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Dear Friends of Mephibosheth Ministry,

As we come to the close of 2022 and look forward to 2023, here are a few highlights from this year and prayers for the next.

Undoubtedly the passing of co-founder Mary Jane Ponten on July 6th was both a sad event for us, yet knowing MJ is dancing those streets of gold brings a huge smile to our hearts. Her reward is now her reality.



Mary Jane in Romania 2019



This year saw co-founder, John Nix, return to the board of directors. John's influence and direction is greatly appreciated, along with the history of being there when this ministry all started. The entire Nix family has always been close to us and now even more. Thank you John and Francis!

Just when the pandemic was starting, we began to focus on outreach into the local community. Those plans were put on hold and as restrictions have been easing, the

opportunity to reach back into the Colorado Springs community has restarted. Working with churches, community groups and agencies, we are planning to host local awareness and training events as well as parent/caregiver support groups. We look forward to next year to see what God's plans are here.



Carol at FEFC October 2022

Carol was asked to speak at the First Evangelical Free Church at their monthly Deborah Group ministry meeting on behalf of Mephibosheth Ministry. What a beautiful Godly group of women there. These women faithfully pray, for many missionaries, they are doing the work! Prayer is the most important work. It's the silent work that keeps the ministry moving. They also send needed gifts to missionaries and missions, often hand made gifts.



The King's Table at New Life Church. Learning verses from the Beatitudes. Matthew 5:9



Christmas party 2022



Brendon Burson 2022

We rejoice in the progress one of our student volunteers is making. Brendon Burson was mentored by Mary Jane for three years to serve as a Mephibosheth teacher. He is now fulfilling that role at the King's table each Sunday by doing an amazing job teaching about a new Bible character every week. His insights and poignant teaching is amazing us all.

This was a long process as is most of our ministry work, but we know Mary Jane is smiling in heaven to see this young man doing so well.

Romania was and continues to be an opportunity to impact the local church on behalf of families affected by disabilities. Greg traveled to there 3 times this past year, going to numerous cities, churches, conferences and friends. Partnering with Youth With A Mission, New Life Church of Colorado Springs and many people around Romania, 2023 looks to be a year for formal awareness and training conferences too. Late April and early May, 2 teams are planning to return and host events.

2022 brought many improvements to the care facility, St Anton's, outside of Brasov. The roof was completed at both centers, exterior repairs, balconies, reclaiming abandoned buildings and converting them to usable facilities, the list goes on. In March, we found that to combat the growing utility costs, an outdoor, wood fired kitchen was needed. Your prayers and financial support of this facility has made quite an impact. Those 100 severely disabled folks, all of whom are individuals loved by God, know that they have friends in America that care for them. Mary Jane would be pleased, this is "Love in Action".

Every Christmas, we send funds to the director, Alina Bordea, to get each person there a little gift package. Fruit, candy and a special gift, socks, hat or gloves, something each person needs. There is still time to donate towards this.



Greg speaking at a church in Romania



*St. Anton's is looking beautiful!
Work continues to make all of the buildings safe and updated.*

2023 will be a year of changes, just like 2022 has been. At least we can count on that. Digital communication, website, events both here and in Romania are all on the calendar. Thankfully, we know it's God who brings these all in to reality. With your prayers and support, reaching families affected by disability with the good news of Jesus is our focus.



May you and yours be blessed this Christmas season and the coming year.

**From our hearts to yours,
Greg and Carol**

For God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world, But that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:17

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