

# Prayerletter

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## CHRISTIAN HOMES Mission for POOR CHILDREN

Verein zur Unterstützung christlicher Heime für arme Kinder int. e.V.

Dear Friends,

“Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever” (Psalms 146:5-6).

These verses, in an abbreviated version, can be read on my office window ever since a couple of weeks ago and may offer all those passing by a glimpse of our hope. We wish and pray that people will be positively influenced and become interested in talking to us. This Psalm describes in the preceding verses how uncertain it is to trust in other people when looking for help. All the stronger is the contrast to the faithfulness of the One who has invented and is in control of everything around us and Who lives forever. And this is why we, in spite of all the frightening turmoil around us, put our trust in this heavenly Creator. For HE executes justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry, sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, lifts up those who are bowed down, loves the righteous, watches over the sojourners and upholds the widow and the fatherless (Psalms 146:7-9). We know that He has done and continues doing exactly this through His Son, Jesus Christ (Luke 4:17-21). How wonderful it would be if God used us to be a sign for the oppressed, bowed down and blind, so that we can point the way to this Savior. Let us be encouraged to do so wherever God has put us! And with your help, we will try to do so in the homes.



### Childrenshome Pakistan

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#### Return of the Children

Thanks be to God for bringing all 75 children back to the home after a prolonged time of absence. We are very glad about it! Home leader Javed says that most of them have been spiritually protected and are now enjoying to spend time with the Word of God again. Quite a few have only now realized how much they missed it – and how helpful being in the home really is.

#### Life at Home and at School

Now that the summer break is over, the changes decided upon in March have been put into action. Br. Nathanael, who is now in retirement, is succeeded by Br. Jaddon. It is his responsibility to look after the boys, and Asif, one of the teachers, has become the school's principal. We give thanks to God for this transition.



School has started again although the children may not leave the compound. To proactively combat catching colds and

thus “unnecessary” Covid tests, a friend has provided financial support, so that the children can take enough vitamin C or citrus fruit. The same goes for the children in Romania. Please pray for protection during the winter time.

We are happy to report that all our staff are working together very harmoniously and that we are

able to keep each one employed by us. Please pray for spiritual growth among them.



## “Casa Onisim“ Romania

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### Continuing Work

Much has happened since our last update. We, together with the association of Matthias Müller (Lausitz), have decided to install his second son, Phineas, as the new manager of the boarding school. This gives us peace. He is supported by a team of experienced staff in the home. We are very satisfied with how things have developed so far. Phineas is willing to work for and under both associations. He has conducted himself in a humble and open manner, which will make the collaboration to be smooth and beneficial to all. You can see him and his wife Simona – together with their children Jasmin and Lewis – in the picture. It is a real joy seeing him in



his young age to be working diligently and even wisely making suggestions on how to improve things.

Continuing to manage accounting is a challenge, but he is faithfully supported by Razvan, a former child of the home. We have had many meetings, in person and online, with him and our friends in Lausitz, and yet there remains a lot to talk about. God willing, there will be another meeting in November which will also be attended by Markus Bottesch, the second one of our German Mission.

There needs to be still some fine-tuning to be done.

### Children and Staff

In Romania, too, the children have returned after the summer break. Including 12 new children, some of which are from Moldavia, we now have 59 children in our boarding school. They are split up into six groups. In the picture, you can see one



group with their instructor. Sebastian, Marian and Jonut have been part of the group for quite some time now.

At the moment, we have 37 staff in Casa Onisim, of which 17 are volunteers or students. Because schools have been closed in the region of Alba, our children from there are taught online. All staff members involved are in need of our prayers as this is an immense increase in workload.

### Sara Müller

Please continue praying for Sara and her children. The associations have granted Sara some time off to be spent in Italy where she can stay until December.

A heartfelt thank you to you, dear friends, for all your faithful support. We are one in Christ.

Timotheus Hoster



### We give thanks for

- protection of the children's health during their time within their families
- a good start of the new school year and the "job roulette"
- a successful way of transferring the money

### We pray for

- a way of transferring money to the home on short notice
- sound Biblical teaching for the children and spiritual fruit
- spiritual growth for the staff



### We give thanks for

- a good start with Phineas, his team of advisers and both associations
- being spared from Covid infections after the summer break
- sufficient staff members, volunteers and other young supporters

### We pray for

- a blessed time off for Sara, as well as being able for the children to process the loss of their father well
- wisdom for and success of our online lessons
- good outcomes of our meetings in November

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And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times,  
you may abound in every good work. 2. Corinthians 9: 8