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ROTARIAN ACTION GRUP OF DENTAL VOLUNTEERS

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Overland for smile®



IVECO Daily Combi



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Overland for Smile is a totally non-profit traveling humanitarian project aimed at providing concrete help for the dental health of children living in orphanages in eastern Europe. Participating Dentists Doctors, Dentists, dental hygienists and assistants to the chair. The challenge is to overcome the fear and distrust of children accommodated in them and win their confidence because they allow to be treated.

Overland was founded in 1995 from an idea of Beppe Tenti, who, in close collaboration with Iveco house, carried out a project divided into six shipments with the purposes of reaching, entirely by land, around the world by means of specially designed trucks, built and equipped in a modern reinterpretation of the journeys of explorers who over the centuries have traveled every corner of the globe to discover and describe it.

The Board members are professionals who share a passion for traveling and volunteering and characterized by being non-political, non-partisan and non-denominational:

- **Dr. Grossi Lionello** - President
- **Ms. Cinzia Prazzoli** - Vice President
- **Dr. Roberto Cristofanini** - Clinical Director

This project was carried out with the now famous 4 orange off-road Iveco vehicles, which over 6 years have crossed the most inaccessible lands of 121 countries covering 1.5 million km, in cooperation with UNICEF for the protection of children's rights.

The humanitarian project involved Dentist Doctors, Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Assistants to the chair that freely decided to spend part of their time to take care of institutionalized children. Health professionals are assisted by Romanian translators to facilitate the conduct of the work.



ORGANIZATION

The mission is divided into weekly modules from Saturday to Saturday. Participants are required availability for a week and is referred to the closest airport, according to the city hosting the caravan. Operators claim at its own expense the cost of the flight and the accommodation, Overland for smile[®] provides meals, the logistics of daily transport-hotel and hotel-orphanage as weekly to and from the airports, as well as ongoing support to all levels, including the valuable support of 2 translators constantly present.

Each weekly team consists of Doctors Dentists, Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Assistants to the chair, who are instructed by a briefing, about the manner of performing the demanding work of 'stomatology "mission." The medical profession must also provide the Romanian government documents attesting to their professional qualification. The work begins in the morning with transfer hotel-orphanage and continues until evening. Generally lunch is taken at the refectory of the host structure, often in two rounds, in order not to interrupt the clinical activity in the vehicle mother. Dinner is organized by Overland for Smile[®] in restaurants and then return all at the same hotel for overnight stay.



The mission Overland[®] for smile uses four vehicles: three **IVECO Daily Combi** trucks functioning as a shuttle service to transport operators and one heavy **IVECO Eurocargo** 4x2 set up for a modern dental office with 3 chairs and 3 operating lights. The vehicle is equipped with the most modern instruments and provides dental and health professionals high quality materials in order to allow the provision of benefits equal to the higher of European standards.





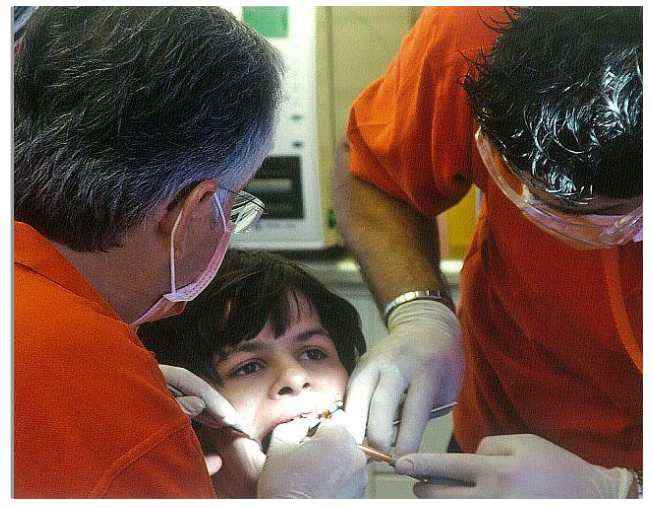
Overland for smile® aims to provide free dentistry services to minors interned in many orphanages in the Eastern European countries, that in no other way could have access to such care.

Generally the aim is to clear the urgent issues and to raise significantly functional performance and aesthetics, in order to give back to young patients a state of health of the oral cavity together with an improved perception of themselves. There are three main purposes: CARE, PREVENTION, CULTURAL EXCHANGE.

The first objective is CURE the most common dental disease, with performance in Oral Health, Restorative, Endodontics, Oral Surgery, Exodontia.

The second objective is to work through PREVENTION lessons of oral hygiene and pathophysiology, in order to give the children the importance of having healthy teeth and provide the basics for achieving and maintaining a good level of health of the oral cavity.

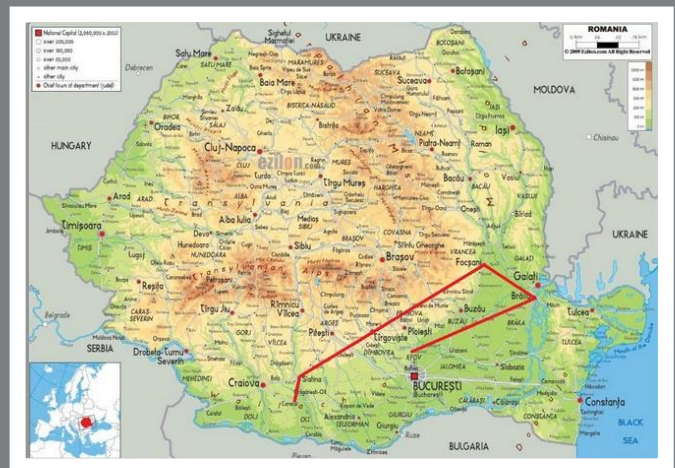
The third objective is cultural exchange, both between volunteer operators coming from different Italian regions, and between these and dentists and local university students.



Dr. Paolo Agostinacchio

Itinerant humanitarian campaign "Overland for Smile - Smile of a Child" - extensive program of free dental care for institutionalized children in Eastern Europe, is in Romania for the eighth consecutive year.

Children over 6 years old, protected within the Department for Social Assistance and Child Protection (DGASPC) will receive information and dental care provided by Italian volunteer dentists at the mobile clinic caravan of Humanitarian Association "Overland for Smile". In the 7 years since coming to Romania, Italian volunteers cured over 10,000 children in over 25,000 interventions.





About RAGDV

The **Rotarian Action Group of Dental Volunteers** operates in accordance with **Rotary International** policy but is not an agency of, or controlled by Rotary International.

Are you a Rotary dental volunteer?

Share your experience, and give details as to how others may participate.

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