

INTERIM URGENT NEWS FROM AURORA CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, VULCAN, ROMANIA – FEBRUARY 2011

It's a sad situation, BUT GOD!! He is able to do abundantly **ABOVE** all we ask or think. Our trust is in Him.

May we all praise God daily that we have so much, and realize how rich we are compared to so many.

Our fondest love in Jesus to you all and again thank you
Malcolm, Christine, Paul and Anna.

PS

Malcolm is at present at Rora waiting for a triple by-pass operation, we don't have a date yet. Paul and Anna have just returned from a visit to Romania and Christine is still in Romania until 23rd March.

Our next trip for 6 weeks will be at the beginning of June, God willing.

Please pray:

For all the new Christians (and the ones seriously seeking the Lord) and for the persecution they will face in the village - Ionut & Miheala / Sebi & Leta / Alexandra & Razvan / Ionela / Piersida / Dan & Nicoleta

For those who do not have enough money for essentials to eat, e.g. bread and for wood to keep them warm

For wisdom (especially for Christine) as she is faced with so many desperate needs. Pray also for discernment

For righteous officials and doctors etc that they would not exploit the poor

Thank God that:

Many people are seeking God as their lives become more desperate, pray that they would truly know Him as Lord and Saviour of their lives

God supplies all the necessary needs

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We have been constrained to write another short newsletter because of the terrible need of the people we work with in Romania.

We want to thank you **SO** much once again for all your generous help, but we covet your prayers more and more in these days, for all who suffer here, and cannot help themselves.

To write fully would take too long, and still we could not cover all the needs that arise daily. New laws and future State plans just serve to make things much worse for the poor and impossible for the poorest.

All supplementary help has been stopped (such as it is, under £5.00 a month per child) for the whole family if just one of the children does not go to school. Many cannot go to school because they have no shoes, coats, uniform, books, or money for all the extras that are required by the teachers.

Others are not allowed to attend any more because they have been made to stay down twice in the same class at the end of the year. For some it is just that they cannot learn easily, or do homework, because parents cannot read or write, or there is no electricity in the house. Even more cannot now go to school because if they miss more than 11 days in one term the family will lose the child allowance for them, and thus cannot afford to send them to school.

There is no recourse anywhere for these people, especially if they have little or no education and no one to help them. They are excluded from society. It is true that many lie, deceive, drink and have no idea how to live, but there are also just as many that want to change and have a better lifestyle for their children, but find it impossible in the present circumstances. Only the Lord Jesus Christ by His Spirit, and the love of God, will be able to accomplish all that we desire for them. There are also many positives in all this, as when we love and help them in their time of desperation, their hearts are opened to the Lord, and the way of salvation can be easily shared. Many are coming to the Lord in these days and lives are changing, for which we praise God, but there is much still to do.

Firstly we want to tell you about Delia and her husband Victorel. Delia watched her sister being stabbed and killed by the sister's husband about 6 years ago and afterwards suffered terrible satanic attacks of depression. She then suffered a dangerous pregnancy and nearly lost her life. Soon after this, Victorel had a severe heart attack when only 39 years old and was unable to return to work. He is still a very sick man. Delia is now pregnant again, is unwell and because she cannot afford a scan or tests stayed 2 weeks in the hospital, having been taken in by ambulance, and received no attention or treatment at all.





They have 4 girls aged from 16 down to 5 and all are frail because of lack of food and medical treatment. They live in one room with nothing but 2 old beds, a table, a wardrobe and a stove. At present they have no money and recently came asking for help for bread (one loaf costs about 60p) as had not eaten for 2 days. Victorel gets a

small pension (£70 a month) which just covers the cost of his medicines, which he needs to stay alive, and because the eldest girl does not go to school the family receive a total of only £24 a month income. Life is now impossible for them. They have a small plot of land behind their house which could be built on, and in the future we plan to help them with construction. Delia is Sebi's sister and Sebi and Leta's new house is next door.

Another family in great need is a family with six boys aged from 20 down to 4 years old. Mihaela and Laurentiu also live in one room with only 2 beds, and neither of them can get a job even though both of them are schooled. They all work with 'daily' work as they

are able, but in the winter there is no chance, as Romania is frozen for many months, with temperatures down to -34C, and often much snow. Four of the younger children come to the canteen daily and absolutely 'gobble' up their food with second helpings (they are big boys). That is the only meal they get in a day. They too desperately need a new room added to their existing 'house' as where they live is made of 'wattle' (mud, wood and straw) and is falling in around them.

Laurentiu & Mihaela's 'house'



We also find ourselves in the middle of a very grave situation. A young couple, Ionut and Miheala who were recently saved, and have 2 small children, live in a hut on his fathers land. The father is certified with mental problems, and is always drunk. He is very dangerous and walks around with an axe in his hand, sending everybody in the street into their homes. He was hospitalised and has served 4 years in prison for stealing (always needing money for drink). Even the police are afraid of him. He is now demanding that Ionut buy the land from him, (he wants the money) or he will knock down their house and kill them. There seems to be no recourse as until something happens the law will not intervene. The family

have to run away when he is in the yard, (his house is in another street) because he is so threatening and his language so appalling that they are all afraid of him. His routine is regular, steal wood from the forest, sell it, drink the money, threaten Ionut and Miheala, then sleep for 24 hours. The only time they have peace is when he is asleep, stone drunk. All his children are afraid of him, and have left the family home. His wife who was a Christian, died of cancer in Oct 2009, having suffered this abuse all her married life. We ask you to pray that we would have wisdom as to how to help this lovely young couple. It has been considered that they leave their one roomed hut, and try to find somewhere else to live, but if they do this, he will just demolish the house immediately, which Ionut has built himself. It would be possible to buy the land legally, as the father wants the money (NOW!), but we need the word of the Lord. We covet your prayers, and any advise you might have. This family are constantly under extreme emotional pressure, and this is on top of the fact that recently Ionut was seriously ill and as a result lost his job, and they have no income.



Ionut & Miheala's house and yard are in the background.