

*“She extends her hands to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.”*

*Pr 31:20*

Welcome to the

# Lydia's Hands

Program  
of



*Raising an Army of Children and Poor to Bring the Gospel to the Unreached Parts of Romania.*

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*Lydia's Hands*, a ministry of Outstretched Hands of Romania, is a program for women who have a heart for their sisters around the world, a love for children, and who know the importance of discipleship. Reaching children with the gospel of Jesus Christ is at the heart of the **Outstretched Hands (OH)** vision of “*raising an army of children and poor to bring the gospel to the unreached parts of Romania*”. How shall they be reached? The Bible says, “From *childhood* Timothy knew the Holy Scriptures, which made him wise to choose salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” (II Tim 3:15) We seek to teach women and their children as early as possible, redeeming the time, to produce a plentiful harvest for the Lord.

The heart of *Lydia's Hands* has two passions. First, it is to bring the gospel to the unreached children of Romania. Secondly, it is to equip women in Romania to help us (**OH**) reach and train their children. This may not yet be the season to go on a mission trip yourself, but you can nurture children and teach women through *Lydia's Hands*. Whether or not you have children of your own, you can be a spiritual mom for Romanian children now. You can even support *Lydia's Hands* in your women's prayer or Bible study group, working together to impact precious lives in Romania. Women of *Lydia's Hands* can help OH to fulfill God's desire in Romania, reaching children and women with the gospel, through a commitment to prayer and/or a monthly financial gift.

### **How can I pray for you?**

The support of praying women is a powerful tool in the building of strong Christians. We will regularly supply you with emails or newsletters, updating the areas that you and your group can cover with us in prayer.

### **What will my monthly donation be used for?**

Your donations will help support child evangelism and discipleship; discipleship for women; Bibles for women and children; teaching supplies and materials for regular children's and women's meetings; day camps and youth ministry. Unlike other programs that promote individual sponsorship, your participation in this program will impact our entire ministry to women and children!

### **What do I do now?**

- Can you commit to praying for the needs of OH through the *Lydia's Hands* ministry? Let us know on the enclosed partner card.
- Are you available to commit to financial support? Choose an amount of money you can faithfully send as a *Lydia's Hands* member or group.
- Write a check for your 1<sup>st</sup> month's donation to: **Outstretched Hands of Romania**.

\*We are asking for a 1 year commitment. If you prefer, you may give for 3 months or for 1 year in one payment.

\*Consider using your credit card to give online through our website, for both one time and future monthly donations.

\*Visit our website to learn more about our ministry activities, or for questions about online giving, please email us.

- Fill out the *Lydia's Hands* partner card. Place the partner card and your check into the enclosed self-addressed envelope and mail it to **Outstretched Hands of Romania**.
- Place the picture from your sponsorship packet somewhere in your home, as a visible reminder of your commitment to support and pray for the women and children of Romania.

***What should I expect to happen after I've become a part of Lydia's Hands?***

- We will send you regular updates to our prayer request needs via email. If joining as a group, every member can sign up for these updates.
- You will receive a *Lydia's Hands* report with photos every 1-2 months by email, testifying about the work of **Outstretched Hands** with the women and children of Romania that you help.
- After receiving each monthly donation, we will send you a receipt. We will also include an envelope for your next month's donation.
- After 10 months, **OH** will contact you about renewing your commitment for the following year.