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COMMUNICATION – THE PATH TO SUCCESS

Communication--How important is it and why we need it? This is the topic that was covered at our meeting.

It was not a random; it was one of our purposes. The main reason we decided to talk about this is the lack of communication that our students suffer from. Probably it is not an issue only for them, but an issue for more of us. Living in a world full of technical gadgets, people forget to communicate orally; they do not have the habit of speaking face to face and having a good eye



contact. They do not take into consideration that the body language and voice tonality play a significant role and may have a greater impact on the listener.

Another reason of choosing this topic was to help our students to communicate avoiding fear, uncertainty, and trouble expressing what they think and feel. It is known that the process of communicating with others begins at birth and continues to develop throughout life. The way parents and school communicate with children plays a decisive role in building up their personality. Statistics shows that children who come from good families communicate better, more easily and effectively. As you know, the majority of our students come from orphanages where there is not a big chance of developing communication, then to be able to display one's personality. I've been working with students like these for more years and I realize that they are capable, smart, ingenious, but this is not noticed because they can't communicate.

Communication is an obstacle that inhibits their progress to make a successful life and to get a decent job. Why shouldn't we give them a chance to develop this skill now? They are not 2 or 8 years old, they are much older but it's better late than never. In fact, we have always attempted to

give them a chance to speak, to ask, to argue, but not all of them have fully taken advantage of. Some are still like in school, hiding behind the classmate's back when the teacher asks.

That is why, this time I decided to have the role of a teacher and ask everybody, especially those who try to hide. I began the meeting with the question: *How important is communication and why do we need it?* Some were more open to express their opinions on this, others less. Then little by little I offered the chance to everybody to talk about this and their summer holidays and experience. It was a slight transition and they didn't realize that the aim was to make them speak to the audience, capturing its attention and connecting with them. Some were better, some less, but the first objective was achieved – they communicated. The next step, which is to communicate fluently and effectively, will be developed throughout our next meetings. The topic proposed for next meeting is: *How important is religion and should it be taught in school?* The speaker will be our student: Maxim Cojevnicov. We hope to have fruitful results.

By the end we mentioned that this was the first step in a good communication. A step which is important for everyone, for children and adults; a tool we need to go to school, to apply for a job, to make friends, to defend oneself and one's ideas, to maintain good interpersonal relationships etc. and finally to become more successful.

Due to the communication we had, we found out how our students spent their holidays, what experiences they have gained and what progresses they have made. The activities were various, but all of them important.

Oxana Gutu, who is a student at the College of Music "Stefan Neaga" was invited this summer in Singeorz-Bai, Romania. The town celebrated its party and she was asked to perform on this occasion.

Elena Croitoru was also in Romania where she had a 2 week internship in tourism. It was a wonderful experience, which unfortunately was followed by a stressful, but quite necessary one. She worked as a volunteer with the Romanian Red Cross and helped the people whose relatives were the victims of the shipwrecked that took place in Bulgaria the summer of 2011.

Ion Terna participated in a weightlifting competition held in Romania. He was successful and won fifth place.

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Three new students entered our program. One more sponsor joined our program. We welcome all of them and thank the sponsor for the generous decision.

We still have students who need our assistance, but we do not have sponsors. Any suggestion, any donation is highly appreciated. **HELP AND YOU WILL BE HELPED, TOO.**

Natalia needs our help:

I am 22 and I'd like to tell you my life's story, which sometimes seems to be meaningless; however, I have never stopped hoping that one day things will change and I'll become another person with another destiny.

I was born in an unhappy family. I'm saying this because I didn't have the chance to enjoy my childhood together with my parents, even if I have both of them. My father has always been an aggressive person, especially if he consumes alcohol. I have had a lot of traumas because of him. And it wasn't only me who suffered; the whole family did.

Sometimes, I feel like these traumas will always affect me. I can't forget my past and all the unfortunate events in my life make a movie that continues to be shot in my mind. So, probably you understand that I was mentally abused and the consequences seriously influence my personality. I suffer from anxiety, which disconnects me from the world, from people, from everything that surrounds me.

I'm a student in the 4th year at the Pedagogical University. I'm trying my best to graduate from the university, but it's very, very difficult especially from the financial point of view. My biggest ambition at the moment is to graduate and then take my master degree, because I want to become a professional psychologist and psychotherapist. I have always hoped to be able to help people and improve somehow their lives, so that they could live better than I do. It is well known that we are not to be blamed for what happens among us, people, but the problem is in our ignorance and in our fear of knowing and accepting the truth.

Writing this letter, I do hope that people will understand me and will offer their assistance which I need so much to be able to graduate and achieve my dream.

Thank you very much for your consideration!