are very encouraged that this was the first of many meetings that will follow specifically for these women.





## Prayer Requests

- Meeting the varying needs of our children educationally. There is the need for creativity and understanding of what these needs are and the best way to meet the needs individually.
- Hearts ready to receive the gospel and the life changing freedom and healing that comes from walking with Jesus as Lord.
- The beginning of two new programs for children - music and English. With the support of some missionary visitors who invested in two new guitars, we are looking to start a music program to train up worship leaders among the children.
- Easter will be May 5th here this year. Prayers that those who do not attend services regularly would come with their families and they would feel the love of Jesus in the truth of his victory and resurrection!

## *Kids Crafting for their Moms*

After we finished our sweet time with the women in the village, nearly all of the children showed up for their usual gathering time. They played outside for awhile and then came inside for a special crafting time.

As has become a sort of little tradition for us, we helped them to craft something beautiful to give to their mothers (International Women's Day doubles as Mother's Day in Romania). We crated bouquets of flowers with paint, egg cartons, and paper. Of course the girls also added some glittery stickers to complete the look.

## *Financial Investment Opportunities*

Now that the building has been completed functionally and we are able to do our weekly activities, we now have the opportunity to complete some of the other aspects of ministry we want the building to be able to provide - including housing for mission teams, etc. We have team coming this summer to help complete all of these final details and additional ministry opportunities.

There is also an opportunity to take children to a Christian soccer camp this summer. It will be a week of VBS, soccer, relationship building, etc. We want to take children from Comșești and Martinești. For 9 kids and 2 chaperones the total cost \$1,200. We are looking for people to help sponsor this event.

We want to invest in the wedding of Alina and Marian! It would be a great help and blessing for us and for them to assist in providing for the costs for this wedding with \$700.

If you are interested in helping to provide for any of these opportunities, please reach out to Samuel or give through the Advance <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/00211a/> and add a note that it is for village ministries.

