

NEWS FROM AURORA CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, VULCAN, ROMANIA – December 2020

Praise Points:

- * Provision of finances for the running of ACA in Romania
- * Provision of school uniforms to be able to assist so many children, and in another village too
- * Further renovations at the ACA base in Vulcan
- * Protection of ACA workers and our friends in and around Vulcan during this crisis
- * Continued progress on the building project at Meralina's & Mariana's
- * We thank God for everyone of you who supports this work in Romania

Prayer Points:

- * Pray for protection during this time with the Coronavirus and to enable people to stand against fear
- * For the churches—that they would have opportunities to share the gospel at this time
- * Pray for good health and safety for Jo during her pregnancy (due date is the end of December)
- * Bill & Sue as they plan to visit Romania for 4 weeks from 27th December
- * Pray for Irene as she is at home in the UK, planning to return in January
- * Provision of finances for on-going sponsorship, school books & medical

Thank you once again for all your support.

May we take this opportunity to pray God's blessing on you all at this special time of year. Even though 2020 has been a difficult year for many, we remember God's precious gift to us all, His Son Jesus.

The Saviour of the world.

Malcolm, Paul, Anna & Irene

"Fill the earth with songs of gratitude" C Spurgeon

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'I the LORD do not change' Malachi 3:6a
'The LORD has established His Throne in heaven,
and His Kingdom rules over all' Psalm 103:19

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There are so many encouraging verses in scripture to reassure us that God is on His Throne and He is in control, I've chosen just 2! What a comfort in these uncertain and strange days, that we have a God who foresaw 2020. We pray that God will work in all our lives during this time, as we have to navigate our way through finding new ways of meeting people or doing things that were once second nature to us. We have had to adjust the way we're running the charity, both in the UK and in Romania. We would like to give you a brief update, and say thank you once again for your prayers, love & support of this work in Romania.

We were able to send a lorry of aid to Vulcan in September. This was only the 2nd lorry this year.



Because the canteen is closed, ACA have been able to distribute food bags to those families in need. Food bags were also delivered to old people who live up in the hills. ⇐



We are so thankful that the annual Christmas Shoebox donation from Blythswood Care went ahead, and the shoeboxes have arrived in time to be delivered before Christmas.

These simple gifts are so gratefully received, by children, adults and old people alike, and are a



means for our workers to show God's love to those who receive. A massive thank you to all who are involved in collecting, packing, sorting, donating finance for transport & loading these shoeboxes. All are volunteers and we are so grateful.

The Kindergartens did re-open for a time, but have now been forced to close again with tightening restrictions. Miki has been able to send work home for the children to complete, and carry on with their studies.



⇐Kindergarten children with their 'home work'

Thank you to everyone who has been buying and sending school uniforms throughout the year. This is sent to Romania and then stored in the container sent from Australia, which is a great dry storage space. The uniforms are then given out in September, along



with other school items (shoes, backpacks, pens etc). This year ACA were able to help children in another poor village called Fisher. This was through a contact of Nelu & Miki. They were all so grateful, and looked so smart. This is an on-going project and we collect and send school items all year round.



Some great news is that the 2 building projects haven't been hampered by covid-19!

After what seems like an age, trying to get paperwork sorted and in order for Meralina, on one visit Nelu was shocked to see that her 'son-in-law' had started to lay bricks on the foundation! ⇐ It was decided (in consultation with the donors) that ACA would use the money given specifically for this build project to help finish the blocks and get the roof on. comes. (top picture).

The roof at Mariana's build is also going on (bottom picture). Nelu hopes to get both buildings water tight before the snow.

On-going Needs:

- Household size packets or tins of food
- Babies, children's, and teens clothes
- Baby milk powder, baby bottles, dummies, sudocream, calpol, teething gel,
- Soup or cereal bowls, large plates, mugs, cutlery
- Good saucepans, NOT too small
- Prams, Buggies, Cots
- School Requisites
- School Uniforms
- School Shoes (sizes 10-7)
- Simple Medicines (Paracetamol & Ibuprofen)
- Sponsorship (canteen, workers, school bus money etc)
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, hand cream, toothpaste)