

# THE COURAGE TO LIVE ON THE EDGE

## Dare to Dream Volunteers Land in Romania!

For more than sixteen years Dare to Dream has ministered the Gospel throughout the United States to orphans, abused, neglected, and foster children, as well as youth in trouble with the law.

These young people are temporarily housed in shelters, group homes and detention centers. Souls have been saved, hearts have been healed, and some of our young people have been able to dream and trust again.

Dare to Dream's Life Skills programs are an important ingredient in the rehabilitation of youth in the Juvenile Justice System.

Three years ago, Founder, Jan Tennyson's call to ministry was challenged.

*"Make your tent bigger; stretch it out make it wider. Do not hold back. Make the ropes longer and its stakes stronger because you will spread out to the right and the left. Your children will take over other nations and they will again live in cities that were once destroyed." Isaiah: 54:2-3*

John Dolinschi, Founder of Christ Commission for Romania asked Jan, "Please come to Romania - Our kids really need to "Dare to Dream."

In November 2002, Mission Outreach Director of Hillcrest Church, Lennie Allen asked Jan to lead a team to Romania. Jan knew, this was it! This was the call she had been waiting for. She prayed for a small intimate team that would bond and work together to leave an impact that the people of Romania would remember forever. Her prayers were answered and her dream became a reality.



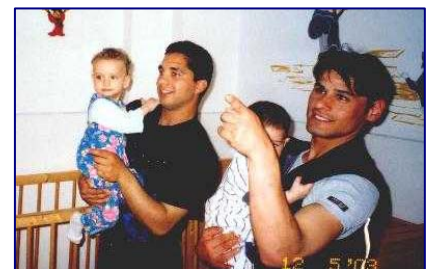
On May 10, 2003, Lisa Walker, Lynn Synclair, Suzanne Sutherland, Jansi Kelley, Ken Parks, and team leader, Jan Tennyson landed in Timisoara, Romania ready to pour out God's love to a people starving for significance. This city of 350,000, under Communist dictatorship from 1947-1989, is very poor. An average income is less than \$100 per month.

Nevertheless, the people are very warm and very grateful for their freedom.

God orchestrated the nine days we were in Timisoara. The team stayed at the Life Center and built relationships with the young men between the ages of 18 and



25 who lived there. They grew up in orphanages and most of them had never met, nor knew anything about their parents. The sweet spirit of the young men as they sang praise songs in Romanian touched our hearts. As we poured out God's love to them, we were blessed beyond measure. Many of them accepted Christ.



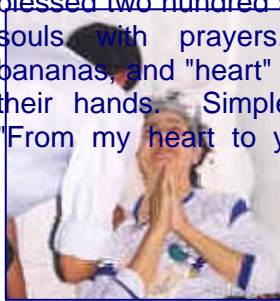
For the first time, the boys from the Life Center had a chance to visit a hospital that housed orphan babies. The young men

# Straight from the KIDS

to the babies.

One of the orphanages we visited allowed us to visit the children in their classrooms. We had the opportunity to tell them about the love of Jesus. Another orphanage that we visited housed physically and mentally handicapped children. The teacher was led to receive Christ.

We traveled seventy miles into the countryside to spend a morning in a home for elderly citizens, many sleeping eight-ten to a room. We personally blessed two hundred sweet "old" souls with prayers, cookies, bananas, and "heart" stickers for their hands. Simple phrases, "From my heart to your heart" and "Isus te iubeste", (Jesus



loves you) and bubbles and more bubbles bought smiles to their faces. "When will you come back to see us?," still resonates in our minds.



Before Jan addressed the students, the Life Center boys had a chance to sing on the stage of the Chapel at the Christ for the Nations Bible School. This was a "first" and they were honored to have the opportunity.

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I am in suicide counseling and am working on

enjoying life so I can love myself. This class has challenged the Bible School students to "Have the Courage to Live on the Edge" and have seen very worth while and can help many other kids!



the faith to believe that when God calls, God provides. She shared miracle stories of God's provision in her ministry.

We joined the Bible students and pastors for street ministry in a resort park in Timisoara. Jan invited park visitors to join the **Army of God**. The favor of God was with us as souls were saved, people were healed, and families were restored.

We conducted the first Women's conference in Logas Church. Women were encouraged to "**Have the Faith to Lead**" and to reach out to the young men at the Life Center.

A new Dare to Dream team was formed at the Life Center. Team leaders are Marinela, born to



prostitute mom, and Silvio who was living on the streets for five years as a little boy. Both boys

attend the Bible School and will be teaching Gods Word to the boys at the Life center.

A beautiful table of flowers, napkins, silverware, matching plates, and three wonderful courses of food was the setting for our farewell Celebration Banquet. What a sight it was to see the surprised faces of the orphans, pastors, and staff as they entered the room. For many, this was the first occasion to ever experience such elegance. Endearing words of



thanks were expressed by all that attended.

As our parting gift to the Bible school, Dare to Dream and Hillcrest Church in Dallas partnered to provide funds for a much needed sound system including speakers and microphones. The equipment will be used in youth camps which bring together about 3000 young people from all over Romania. All public events will benefit from this donation and the Word of God will be heard throughout the city for generations to come.

Inspirational Study Bible edited by Max Lucado - New Century Version

*"When did we see you sick or in prison and care for you? Then the King will answer, I tell you the truth anything you did for even the least of my people you also did for me."*  
Matthew 25:39-40

## Why help Dare to Dream?

EACH DAY in the lives of youth in America:

- Six teenagers find life hopeless enough to take their lives
- 1,000 unwed teenage girls become mothers
- 4,000 teenagers contact sexually transmitted diseases
- 500 teens begin using drugs
- 1,000 begin drinking alcohol
- Over 100,000 take guns or other
- 2,200 drop out of school
- 3,600 are assaulted
- 55,000 youth in the DFW metroplex have parents in prison
- EACH DAY - six teens find life hopeless enough to take their lives.
- In Texas alone – Juvenile crime (ages 10-17) is up over 300% in the last 5 years. ~~Violent crime is up over 200%.~~
- Younger children are committing violent crimes more than ever before!

### MORE WAYS TO HELP OUR KIDS:

1% of your grocery bill will be donated to Dare to Dream at no expense to you!

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*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20*

"I am in a shelter and have enjoyed the past ten days.

I wanted to hurt the world and now I want to help the world, thank you for helping me

"You didn't know that I am in suicide counseling when you gave your talk I cried through most of it... but I feel happy now. Thank you for being there."

**the workers are**

### What Can I Do?

- ♥ Speak to youth about God, patriotism, clean living, honesty and hard work.
- ♥ Comfort the hearts of youth whose lives are in crisis situations.
- ♥ Bring Love and Encouragement to young without dads.
- ♥ Share your story and life skills.
- ♥ Guide youth to discovering new motives for direction in life.
- ♥ Teach a young person one-on-one how to read the Bible.
- ♥ Give a youth a chance to express their hopes and dreams.
- ♥ Stay in touch with youth once they are released from detention.
- ♥ Volunteer in the Dare to Dream office.
- ♥ Make an investment in a ministry that is committed to helping youth dream and trust again.

## I Surrender All



Virginia Revnolds

We are honored to have so many of our young people decide to be water baptized. To die to our old self and to come up a new creation allows us to begin our lives again with a new future. It is a sign that we are building our lives on a proper foundation. (Hebrews6:1)

## Volunteer News

Pam Bolton has been a dedicated volunteer and board member for many years. She was our Dare to Dream Volunteer of the year 2002. Tony Vera won "**Volunteer of the Year Award**" from the Texas Youth Commission. Jan Tennyson accepted the "**Faithfulness Award**" presented to Dare to Dream from the Texas Youth Commission - Cottrell House.



Pam Bolton

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### DARE TO DREAM CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

Is a nonprofit 501©(3) faith based charity reaching out to abused, neglected, foster children and teen offenders, as well as youth needing encouragement and a helping hand.

### MISSION

To inspire youth to expand their vision of what is possible by promoting positive attitudes that increase self esteem, personal and spiritual values, and communication skills to help youth recognize their potential and restore their hope.

### PURPOSE

To turn the tide of destructive behavior by providing educational enrichment programs to prevent crime and overcome problems of drug and alcohol abuse, juvenile delinquency, teen pregnancy, the school drop-out rate, and teen suicide.

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Train a **child** in the way he should Go,  
and when He is old he **will not** turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

