

**NEWS FROM
AURORA CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,
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Another project that we have started is teaching 8 ladies from the gypsy village to read and write in Romanian. This so far has proved very successful and encouraging, but it is time consuming

We also want to quickly mention Ezmeralda, who is 12 years old. She is being brought up by a 'father' who is not her biological father, but who really loves and cares for her. Her mother was a prostitute in Poland and came home pregnant, gave birth to Ezmeralda and took off again, leaving the baby with her partner, by whom she had already had 4 other children. Ian took the child and cared for her, but she has never been to school, and they are extremely poor. We will take Ezmeralda into the gypsy school which will start again in September. She has very badly crossed eyes which we think could be properly treated if finance were available. Again we will help as we can.



Again it is a deteriorating situation, but in it all, we are seeing the hand of our amazing God who will fulfil ALL His promises. Our trust is in Him alone,
Thank you again for all your ongoing prayers and help. We are indeed ONE in the purposes of God in these difficult days.

**Our deep love to you all in Jesus precious name,
Malcolm, Christine, Paul and Anna.**

Please pray:

- * **Ionuti and Mihaela's situation with the land** belonging to the drunken, mentally unstable father remains the same, and we are still seeking God for deliverance for them (as mentioned in Feb 2011 newsletter)
- * Malcolm has his triple by-pass operation date – 12th May, Please pray for him.
- * Christine's next trip will be as soon as possible after Malcolm's recovery, hopefully by the middle of June.

On-Going Needs:

Children's and babies clothes, Small women's' and men's' clothes. Good bedding,
Baby Bottles, teats, felt pens, pencils note books etc.
Bicycles, prams, buggies, Beds, mattresses. Food

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“And I will come near you for judgement; I will be a swift witness.....against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans” Malachi 3 v.5

“ Indeed the wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth” James 5 v.4.

Since we last wrote our interim letter in February, much has happened. There have been many changes, heartaches, sicknesses and deaths, and more and more are suffering from extreme hunger and disabling poverty.

The long winter has made things worse, as even up till mid March there was deep snow and temperatures down to -10C. This meant that many needed more wood for fires, but couldn't have it as there was no money, hence no warmth or cooked food. In most homes in the gypsy village there is now NO food, as every family has enormous debts at the little shops and the owners have now confiscated identity cards as guarantees. This in turn means that these families can do nothing or receive nothing without their identity cards.

We want to again thank you so much for your generous support and constant love and prayers for these dear people, who make up part of the European Union. We can only do what God enables us to do by His grace, and with your help, but we do it with love and in faith that God will indeed use each gift and deed for His glory. May God bless you all richly in these last days of time, Jesus will come again soon, all the Biblical signs are being fulfilled so rapidly now and we must 'work while it is still day, for the night is coming when no man can work'.

Since last writing there has been another large rise in petrol prices and consequently much unrest with the rapid rise in price of all foodstuffs and commodities. Bread has now risen to the equivalent of 75p a loaf, and salaries remain the same, or less, at an average of £120 a month. [Many in our area of work only bring home £80 or £90 a month.]

In the church there is very good news, as many are responding to the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. On April 10th, there was a baptism when 8 souls were baptized, 2 Romanians and 6 gypsies, all 'born again' right out of the 'world', and now living transformed lives. It is wonderful, rejoice with us. We were sorry not to be there to witness this great event. There are also at least another 4 who have committed their lives to the Lord Jesus, and accepted Him as their Saviour, who are just waiting God's time for baptism, and many more who are seriously seeking the Lord in their lives. Desperation and no hope, makes 'man' seek **real** answers to life. May it be something we will begin to see here in our own country as things get steadily worse. God is our only hope.

Again in this letter we want to tell you about another three families who are in desperate need.

The first is Piersida, who is a single 'mum'

with 6 of her 9 children still at home. She has boys of 14, 6, 5, and girls of 10, 9, 3 years old. She also has the care of her granddaughter who is 4. They live in one small room, subdivided with a partition, and have 'nothing'. We were able to help her a little by giving her three metal beds and mattresses, a table, cabinet and a metal filing cabinet [which the gypsies love as the rats can't get into them] all of which we had received on the 'aid' lorry. We took all these things up to the village with a horse and cart, only to be met by a drunken man behind the house wielding an axe. He stole a box in front of our noses, but then thankfully only shouted and raved at a distance, while we cleared the house. The beds we took out were extremely old and heavy and they all fell to pieces when moved, and the mattresses [such as they were] were sodden right through. We swept up as much as we could, put all bedding etc out for burning and installed the 'new' beds, made them up and sorted out who would sleep where. Timi [the eldest boy] now has his own bed, the two eldest girls will share, then the three youngest children will be in the third bed, while granddaughter, Andreea, will continue to sleep with Piersida, her grandma on a very dilapidated chair bed the other side of the partition. The joy on the faces of all the children was a delight to see, as they climbed on their 'new' beds. We were also enabled to mend the chimney on the stove to stop the fumes, and hopefully soon we will be able to supply emulsion paint and a wooden floor as well as a few real essentials to make Piersida's life a little easier. She had no dustpan, brush, bucket or baby bath [to wash her children in] and hardly any pans or cups, bowls or cutlery. Of course there are no other 'mod cons' at all up there in the gypsy village; no electricity, no water, no toilets and mud everywhere as the snow melts on the unmade tracks, so life is very difficult. Piersida is the Lord's now though, and is learning to trust God for all her needs.



She knows that we can only help as God helps us! She had an extremely bad reputation in the village before coming to Jesus, but she has now been transformed by the love and grace of God. She is a changed being on the inside, and is waiting to be baptized. Her desire is just to go on loving Jesus and to bring up her children in the fear and love of God. We praise His wonderful name, may He have all the glory.

Another family so much on our hearts are Mihaela and Nicolaie, and their 5 children. They have 4 children together and Mihaela has another older son, who was born when she was 14. The boys are 10, 8 and 7 and then there is a severely mentally and physically handicapped little girl of 4 who also has a very bad heart. No treatment can be afforded for this child, and she is terrified of going outside their hut, and of strangers. She cannot walk, talk or eat properly, and I think has many other physical infirmities. There is also a normal new baby girl, very small, but we trust reasonably healthy to this point. Mihaela is a thin young scrap of a mother, with many health problems and this family desperately need help and support. Nicolaie cannot get a job and they live in abject poverty with nothing. We will help them in the future as we can.



Our third desperate need is for Cornel, the brother who has been twice to Rora in the last years. We helped him build a small one roomed house when he remarried and went back to Romania, over two years ago. This house was never finished to a reasonable standard due to lack of finance [building costs in Romania are the same as in UK]. Last winter it was so cold inside the house that Cornel's toe nails fell off and his wife Lenuta was in hospital for 6 weeks. We managed to renew his windows with second hand double glazed units this winter, as some boys had vandalized his windows and broken all the glass. There is now a desperate need to finalise the room and make it weather proof before next winter. We need to insulate the walls and the roof space, put in a wood floor and a double glazed metal door. They also need a new stove that does not smoke, with a good chimney. We are also trusting to be able to give them enough money for a complete winter supply of wood before next autumn. Wood is cheaper and better if it can be bought in the summer. For those of you who know Cornel, we would just like you to know that he is half the man he was, due to stress,



weakness through lack of food and warmth and he is also almost completely deaf as all hearing aids so far seem to have failed, probably due to lack of sufficient finance and corruption. He is now unable to go anywhere without his wife Lenuta, as cannot hear traffic or understand what is said to him. Please pray for him, he really is in desperate need but he did send his greetings and love to all who remember him, in Devon.
