

ACA UPDATE

VULCAN, ROMANIA, APRIL-MAY 2010

“what is man that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You visit him?” Psalm 8.

Many greetings to you all in Jesus' name. Thank you to every one who has contributed so generously through prayer, giving and practical help to the Lord's work in Romania. Without you working with us, we could not do all that the Lord has given us to do in these days. He is truly faithful, and is working continually through His Body here in the earth.

It is so good to be able to report that the work is really beginning to bear fruit spiritually in these days in Vulcan village. May Jesus have all the glory!!



Malcolm with aid received in the barn at Rora, and the ladies in the canteen using the sponge mix from 3663, and beans from HISFood.



We again sent a truck load of aid at the end of April. Thank you so much **Richard** for all your help, and all the wonderful tins of beans (from HIS Food), also **3663** for all the food coming regularly for the canteen. All this enables us to continue feeding 80 -100 children daily. Thank you **Bernard** for all your hard work with the bikes, and **Heatree House** for the mattresses and duvets. Thank you too **Reg**, for all you find for us when we need it!! Not to mention all those who contribute finance, clothes, furniture, household goods and medical items (especially incontinence pads). We do praise God for you all.

Food is still number one priority, as so many cannot now afford even a loaf of bread daily let alone anything to put on it.

The Baptist Church that we attend is growing rapidly as more and more gypsies are beginning to seek the Lord. Our greatest joy is that most are young couples who really want their children to grow up in a Christian family environment and hold real Christian beliefs. Almost weekly there is someone else who commits himself/herself to the Lord. Praise His name.

Kindergarten numbers are at their highest level ever with a long waiting list for September. Even the local school now accepts the ACA kindergarten as an entrance into State school, as children coming through ACA do better than those coming from the State kindergarten.

The Gypsy School numbers increase and there are at least three more children that we want to take in September. This will bring the total to twelve children between the ages of 8 and 16 years. In a years time we will have to cream off the older ones and we are trusting that by then we will be able to start some kind of 'workshop training' for their future. Please pray with us about this.

In September we are starting an after school Homework Club. A young teacher from the State school, who 'happens' to be gypsy, has offered her services voluntarily, after school hours. She will help any children who need help with their homework, three afternoons a week for two hours. This is a wonderful provision, as so many have no conditions at home where they can work, or have parents who cannot read or write.

Cozmina who has the heart problem has been helped as far as possible for now, and has medication until the next step is taken. The whole family there have now got prescriptions for glasses as all their eyes are very bad. The little one, **Melisa**, will go blind if her sight is not corrected now.

Sebi and Leta's house now has the roof on it, and they are so very grateful. Thank you so much to all who have helped in this project, especially the lady in Norway who contributed recently to the roof. The next stage will be the floor, doors and windows and then ceiling and plastering. We believe God will be our supply and we will be able to get them into at least one room before winter.

There are many others living in dire conditions in the gypsy village who desperately need help with repairs or small building projects, as whole large families live in one badly built room. Usually these are made of clay and straw (wattle), with no insulation for the very cold winters (-34C at one time earlier this year). We know though, that at the right time, God will supply for all those that He lays on our hearts.

Cornel is still struggling on without a pension, but we help him as we are able with food and a little money for wood etc.

Here we want to bring to you a real dire need for help. And maybe a regular sponsor if anyone feels it on their hearts.



Ancuta and her family

Ancuta is the young widow of 25 whose husband died in an epileptic fit 18 months ago. She has 4 children, 2 boys of school age and 2 little girls. She has no pension (no such thing for those who have not had jobs), and lives solely on the family allowance of £8.00 per child per month. This has to cover food, wood, electricity – lights only (they have an electric meter left from the late father-in-law) and medical costs (the 3rd child Gabi, has many physical problems). So of course she cannot manage and has a large debt at the shop, so cannot even buy bread daily now till she has paid her debt. She is a very sweet girl, who although she has made some grave mistakes in her grief, really wants to keep her children and give them a chance. If she cannot be helped regularly the State will take away the children, which would be tragic.

When all this is seen it is very hard to believe that this country of Romania is in the EUROPEAN UNION!!

We will again be in Romania from June 3rd and plan longer trips in the future if possible.

Every blessing in the name of our precious Lord Jesus who is coming soon.

Malcolm, Christine, Paul and Anna.

Ongoing needs

Bottles dummies, children's and baby clothes (NOT ladies at present please)

Mattresses, bedding, (no more knitted blankets at present please)

Bicycles, shoes, rucksacks, crayons, felt pens, exercise books for September school

An electric mixer and/or an electric hand mixer for the canteen

Large saucepans for families for soup (regular daily food)