

# THE GYPSY GAL

## On mission with God

### Experiences . . .

Busy...that's the best way to describe the last month. The first 8 days I was still in NJ enjoying family. My sister Alice, friend Hannah and I ventured into NYC for a day - fun but VERY windy at the end. Then there was skating with my sister Becky and niece and nephew, visiting with some gals from my home church and other friends. Then back to CO and WINTER!!! Yes, I love snow! Okay, not shoveling it for hours on end at work to make paths but to play in! We hit the ground running with finishing a deep clean at Lodge (carpet cleaning!) and doing regular turns after groups. While the full time staff was away I continued to clean and now I am with the Carichner Kids (that I watched in the summer) for a week as there dad leads a trip. On off days I have tried to get out and snowshoe--with hopes of another winter ascent of a 14ner--why I do this to myself, I don't know...my joints are wondering as well! But the pictures are pretty awesome! We also had a special night to make valentines with some of our girls from AWANA - so fun!!!



### Blessed beyond measure . . .

*"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."*

Luke 6:38

There are moments in our lives when verses that we have known forever suddenly become alive. I had one of those moments this month. I finally finished all my paperwork for Global Grace...including the budget for my time in Romania. I figured out through past living amounts that I need \$1,500 a month to come in as support - yet I never sat down and crunched the numbers including taxes, an IRA and S.S. + Medicare expenses. I finally put all the numbers into the excel sheet and held my breath as I scrolled down to the total.....exactly \$1,500. WOW!!! God is good and I could finally breathe again!!! That night at AWANA my pastors wife handed me an anonymous envelope from someone that wanted to support me. I stuck it in my bag and started helping with the kids. Later that evening at home I was talking with my sister about a friend fighting cancer and how God has been providing for Him and his family. Suddenly I remembered the envelope, and as I opened it, I began to cry as I counted ten crisp \$100 bills!!! Overwhelmed by the timing and God's goodness I sat there speechless...humbled by another's generosity. *"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:19

Day by day I see God working and providing - it is amazing! I often think, here I am, on the side of a mountain, doing laundry, cleaning toilets or carpet steaming, how will I raise the funds needed? By being faithful in service and trusting God. Can it really be that simple? Yes, it really can be and it is. So, how am I doing you might ask...I'm better than I deserve and truly blessed beyond measure!!! How about you? Is there something that you need to trust God with in your life? Give it to Him, and continue faithfully right where He has you and trust Him today.

*"O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him. O fear the LORD, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him."*

Psalm 34:8-9

*"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender words I hear;  
And resting in His goodness, I lose my doubt and fear.  
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*