

On the Road

WITH JOE SAVAGE



Joe with the Emmanuel House Girls and house parents Marius and Ana.

Hi! Welcome to *On the Road with Joe Savage*, a monthly newsletter published by Roads of Hope!

You are receiving this newsletter because you have been part of my work or ministry at some point and time.

My aim in sending you *On the Road with Joe Savage* is simple. I want you to be inspired – inspired by the stories of some of the most incredible, tenacious orphans in the world today. I want you to know their names, faces, and dreams. I want you to know their hurts and hardships. I want you to celebrate in their triumphs. I pray this publication will serve as a voice for the orphan in distress.

In my serving these past few years on the front lines of orphan care and human trafficking prevention, I have learned countless lessons about God, humanity and life. I will be sharing some of these lessons in my upcoming newsletters, but I warn you – the lessons will alter your life.

On the Road with Joe Savage is not going to be a soft, fluffy, or politically correct publication. Instead, it is going to be real, raw, and sometimes disturbing. Topics such as the enslavement of orphans can never be made to feel good. It is evil. It is wrong. It is sick. It must be exposed for what it is, if it is going to be curtailed. I am convinced that ordinary people like you and me can absolutely prevent some orphans from being trafficked. I know this because we already are doing it!

Thank you for going “on the road” with me. There is no telling what we might encounter along the way, but I am glad you are journeying with me. I can’t wait to share with you next month!

Joe Savage

THE ROADS OF HOPE STORY

In 2014, I led a group of college students on a mission trip to Moldova, the poorest nation in Europe. While on that trip, I was made aware of a horrible, evil crime that was being regularly perpetrated against orphaned girls.

The evil crime was that two out of every three orphaned girls were being sex trafficked after graduating from the state orphanages at the age of 16.

The students and I went to visit the largest orphanage in Moldova that served as “home” to 440+ children. As I looked into the beautiful faces of the 14 and 15 year old girls who soon would be enslaved, something stirred inside of me that screamed, “Do something about this!”

My friend, Jeff Copeland and I began to discuss ways these girls could find a better life. The most logical answer was they needed a safe place to live so they could continue their education, learn about God, and become part of a loving family.

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Neither of us had the time, money, or know-how to start such a venture. What we knew we could do was pray and so pray we did – standing there in the middle of the orphanage with kids playing around us.

“God,” we prayed with a sense of helplessness, “if you want us to have a house for these girls, then you have to provide the house, the house parents, and the girls to live there.”

To my great surprise, three days later we had a house, house parents, and three orphaned girls named Maria, Anna, and Dorina!



Joe Savage took these photos on his initial visit to the state orphanage in 2014. Knowing 4 of the 6 girls in these photos would soon be taken and sold as sex slaves, prompted Joe and Pastor Jeff Copeland to seek ways to counteract these evils. Sadly, most of these girls could not be helped in time and are now most likely dead or still being prostituted daily against their wills.



This photo was taken in 2014 when Joe first met orphans, Dorina (center) and Maria (right). At the time, the girls were sleeping on urine-stained mattresses in below freezing temperatures. Soon after this photo was taken, the girls were given new mattresses and the Emmanuel House was made warm, thanks to the generosity of good people. Today, Dorina calls Joe her father and Maria is in college.

Several of us began sending money to the house parents each month so they could buy the girls warm clothes and food to eat. Soon, more girls began arriving and the “Emmanuel House” became home to 10 orphaned girls. As a result, we formed *Roads of Hope* as a non-profit organization which enabled us to receive and send money.

With the support of many of you, today we care for 40+ orphans living in five different homes scattered across Moldova. We also have hosted 46 orphans from Ukraine to the United States and many of the children have or are being adopted. Thankfully, we have also been able to provide warm coats, shoes, medicine, and other necessities to orphans as needed and we have been able to rescue a few kids that had been taken.



Nineteen orphans from Ukraine arrived on July 4th to be part of our hosting program. In this photo, the children pose with their host families at the Mobile, Alabama airport.

WINTER IS COMING!

Will you consider giving a special gift today so that we can purchase wood and coal to keep our five orphan homes warm? We need \$1,850 per home. *Any amount will help!*

Every day I wake up with one goal in mind: Prevent the trafficking of orphaned children by providing them with opportunities to have a better life through the help of good people. You are those good people! Let's save more orphans!



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