



## FLORE'S STORY Is it nothing to all you who pass by? Lam 1:12



The story of *Flore Farcas*

(Flore and her baby, Briana, at left)

**Flore** was born in April, 1981 in Sibiu, Romania and was abandoned in the hospital the day she was born. From the hospital she was moved into an orphanage for toddlers in the town of Orlat. The orphanage provided nominal schooling for the kids. But tragically they did little or nothing to protect them. At the school other students beat her so badly she suffered mild brain damage. She was in the school until the 5th grade and then transferred to Turnu Rosu, a special school for the handicapped. She was graduated and moved to Dumbraveni, another center for mentally handicapped kids. She was there until age 19. **At 19, she was discharged and left to fend for herself as a homeless, handicapped young woman.**

She found her way to Bucharest and a Swiss charity. But Flore was only allowed to stay for three months. God's grace was with her because during this time she ran into a former classmate and Jubilee girl – **Olympia Varga, whose story we covered in a previous newsletter**. So, in 2001 arrangements were made for Flore to leave the streets and become a Jubilee girl (\*\*formerly "Inasmuch"\*\*\*). There she stayed safely sheltered until 2006 when she married. No doubt she married with normal hopes of a better life. Unfortunately, after two years her husband showed his weakness for alcoholism and she decided it would destroy both their lives if she didn't leave. One problem – she was pregnant with their first child, had no money, no family and nowhere to go. Fortunately it was the Hand of God that saw to it that her husband did the leaving.

**Flore is still supported by the Lord's people at Jubilee.** On the day **Flore's baby girl, Briana, was born**, her husband was intoxicated. At first he refused to even recognize the child, but one of the workers forced him to go to the hospital and recognize his child. **Flore and Briana are staying with Jubilee now in a room where Sue once lived and both are doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances.** There is no heat in this building so she and the Baby must move to a new location - ironically to the old Inasmuch Mama's and Babies home closed by the DPC in 2005. The end of this story has not been written yet. God is obviously not finished with His work here.

A former Inasmuch social worker did an investigation into her family's background and found Flore has a sister, and a half-sister. But both Flore and her sister were born out of wedlock. When she was two years old, Flore's mother married a man who was mentally ill. They had another girl, but Flore's step-father was later put in prison for sexually abusing her half-sister. Her mother now is a homeless beggar near Sibiu and her half-sister is in a state

## Furnace is kaput, please pray

The **wood furnace** in the Girls home was purchased many years ago, but it has outlived it's useful life and it must be replaced. There are now 40 girls (three more added recently) and winter is approaching. Our plan is to connect to a nearby natural gas line and change the wood furnace to gas heat. Since the building is three stories high, this is a major undertaking and the cost is \$22,500 for a furnace, new radiators and the installation of the needed piping. We cannot delay -winter will not wait, so we have already started on the gas line extension to the building. This winter we hope things will be different and the girls will not have to bundle in their beds to eat their meals.

## New Jubilee website

Jubilee badly needed a good communication tool. Jon Schwarz is a young Christian family man and web development expert who volunteered to help provide this as a service to the Lord's work. We hope you like the new format for this newsletter because it looks very much like the new website. You can access the website by going to <http://www.JubileeRomania.org>. Send this newsletter to your friends.

institution. Flore's biological sister still lives near Sibiu and they see each other on holidays. Except for her sister in Sibiu, her entire family and husband have abandoned her. **Flore was led to Christ by Sue Bates while at the Girls Home in Bolintin shortly after her arrival there. Thankfully, she knows her Savior will never leave her or forsake her.**

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