

a day with
Daddy

You can be a better father too!

An educational programme approved by the Romanian National Prisons Administration and awarded 25 credits.

What is A day with Daddy?



A DAY WITH DADDY is a programme for the reintegration of prisoners, by applying and consolidating Christian values, involving their children as a strong motivating factor in this process.

The programme consists of **14** weekly meetings inside the prison and **4** workshops outside the prison, which include the prisoners' families.

"This programme showed me that, together with God, there is always a new beginning."

M.D.



Why A day with Daddy?



- Trauma produced by separation
- Emotional and behavioural disorders
- Fathers' roles taken over by others
- Reduced material resources
- Lower standard of life
- Prisoners' interests during incarceration
- Process of re-adaptation after release

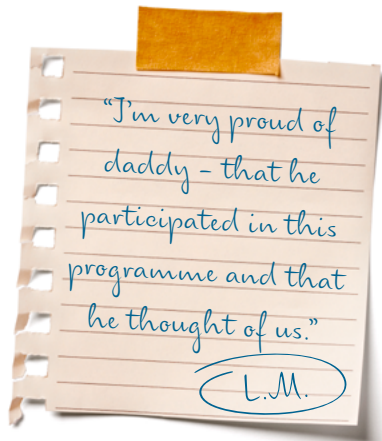


Motivational course



SMALL GROUPS OF MEN who are incarcerated – between 12 and 15 per group – meet weekly for 4 months for a motivational theoretical study based

on the **“Principle Potential”** book by Ed. Cole, followed by the opportunity to apply the principles learned in the course, in the **4** meetings with families outside the prison.



Relationships



MAKING THINGS WITH DADDY is a meeting where prisoners do craft activities together with their children.

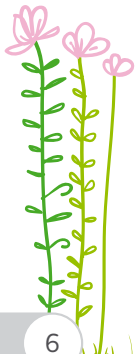
The time spent together, working towards a common goal, significantly contributes to strengthening relationships and promoting authentic communication.





GOING TO A SHOW WITH DADDY is a cultural educational meeting in which prisoners watch a show or an educational film together with their children.

After the show, families discuss together the life principles presented.



Helping others



WE CARE is a humanitarian activity in which prisoners, together with their children, serve disadvantaged families, or special needs in the community, learning and experiencing together the importance of helping others – and the fulfilment that comes from serving.

"At the close of this programme, I'm left with gratitude in my soul for the meetings we had together with our loved ones. I learned a lot about love for others and trust in God."

P.G.



Outing



GOING ON AN OUTING WITH DADDY is a practical workshop for bringing prisoners closer to their families, in a relaxed context in nature. It is the final activity of the project.



Results



"I enjoyed the meetings with my family and the meetings in the prison. I feel like a new-born person through this programme. I'm glad that I'm beginning to find my faith again and walk on a better way."

A.A.

"After I am released, I want to get involved in serving prisoners. I have seen changes in those who have participated. Some of them have even saved their marriages through this course." T.B.

"I have seen a change for the better in my husband. He is much more attentive to us and to the values which are really important: family, relationships between us, communication, respect..." B.D.

"I have learned to trust in God and His Word, to confront my fears and keep on going." A.M.

What people are saying about the programme



This is a programme which changes lives. The behaviour of the inmates has changed: relationships between the inmates, between inmates and guards, but especially between inmates and their families.

The things some of the children have said are very touching: “Up until today, dad never played with me even once, but today he made me happy. I love my daddy very much.”

Ioana Iuga, Director of Satu Mare Prison

*In a moment which is often defined, historically, socially and culturally, as a moment of crisis in the family, we find the “**A day with daddy**” programme to be admirable, an excellent opportunity to redefine the family role of a father in the spirit of Christian traditions. It unites people through its ecumenical spirit, and makes individuals responsible, in conformity with their social destiny.*

*We want to appreciate our partner The Christian Men’s Association, whose contribution through the “**A day with daddy**” programme is acknowledged and reflected upon as an example of good practice, through the whole prison system.*

Ioana Morar, Director of Social Integration
Cristian Sven Petrescu, Social Integration
Romanian National Prisons Administration, Bucharest





“A DAY WITH DADDY” is a project which I appreciated right from the beginning, for its profound human and Christian potential, because it maintains or develops family relationships, and makes prisoners more responsible.”

Dr. Ioan Bala, Director of Timisoara prison

We would like to thank everyone involved in running the **A DAY WITH DADDY** programme.

We are grateful to our good God for giving us the strength to work, and for changed lives, and we pray that He will provide human and material resources for the development of the project both in Romania and abroad.

Join us, because **“for a change for the better, it is you that matters!”**

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The “**A DAY WITH DADDY**” project is an initiative of the **Christian Men’s Association (ABC)**, and is applied in the prison system in the whole of Romania and in the Republic of Moldova.

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