

FELIX FAMILY VILLAGES INTERNATIONAL

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Dear friends,

Glad to reach you again. This is a time unlike most others.

There are deep chasms between rich and poor, millions are suffering. Different opinions divide nations, religions and families. This is our time.

The call to live and work for those in needs compels us to find our place. There is a massive move from mediocrity towards excellence. Who does not want to be part of the meaningfulness of reaching the most vulnerable in our days? Let us say to each other that this is life's purpose, this is the plan for our lives.

The most vulnerable in the world are the children that have lost their Moms and Dads. Orphaned, rejected and abandoned by all. They are discarded and not desired. No legacy awaiting them. No hope for support for a full life, education and the confidence given by a loving family. They have nothing.

The Great Father heart has decided to reach them. The Son of the Heavenly family came with the message from above: Let the Children come - so unique! He positioned them in the

centre, next to himself. The Family of God Belongs to them.

God's plan is for all children to have a Mom and Dad. The Felix Family Villages work for just that.

ROMANIA

We gladly say "Christ has risen" and wish you a beautiful spring with your loved ones!

It's the time when we celebrated the Resurrection and at the same time, the beginning of a new life. That reminds us of you, who are generously supporting this work, whose desire is to give new life to abandoned children.

What can be more beautiful than seeing the ones that were given to us so that we can be their family, blooming and allowing tenderness and inner beauty to emerge as they taste from the sweetness of love that they are offered day after day. After a tumultuous life, experienced too soon by many of them, we can now see them enjoying the warmth of a home.

We see children who avidly enjoy the moments spent with their loved ones, enjoying even the smallest gestures of love shown to them: a caress on the head, a comforting

pat on the back as a sign of encouragement, the food package prepared for school or steaming food on the table, warm bed or clean clothes – all these convey to them that they are cherished, they have value and that there are people who care about them. They are things that seem so normal for most of us, but they are so coveted by those who do not have them.

Therefore, we are thankful for making all these possible in the lives of these children and we encourage you to continue experiencing the joy of giving, by looking at each day as an opportunity to be a blessing to someone. A simple act of caring can have a huge impact in someone's life.

Simona Puscas





THAILAND

We want to say thanks to many of you dear supporters who have given gifts for the construction of a new home. These gifts have allowed us to build house number 8. Thank you for the many fine contributions that now have been converted into a home.

The three siblings who moved into the family Payakkachat and house number 8 a month ago have settled down well in their new home. It was a great and important day in late January when we welcomed the family into their new home. The new children and their parents' faces shone with joy as they now begin to live together as a family. The three siblings came from a home where both parents were affected by HIV / AIDS. Now they can replace the feelings of fear and of being abandoned with the sense of security and of love from their new mom and dad. The family Payakkachat is looking forward to welcoming more children into the family.

As we shared in the last newsletter the secondhand-shop Öppen Hand from Nyköping in Sweden once again promised to build a home that will become house number 9. On the same day that we welcomed family Payakkachat to house number 8 in January, we also broke ground for house number 9 where

the family Chatupattarakrisin will live.

We plan to start construction of house number 9 in March and, if possible, begin to build house 10 at the same time. It would cost significantly less to construct both homes at the same time. We have received donations from many of you for building house number 8. However, we need a little more to finish house number 10. We have the house parents and they are waiting with eagerness to begin their calling.

Our parents tell us about the growth and development of their children. They have plans and dreams for each child's future. The children are happy and confident, and live the life that all children have the right to. You have an important role in making this possible. We receive reports from guests who have visited Felix Village. They tell about the nice and warm atmosphere that exists in the village and the security that children show. This is the vision of Felix Village!

Warm greetings,

Lisa Egerbo-Hornberg

AFRICA

If you put the US, Europe, China and India next to each other it would not be as big as Africa. Africa truly is a vast place, and it is not possible to summarise it. Parts of the continent

are seeing positive developments, with economic growth in countries like Botswana and Zambia, and parts are challenged by terrorism, disease or extreme poverty.

There are a few common denominators for the continent and one of those is resilience. In the face of hardship one has to be resilient. Hunger is another common denominator. Changes in the climate and lack of money to invest in agriculture keeps the production volumes low. Slowly farmers are becoming better at farming, but the road is long and it will take time.

Food distribution

One of the schools we supported with food in 2014 is Mzwanenyi Primary School, outside the city of Voi, Taita Taveta county. The area is dry and the two rainy seasons in 2014 did not bring the rain needed. The head teacher at Mzwanenyi Primary has rationed the food and it has lasted a whole year. Small portions, but enough to take the edge of hunger, get the students to come to school, and also have some energy to study. We are waiting to see how the first rainy season will be in April and May, and are ready to do a second delivery.

Thank you for your continued support!

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