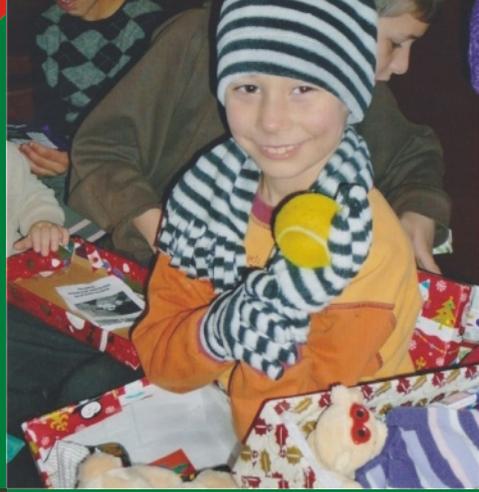




Blythwood  
România

*Christian care for body and soul*



# Annual

# Report



# 2013

# Foreword



***“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.”***

*Proverbs 3: 5-6.*

All of the 105 beneficiaries are selected regardless of their gender, age, ethnic or religious background.

Over 3,000 gift boxes were gathered through our **Shoe Box Appeal** this year. These were delivered to the most needy children, families and community groups, with a number going to the disabled, some hospital bound, and a few prisoners.

This appeal was supported by individuals, churches, public administrations and businesses.

We have received invaluable support from local businesses keen to make a contribution within their local community.

The commercial and retail activities underwrite a high percentage of our project running costs.

The Board would like to thank all of the staff of **Blythswood Romania** for all their dedicated hard work throughout the year.

May the Lord richly bless your committed service as you share the love of Jesus in different communities in Romania.

**James Campbell**  
President

The **Board of Blythswood Romania** present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013.

It is most encouraging that **Blythswood Romania** continues to support young people and needy families in communities through the country. We have continued to develop the **Daniel Centre “After Care Programme”** – managed by a very committed and caring staff team. It is a joy to see young men beginning to live independently, and taking responsibility for their own future.

**Project Basis** has supported families living in Cluj County – mostly identified by local mayor offices.

# Daniel Center

Florin is a kind, friendly and hard-working young man, who is able to learn from his own mistakes. He arrived to the Daniel Center in 2011 and after one full year he felt that he needs no additional support. He quit the program and moved out of the Daniel Center. Unfortunately after six months he lost his job, unable to quickly find another job his savings got quickly depleted, therefore he decided to return to the Center. He asked to be accepted again in the program and we gladly complied with his request. Florin started the program all over again and successfully overcame all the hardships and challenges of the first phase. During this period all young men are trained for six months in-house without having the opportunity to take a job. Next, Florin found a job and started working, currently being employed for over six months at



the same company. His conscientiousness and diligence are appreciated: even though there were significant layoffs, due to his positive attitude and well-done job, his contract was extended.

Although he has little free time, he had volunteered in the Shoebox Project and helped with transporting, verifying and repacking shoeboxes. After some challenges, successes but even a few failures, Florin has mastered the necessary skills that are needed for independent living. At the end of the year, he will be moving to the next phase of the project and will live in Transit 2.

*Many young men, who have lived in the state's care system or disorganized families, are dependent on institutions and lack the necessary skills for an independent life.*

*Daniel Center offers a program which is based on practical work with personality development, through which the young men gradually accustom to independence and taking responsibility.*

*In 2013 we have offered our services to 25 young men.*

## Residence

- 13 clients have learned the basic skills necessary for an independent life while staying in Daniel Center. The daily activities are coordinated and monitored by staff members.

## Tranzit 2

- 6 beneficiaries have lived independently in the apartments of Blythswood.

## Tranzit 1

- 3 young men have tried out the skills learned in Daniel Center while living in partial independence.

## After Care

- 12 young men who have already finished the program have participated in the activities offered by Blythswood.

# Basis

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Augusta has lost her husband in a tragic accident and now she raising her two children all alone by herself. In order to improve her earning potential on a long run, she decided to go back to school and become medical assistant.. While going to school full time Augusta wasn't able to work and take care of her two little girls (now 9 and 11 years old) at the same time. Blythswood wanted to help out this family and supported them with packages of basic food items.

After three long years, the mother has finished her training and started working at the County Emergency Hospital as a medical assistant. Augusta has a stabile job, income, and she does not need our support any longer. We are so glad that we were able to offer our support to such a strong and determined mother who is ready to work hard and strives to offer a better life for her children. We admire her strength also that she has not forgotten to smile, not even for a moment.

*We believe that financial or material support cannot bring radical change in an individual's or family's life.*

*However, many times it is necessary until a transformation is achieved.*



## Results in 2013:

- 3 families have become independent
- 50 families have received basic food packages
- 150 individuals have received clothing and footwear
- 15 families were able to send their children to kindergarten or school
- 20 elderly were able to buy their necessary medication

*Give us this day our daily bread. Matthew 6:11*

# Shoebox Project

To 15 kilometers from Cluj-Napoca lives a 22 years old young man. His eyes have sparkled when he opened his Christmas gift that he has received from you through Blythswood. N. was glad to find in the box sweets, cosmetic products but he was most thrilled to find a nice pair of shoes in it: "Tell them that I'm very happy! I haven't received such a nice present for a long time! May God bless whoever made this gift!"



No wonder that such a simple gift has brought so much joy in N.'s life. He and his brothers grew up without a mother and because of a serious illness; their father was not able to take care of them. After a few years of staying with their family, the children grew up in the state's care system. After a year, his brother left him too: in a morning he was found dead.

Once he was old enough to leave the state's care system, he left the institution and turned back to his home village. Ever since, he struggles with financial hardship. He has not received a nice present and has not felt the joy, the hope and the grace that this gift has given to him.

This all was possible due to you, **thank you!**

- 12.200 shoeboxes sent by Blythswood Care were distributed
- 30 volunteers have helped our campaign by working for over 400 hours

The gifts were distributed to children and families who struggle with financial hardships, individuals who spend their Christmas Eve in hospitals, have a disability or are orphans.

## Results in 2013:

- 3000 Christmas gifts collected on national level, mostly from Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, Jimbolia and Tirgu Mures
- 100 institutions were our partners

We would like to thank to all the teachers, students, children and parents who got involved in our campaign and participated in bringing a hope to Christmas.

# I have Brick in Kenya

Philgona Achieng's is one of the school's most talented speakers; she is great in telling stories and reciting poems. She has also great results at the weekly debate classes.

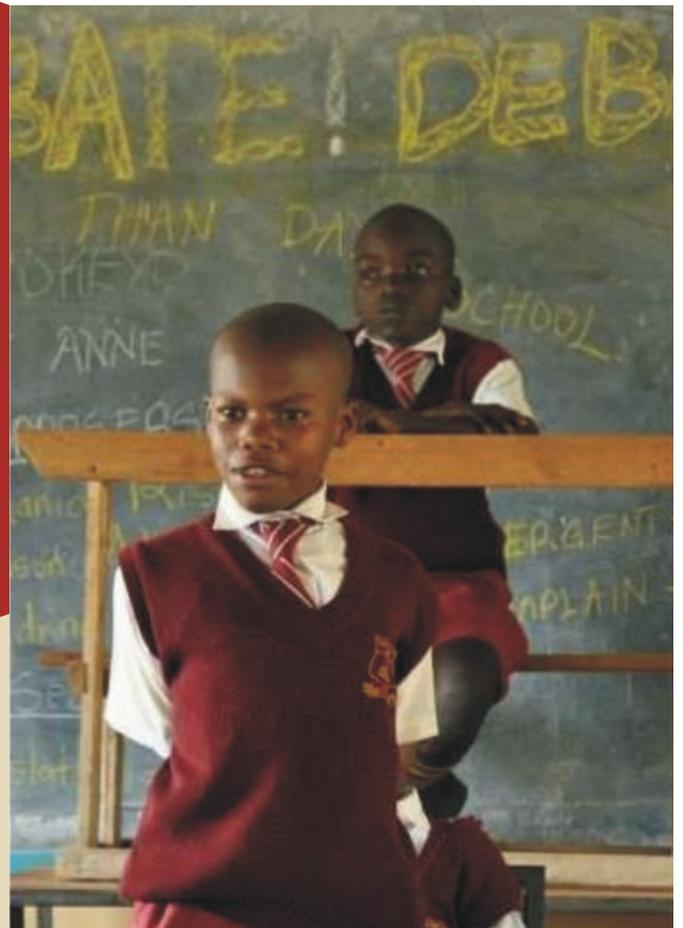
Philgona's parents have HIV and the little girl is only one of the hundreds of children who are at risk of school drop-out.

Because of extreme poverty, she might be even forced into prostitution.

The adoption program enables her to continue her studies, buy her school uniform and the necessary school supplies. However, an even greater help is that she receives at least two times a nutritious meal.

*Blythswood Romania offers long-time support to Sargy Development Center. The Kenyan organization is based on Rusinga, an Island of Victoria Lake and is a self-starter, local initiative.*

*The project "I have a Brick in Kenya" is operated in partnership with Genezius Association.*



## Results in 2013:

- 258 children learn in the Sargy School
- We inaugurated the new building of the school which was built thanks to local donations and by the local volunteers.
- 100 children learn in the new building
- 70 children can learn and are nourished through our adoption program
- 20 widows (16 of them have HIV/AIDS) have received help through the support group started in 2013

*No one should seek their own good, but the good of others. 1 Corinthians 10:24*

# Bonus Pastor Foundation

Ferenc had been fighting his alcohol dependency for over five years. During this period his wife divorced him and shortly after that he has lost his whole family. One day he decided to seek help at a Therapy Center where he received treatment and therapy and since then he has been able to stay sober.

He has left the Center as a changed man with a strong commitment to rebuild his life: he found a steady job, he reconnected with his family and reconciled with his wife.



The former client of the Therapy Center started a new support group that shortly after has become one of the most active ones. Ferenc is a volunteering member at the Center, offering counseling to those in need by sharing his own personal life stories and struggle in overcoming the dependency of alcoholism. With a new outlook on life, Ferenc is helping other people to beat this terrible dependency.

*Blythswood Romania supports the Bonus Pastor Foundation and its activities.*

*The Bonus Pastor (Latin for Good Shepherd) Foundation offers help to those who suffer from alcohol, drug, gambling and other types of addictions and to their family members. It is a therapeutic community based on the Portage Model (from Canada) which is combined with the sharing of the Gospel. The Foundation supports these families by combining social and psychological assistance with the sharing of the Gospel. We reach our goal by offering services of prevention, therapy and aftercare. More about the Foundation at [www.bonuspastor.ro](http://www.bonuspastor.ro)*

## Results 2013:

- **Long Term Therapy**  
58 persons (men aged between 18-50) have been living in the Ozd Therapy Center where they have spent 3-9 months. In this therapeutic environment they have gained the abilities necessary for a dependence free life.
- **Aftercare**  
365 individuals (former clients and their family members) have participated in our 3 conferences and a summer camp.
- **Short Term Therapy**  
47 men and women have participated in our 12 days intensive short term therapy programs.
- **Prevention**  
91 children and teens who come from families with a history of dependency have participated in our three summer camps.
- **Counseling**  
We have offered individual counseling to 1025 persons.

# Blythswood in the community

*Through the 2% mechanism, we have received 2400 RON, with 1000 RON more than last year.*

**Redirecționează  
către Blythswood 2%**



*Lorand Soares Szasz and Hedi Hoka gave us a beautiful gift for Easter: a Leadership Seminar. Not only that the young men of Daniel Center could participate for free and learn important strategies, but the food packages, school supplies and books given by the other 250 participants were donated to Daniel Center too. This way, the Center's need for flour, rice and oil was covered for one year. Even the sugar that we have received was enough for six months. Thank you!*

*Thanks to the companies which have been involved in the work of Daniel Center, all the young men have been employed.*



*Our friends have proved that they continuously support our activities. Through a fundraising event we have raised 5000 RON and received small appliances in a total value of 7000 RON.*

*Many thanks to our donors and for the hard work of our volunteers!*

*And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16*

# Commercial activities in social partnership

In order to sustain our social projects, we have commercial activities through **SC. Blythswood SRL:**



## Bed and Breakfast

Six cozy rooms, a fully equipped kitchen and a nice living room are waiting for you in our B&B which is located at a distance of only 4 km from Cluj Napoca.

**Str. Avram Iancu 397, Florești - Cluj**

## Blythswood Shops

In our shops you can find second hand clothing, footwear, house wares, toys and even school supplies.

**Str. Memorandumului nr. 23,  
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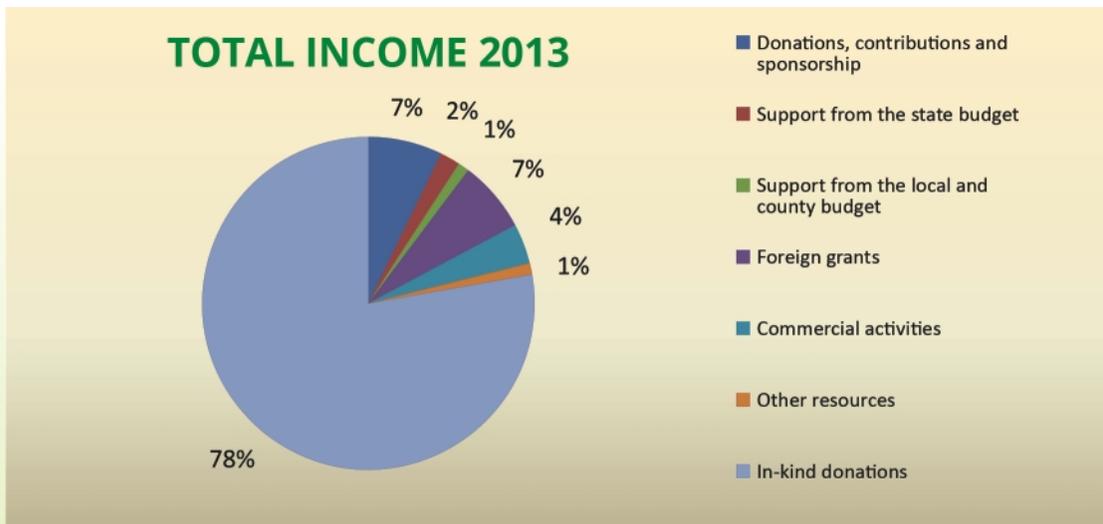
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*Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. Matthew 25:16*

# Financial summary

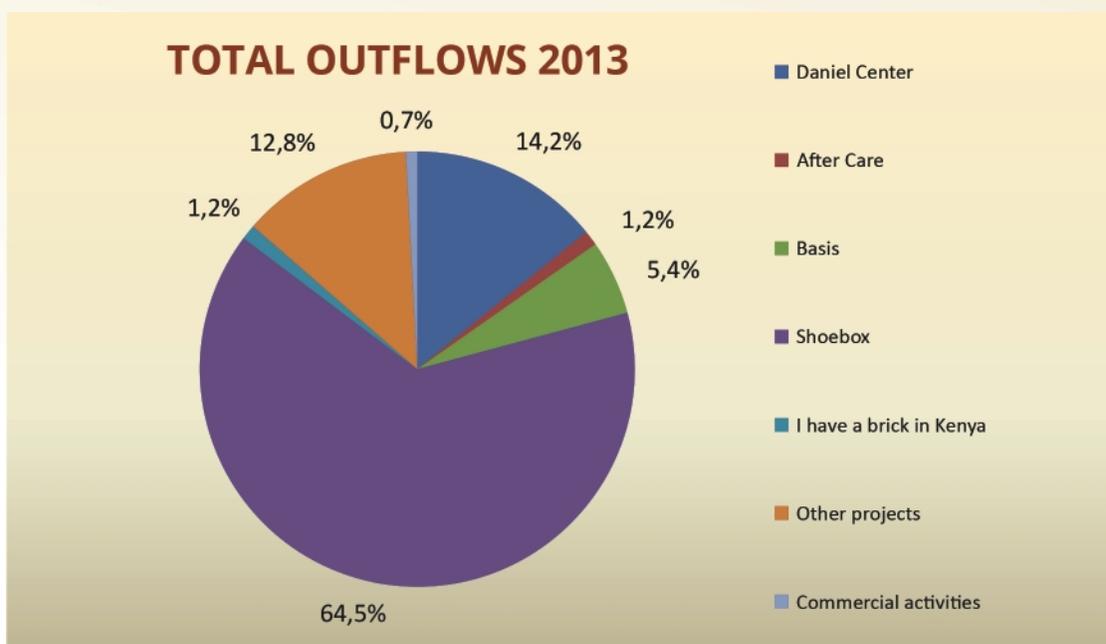


### Total income: 1.840.455

Donations, contributions and sponsorships	132.778 RON
Support from the state budget	36.000 RON
Support from the local and county budget	20.000 RON
Foreign grants	129.951 RON
Commercial activities	67.770 RON
Other resources	21.777 RON
In-kind donations	1.432.180 RON

### Total outflows: 2.070.549

Daniel Center	292.983 RON
After Care	25.054 RON
Basis	112.224 RON
Shoebox	1.334.676 RON
I have a brick in Kenya	24.785 RON
Other projects	265.509 RON
Commercial activities	15.319 RON



*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. Ecclesiastes 4:9*

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