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## MITSPA HOUSE NEWS

**Dear** **friends,**

Life at Mitspa House has been boisterous and exciting since we welcomed our first mothers! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to welcome six mothers and nine children since September 2018! Three remain with us with their three children at Mitspa House. One is pregnant and due in April!

We are also staying in constant contact with the mothers who have left to continue offering encouragement and support. Our first baby boy Dan is now growing with both his parents at home after sessions of family counseling! It gives us great joy to see the impact you've made in the lives of these families through Mitspa House.

In the October newsletter we asked for funds to install a security system in the house. A French choir responded immediately to support this need allowing us to install video cameras on the first floor and a video interphone for the door. We are delighted to be able to offer this extra level of security to the families we care for.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We couldn't do this without you!

With a grateful heart,



Alexia

Coleman



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### **"Not like me!"**

When Oana was 13, her home was considered unfit to live in and she was placed in a large institutional foster home with six of her nine siblings. Once they discovered she was pregnant, they moved her to a crisis pregnancy center, before they found a more suitable maternity home. When that home closed, 14 year old Oana came to Mitspa with Lavinia her five month old baby girl. Her only desire was to be 18, a legal adult in Romania, so she could go back to live with her own mother with Lavinia.

After few weeks, Oana started to think differently and became very insistent to be sure that Lavinia would be allowed to go to kindergarten when she is two. *"I want her to learn to write and read, not like me!"* Oana never learned to read and write.



After staying at Mitspa House for two months she started thinking about Lavinia's future and changed her mind, decidedly stating,

*"I don't want to go back to my mom's home when I'm 18. The conditions are not good for Lavinia in the village. She will learn to fight with the other children. She won't go to school there and the conditions are not good enough for her. I want to have a job and to have an apartment with a contract! I want Lavinia to grow in good conditions, not like me!"*

A week ago, Lavinia's mom started the *Second Chance School*. She wants to learn to read and write. She needs a

lot of encouragement as it's very hard for her to concentrate and make so many efforts at school when it's all so new for her.



However, her daughter has given her new purpose and she knows her efforts will provide Lavinia with more opportunity, a future and hope. Therefore, she's committed herself to these studies with our help and is determined to provide a brighter future for her daughter.

Thank you for helping us come alongside Oana to ensure she and her daughter know their basic needs are met. This assurance alleviates fear, allowing Oana to focus on

learning how to read and write. The first step among others that Mitspa House will take with her to make sure she is well equipped to care for both herself and Lavinia well into the future.

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## **Prayer Requests**

- Oana's perseverance at school
- A safe delivery for our current pregnant mom
- Peace and hope for our mothers
- Wisdom for our mothers as they make decisions about the future
- Openness for couples counseling
- Health for our mothers, babies, and staff
- Team development

family's            basic            needs.

## 100 Giving \$25 / £20

Monthly gifts allow us to plan ahead and ensure consistent care for each mother and child. In November, we asked our friends in Switzerland, France, and Germany to consider giving monthly and we now have 40 pledges to give \$25 / £20 /month!

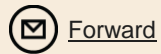
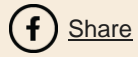
Will you consider setting up a monthly commitment this month to help us reach our goal of 100 giving \$20/£20 /month by June 2019?

This \$2,000 each month ensures six mothers and their children have food and shelter with Mitspa House.



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