

Thank You Barnabas Group!

We were so honored to be invited back to present at the Barnabas Group in February! With two presentations in Houston and two presentations in Southern California, we feel extremely blessed to be able to share our story and our needs with all of you.

Sarah had the unique privilege of being able to perform an original song at all four Barnabas events!



A CONCERT WITH SARAH VIENNA



Kingwood, Texas - home of our very own, Mary Buckalo! For this reason, Kingwood is close to FFR's heart. This was Sarah Vienna's first concert with a live band; it was a great honor to share original songs and personal stories with the Kingwood Bible Church community.

A huge thank you to all involved, especially April Herin, Robin Zaruba, Darren Lewis, Cristian Puiulet, Bill Morgan and Kris Kelley!

Until We Meet Again



It is with heavy hearts and sadness that we say goodbye to Alisha and Raelene. They will both be heading back to their home countries after many years of hard work, dedication, personal friendship and most of all, sharing the love of God with the people in Romania, volunteers that came and the core team of FFR. Alisha and Raelene touched everyone's heart. They did not just run projects but also put all their time and effort into reaching out to short term volunteers who came to Romania. They are endeared to all who have had the chance to know them - including the nurses and doctors at the Brasov Children's Hospital.

For years, Alisha worked as the head supervisor in the Children's hospital. She also has a heart for mothers and is the founder of the MOMs project. She leaves this project in capable hands, but will be missed dearly. Raelene is someone that isn't afraid to try her hand at something new. It is with this attitude that she has championed our newsletters, social media sites and website as well as being a core part of the Sarah Vienna Music team. Even with all that on her plate, she always had time to reach out to the children and teens we work with.

Most of all, both girls have become close friends, or rather family, to us all. From themed parties at their place, road trips and, of course, karaoke nights, these girls will always have a special place in our hearts.

As sad as it is to see them go, we also believe in a wonderful God who has perfect timing. We believe that He has the perfect plan for these beautiful ladies and we are excited to watch grow and succeed in His will. We wish nothing but the best for you, Alisha and Raelene! God bless you, dear friends! We will miss you greatly but we know that we will see each other again!

Maternity Hospital Update

The MOMs project at the Brasov Maternity Hospital has continued to flourish. The mothers here are in the most need of education, support and God's word and encouragement. All of the mothers have just had a baby, and while it may or may not be their first time giving birth they are very open to listening to what the team has to say. The project has developed to more of a bedside approach and small group every other week.



We are now allowed to enter the large, full rooms where the mothers stay; we sit with them where they are most comfortable. We make sure to focus only on the mother, new baby and her family, giving that mother one on one time and making that woman the most important mother in the room. We are learning that the mothers are open and more willing to share their lives and experiences with the team since we have used this approach.

We are really focusing on education (feeding, baby care, sleeping, mother care) and the role God plays in motherhood. We explain to the mothers that God knows they are amazing, loving, kind mothers and that is why they have been blessed with this new baby.



Being able to continue this project has been a true blessing and watching it touch the lives of the mothers we are meeting makes it an incredible learning experience for the team as well.

Our Most Recent Donations

Thanks to the wonderful donations that we receive from all over, we are able to provide clothes, shoes, toys, and hygiene items to the mothers and children staying in the Brasov Children's Hospital and Maternity Hospital, as well as to the families in Budila that we are working with, and to various children's centers in the area.

Thank you to our past long term volunteer, Mary Lynn Mountjoy, our current short term volunteer Emma Rawlings and to Karlien Imants for organizing our most recent shipments of donations, and to everyone who helped and donated so many wonderful items!



Become an Intern!

Firm Foundations Romania is excited to announce that we are starting a year long, intensive internship program for women, ages 18 and up.



This Internship Program will be a way for young women, who are selected after application, to not only serve the Lord by serving others but to be disciplined and mentored by our internship coordinator and long term volunteer, Rachel Titiriga.

We have already begun accepting applications for the 2015-2016 internship which will begin on August 1, 2015. The application deadline is June 1, 2015. Any questions should be directed to internship@firmfoundationsromania.com