



## Rainbow Center Update

July, 2013

Dear Friends,

We hope you have enjoyed the photos and brief updates from the Rainbow Center, which we've been posting occasionally over the past year. It has been year full of victories, progress and unforgettable experiences for the children and for us as well!

(If you have missed our updates, please take a lot at our website, [www.favor.org.ro](http://www.favor.org.ro) . Also check the photos posted on <https://picasaweb.google.com/paulandeffie> )



As the school year drew to a close, towards the end of June, our team took time to assess the progress made by the children enrolled in the Rainbow Center. It has been remarkable! When the children first came to us, last September, many of them could not read at all - even some kids in the fifth grade! Likewise, most of them were way behind in their math, sixth graders who did not even know the multiplication table. Now (with the exception of one boy, who has a serious learning disability), all of these children are reading at levels varying from acceptable to very well for their age. One fifth-grader who could not read at all and now very much enjoys reading in his free time told us that his greatest wish is to have electricity at home, so that he can read in the evenings.



At least equally important, in our eyes, are the behavioral and attitudinal changes that the Rainbow Center children have made. They are clearly much more positive, kinder to each other, more helpful, neater and cleaner, and more full-of-faith than before attending the Center. They have grown very close to us and each other, and the Center has become their second home.

### **One major obstacle we are now facing at the Rainbow Center is with the water.**

When we set up the Center, we put in a new water system, linking it up to the existing well in the schoolyard. The well had not been used for years. It was also not very deep, as the first water table was not more than five meters under ground. We made a separate concrete enclosure for the new pump, bringing water to both the Rainbow Center and the school next door. At first, the water had a funny taste, so we brought drinking water by hand from a different well about 500 m. away. But after a couple of months, the water from our well was fine.

In May and June we had an unusually heavy rainfall. The water table finally rose almost to ground level. It flooded our pump-house, destroying the pump. Moreover, it seems that new passages were opened under ground, bringing a lot of dirt into the water. Our well and all those nearby at the same level became muddy and unusable. We started traveling a few km each day, carrying large drinking water containers in the car, filling them up slowly at a spring and bringing them back to the Center for drinking, cooking and washing. This has been very time consuming, labor-intensive and difficult.

We've had some experts out to evaluate the water situation and advise us. The consensus is that we will need to dig someplace else, on the other side of the Center. What is needed is not another shallow well, but a deep pipe that reaches down to a layer of clean water. This may be 30, 40 or even 60 meters down, to ensure that we get safe, drinkable water. This is a major project that will require special equipment for the drilling, as well as a new pump, new insulated enclosure and re-doing our pipes leading into the Center and the school. One friend of ours runs a business that specializes in this type of drilling. He is willing to do all the work for cost price. This is a big help, but it will still probably come to \$7000 - 9000, depending on how deep they have to go. We are praying for the finances for this. It's quite urgent, as the work should be completed before the school year starts in mid-September and we resume cooking daily for over 35 people.



Though this water situation presents us with a large, totally unexpected need, we also feel that in the end it will work out for good. God has done so many amazing things with the Rainbow Center, confirming repeatedly that He is in this project and cares about these kids even more than we do! So we are sure that He's got a good reason for allowing this to happen. One foreseeable good is that we should end up with a really good water source, much healthier than what we've been relying on so far, for our dear children.

### ***You can help provide clean water for the children at the Rainbow Center!***

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Spring Valley  
CA 91979-1039

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**Did you know?**

- More than 780 million people lack access to clean water.
- Every 21 seconds a child dies from a water-related disease.
- Women spend 200 million hours a day collecting water.
- None of the children who attend the Rainbow Center have running water in their homes.

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