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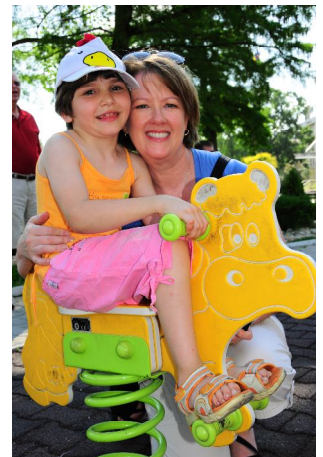


**Special
points of
interest:**

- NOROC receives Birthday Offering Grant
- Drawing and painting group creates icon exhibition
- Petru Solca displays photography in Abilene, Texas



What could be more fun than a trip to the park on a warm summer day? Children from the pre-school group homes joined us for play time and a snack at the Civic Park Playground.



NOROC News

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Apples, Grapes, Pears and Oranges, Oh My!

by Carol Schempp, photos by Petru Solca

In June a mission team of 12 from three Presbyteries in Texas ventured into the world of fruit...of the Spirit, that is! We traveled to Romania to conduct a Vacation Bible School at the central orphanage in Tulcea as well as several other activities for the children and youth who are under the Child Protection System in Tulcea County. Members of our NOROC team included: Rich & Carol Schempp, Whit & Barbara Hunt, Bob Covington, Janie Bush, Addison Fitts, Josiah Field, Bobby Ann Anderson, Jennifer Santer, Chris Stillwagon and Mary Ferris. Our theme for the week was "Fruit of the Spirit" which in Romanian is "Roada Duhului". We were able to share God's Word and our love with those who are often unloved and forgotten. The presence of NOROC in Tulcea County for the last 15 years has indeed been a bright spot in the lives of these orphaned and abandoned children. We are exceedingly thankful for both your prayerful and financial support of NOROC and of our mission trip.



Our group along with some of the older children as we visited one of the local Orthodox monasteries.

Fun...the same in any language

photos by Petru Solca

Each day over 40 elementary age children attended the VBS. Our Bible Study theme was "Fruit of the Spirit", written by Mary Ferris and Janie Bush. A tree on the wall of the dining hall and on t-shirts provided a concrete link to the spiritual fruits which were the focus of the week.



Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23

photos by Petru Solca

Along with the Bible study time there were lots of "fruity" crafts, games and snacks to keep the interest high. And, we can't forget the singing!



A Little Horse Play Makes Happy Children

photos by Petru



A high interest activity for the middle school age kids was horse back riding. NOROC provides the funds for these periodic outings where a veterinarian teaches the children about equipment, caring for horses, and how to ride. We sponsored 2 such trips during our week in Tulcea. While some were riding the others worked together on some parachute play. Both activities required a bit of team work to succeed!



Horseback riding has proved to be extremely therapeutic for the children. It teaches them patience, self-control and respect in addition to being is just plain fun!

Weekly Bible Study/Worship Unites Friends Old & New

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**New Opportunities for Romanian
Orphaned Children**

NOROC is a Christ-based, non-profit organization. *Noroc* is a Romanian word which means "God Bless." We've adopted it as our name because it also reflects our mission: **To share God's blessings by providing New Opportunities for Romanian Orphaned Children spiritually, developmentally, socially and medically.**

NOROC was founded to find ways to nurture these abandoned children. Currently, NOROC's programs are focused in the orphanages of Tulcea County, Romania. There we try to provide for children in material ways such as providing diapers, school supplies, or adequate shoes. But at an even more basic level of need our organization provides the loving relationships these children so desperately crave thanks to the day to day devotion of our **Big Hearted Grannies, Big Hearted Teachers, and Big Hearted Friends.** Churches and individual friends currently support this mission. Please join us in our work.

The Smiles Have It!

Photos by Petru Solca

