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One year after my return to Romania, I realize again that my plans are not His...

When I came back to Romania last summer, I didn't know where I was going to be involved but I had the conviction that I had to come back and that the Lord still has plans for me here.

I first looked at the opportunities that were open to me, reflecting on what my gifts and aspirations were. My conclusion then was that I wanted to continue working with mothers in crisis and I looked for places where I could be useful, and a door opened at the Esther Foundation.

A few months at Esther Foundation

From October '21 to April '22, I was a part-time volunteer at Esther Foundation who advises and provides support to women who are going through the crisis of an unwanted pregnancy.

The part-time work was still necessary for me to recover from the burn-out I went through last year when I had to stop working completely for 9 months.

Getting involved with the Esther Foundation seemed logical and in line with my gifts. However, as the months went by, I couldn't really find my place, our work perspectives diverged and as the weeks went by, I wondered what I was doing there. The different tasks I was given were not in-line with what I was called by the Lord to do, and most of the time, I must admit... I was bored. I didn't feel the passion I used to have for working with young mothers...

I always had a strong conviction about what my ministry was and what I was called to do, a conviction that helped me to persevere even in trials, however now I could not find myself and it was not easy.

Personal journey

Because I didn't feel the same passion in my heart for mothers in crisis, I went on a long journey of prayer and reflection, questioning myself about what my call really was.

I became aware that, during this journey, the common thread of my call was, in fact, supporting people in suffering, whatever the context of their suffering.

At the beginning of my ministry I worked, with children in placement at the Children Home 'Le Bercail', Alsace, France... then for more than ten years, I worked with young mothers in crisis... At each important turning point or season change in my ministry, I felt the same... less energy, less desire and interest for the beneficiaries, when before, I felt great enthusiasm.

It was as if the Lord was showing me that He gives me the necessary abilities and strength for that specific season in what He calls me to do, but when He has something new, He takes away what I need to continue that specific mission...

A new friendship, a new way?



Along this journey, I became close to a friend who was new to my small church group. The only thing I knew about her when I came back to Romania was that there was a woman of about my age who had joined our group, who had lived in England for several years and who had lost her husband two years ago due to a lung cancer. Being in a group composed of families with a lot of children and teenagers and us being the only single women, we grew closer as friends... Through this new friendship, I was touched by her difficult journey, finding out about her husband's cancer after 4 years of marriage, and then 4 months later his death... All her plans for her future collapsed... Through this relationship, God put a burden on my heart for people who go through such a tragedy: finding out about this horrible illness- cancer, the difficulties going through different treatments, the suffering, and sometimes death at the end of the road...

Casa A.LC

After Alex's death (Laura's husband), Laura wanted to help cancer patients and their families in Romania. She returned to Romania after 15 years in UK to set up Casa A.LC (Alex. Laura Csipaji House) and this is how this project was born. Casa A.LC is a house that welcomes and offers accommodation to cancer patients and their families when they have to come to Timisoara for oncological treatments from other areas in Romania. It is meant to help people with reduce financial means and desires to help them find the REAL LIFE regardless of what happens with their bodies. If you want to know more, I encourage you to visit [Casa A.LC's website](#) and to join our [Facebook page](#).

Laura prayed for months that God would show her the right time to start this project and she was also praying for a colleague who could support her in this ministry and responsibility. It was at this same time that our paths crossed... It seems that I was an answer to prayer :)

A.LC Association was set up at the beginning of 2022 and then we started to look for a house that would meet the needs of the project. In mid-April the Lord helped us find the right house and we started to re-decorate it to make it suitable for cancer patients and very comfortable. We were happy to be supported by many

volunteers of all ages who helped with painting, gardening, assembling furniture, etc.





Casa A.LC's inauguration



June 2, 2022, we inaugurated the house officially in the presence of about 100 people, including the mayor of Dumbravita (the village where Casa A.LC is located in), doctors from the oncology center that we collaborate the most with, the pastor of the Harvest Church Timisoara, and the radio and television. It was beautiful event!

Welcoming and supporting at Casa A.LC

Since 6th June 2022, we have welcomed 15 patients and their families. In general, those who come for radiotherapy treatment stay at Casa A.LC between 3 weeks and two months. Those who come for chemotherapy treatment come for periods of 3 days every two or three weeks. In the long run, we should have more radiotherapy patients than chemotherapy patients.

It is a new experience for me to be confronted with so many cancer patients and their relatives. Each encounter is unique, each person's experience is completely differently. Our role is to welcome them, support them, listen to their questions, their fears, be a comfort and a light in the darkness, in the midst of this suffering.

From the beginning of the project, we prayed that God's presence would be palpable, that this house would be a place of encounter with God for each person that steps over this house's threshold. We pray that each person may discover true LIFE and His love through us, regardless of what happens with their bodies, but of course we pray for healing as well. We are glad to say, that one of our beneficiaries came to church one Sunday and others came to our church's prayer meetings.



Return to France

For administrative reasons, linked to changes in the mission, I needed to return to France for the whole month of September. It turned out that my passport expired on August 23rd, which means that I had to arrive in France before that date and then I will only be able to leave when the new passport is ready, as well as my identity card (while I'm at it, I might as well update them both) ...

I will use this time in France to visit my family, friends and different churches where I will present this new ministry. Please pray for:

- Safe travels in France between churches, family and friends, and safe journey back to Romania
- Blessed relationships
- New partners who want to support in prayer and financially this project – Casa A.LC

If you have any questions about my new ministry or if you would like us to present it in your church, (by zoom for example), please feel free to contact me. My colleague, Laura speaks English very well and the language wouldn't be a problem.

Thank you for your spiritual and financial support for me for so long!
May God bless you and reward you!

Alexia :)

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