

THE LATEST UPDATE ON, HOUSE ROSENHEIM

It's been exactly a year since we started building this new house. Our original plan was to build a new home to take in 25 abandoned babies. For five years we saved all our support from Germany in a special building fund. We even received an unexpected inheritance from an elderly man who had no family. This donation gave us the jumpstart we needed to be able to start the building. We got to visit this elderly man and the children sang for him twice before he passed away.



This last year the laws have changed and the government will not let us take in the new born babies. They have put many new restrictions on residential facilities like Casa Shalom.

In order to operate with the standard the new laws impose upon us we would need to have a \$40,000 dollar monthly budget to care for 25 more children 24 hours a day.

This would put a tremendous financial burden on us and hinder us from continuing our evangelistic outreach ministry. After much prayer and consideration we decided it would be wise to change our direction a little. Instead of just caring for 25 children we can care for as many as we wish to on a daily basis with various programs.

We will have a Christian day care, our own Christian Kindergarten, activities that will include the parents, family counseling, drama, art, music and computer training along with practical life skills.

Over one third of our children are teenagers, so we want to train and prepare them for ministry.

We don't want to loose them but use them to reach out to other teens. This way we can speak not only into the lives of the children but also the parents and reach deeper into the hearts of the families through inviting them to come to our Sunday services. Some of our little abandoned children have made tremendous progress. Little Alex has found his nitch playing the drums and Valentine on the piano. Vali's mom was moved to tears to see how her little girl has changed so much living here at Casa Shalom.



God is doing a great work and we are pleased!



...more details on the new house

Thanks to all the volunteers we are making progress on the building. We have all the metal studs up in the building and most of the drywall. We still have some metal track to put up on the first and third floor ceiling.

The plumbing and electric is completed on the first and second floor.

I have hired a Romanian team of two Christian men to finish the first floor for us. Financially we are just barely keeping ahead of them. They should have the main floor ready for painting in about three weeks.

Then we can finish the bathrooms. Rodica, my administrator, just gave me the bid for the light fixtures.

It will cost us 7,000 dollars to light up House Rosenheim.

The bid to do the stairs and all the halls with a good granite is 9,500 dollars.

Then we just got the third bid for the cost for insulating the outside of the house. Even though we have wide block walls we have been advised it's best to use a good insulation on the outside and then stucco the house.

This will pay for itself in the money we can save on the heating bills in a few years. This price just came in today.

The cost for the materials and labor will be 13,000 dollars.

I am just being very honest and open about our immediate needs for the house.