

NEWS FROM AURORA CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, VULCAN, ROMANIA – October 2018

We are pleased that the new room built for Nicolei and Miheala and their children, including Damaris who has special needs, is now complete. Thank you to all who helped with this project.



Other building projects will now be on hold until the spring. This is because the winters are quite harsh in Romania, ground is either very hard or covered in snow!

Praise Points:

- * Completion of Nicolei & Miheala's room
- * Provision of school uniform & finances for books & transport
- * New families that Jo & Ame have come into contact with in neighbouring villages
- * Jo, Dani & Ami starting the boys club
- * For all the volunteer workers checking & sorting Christmas Shoeboxes in the UK

Prayer Points:

- * Pray that Nelu would be able to continue to resolve all the legal paperwork regarding the land at the back of the ACA properties
- * Finances for on-going projects, particularly school transport sponsorship
- * Wise and careful distribution of the Christmas Shoeboxes, donated from Blythwood Care, due to be delivered in December.
- * Christmas Activities across all the evangelical churches

Thank you once again for all your support. Malcolm, Paul, Anna & Irene

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“When they arrive at the gates of death, God welcomes those who love Him” Psalm 116 v 15 (The Message)

“Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless—cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it; if words, let it be God’s words; if help, let it be God’s hearty help. That way, God’s bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and He’ll get all the credit as the One mighty in everything!” 1 Peter 4 v 8-11 (The Message)



You have most probably heard that Christine, dearly beloved wife of Malcolm and mum of Anna (and Mum/Grandma to all in Romania) peacefully passed into the presence of her Lord on Friday 29th June. We are confident that the Lord received her with the words “Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your rest.”

Christine initially travelled to Romania in 1983 with a family from the church at Rora, and then Malcolm & Christine travelled together a year or so after that. Christine fell in love with the country of Romania and her people and together with Malcolm they made many visits to Romania over the next 35 or so years, making it their 2nd home. We are grateful to the Lord for His timing in taking her home. Malcolm & Christine had both travelled to Romania together in October 2017 as a last visit, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in March 2018 and also had a celebration in May 2018 at Rora marking 50 years since they moved there and started the work.

In her time, Christine was the main driving force behind the work of ACA in Romania, and we are left with a massive legacy to continue. We are thankful to God that we have a good team of workers in Romania and in UK who have caught this vision and are praying for it to continue. We thank you, all of our supporters and co-workers, for also catching the vision and doing what God asks of you in supporting ACA. We have also just received word that Ford Pratt from Australia has also passed into glory. Ford, along with his wife Joyce and other volunteers, organised the collecting, packing and shipping of a 40ft container full of new donated items all the way from Australia to the UK. The container was then collected by our friend Richard who first introduced ACA to Ford and has his own truck. Richard then drove the container through Europe to Romania where it is now installed in the back garden of the ACA premises. I believe the container sent to ACA was the 11th in total that Ford & Joyce organised. When God originally spoke to Ford about this venture, he had to look Romania up on the map to see where it was, being the other side of the world, but this didn't put them off the challenge that God placed before them, and they were faithful to their calling.

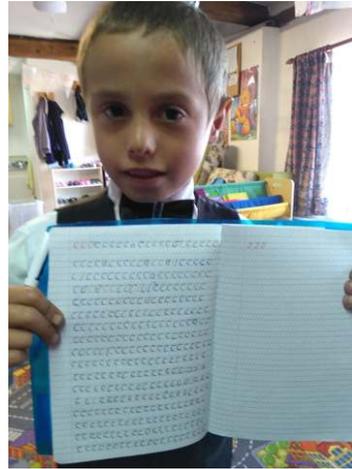


Once again, with all the uniform that has been sent throughout the year, ACA have been able to kit out approx. 80 children with school uniforms to enable them to start back to school in September, along with backpacks donated from Norway. We also have received enough

money to buy the school books (direct with the school) for 116 children. ACA, with the help from sponsorship also from Norway for 11 children, are currently supporting 14 children attend high school. We cover the cost of their bus fare to and from school, £30 per month, per child. Over the years many students have been able to find good jobs and a few have gone on to study at university. If you would be interested in helping a young person in this way, please let us know.



Homework Club



There are currently some positive changes going on Romania with regard to education. Our local school has received state funding to provide after school club activities and projects. Some of the children we know and currently attend our homework club have signed up for these activities which is great. This means that Irene, Jo & Ame can focus on children who are not in mainstream schooling, or having any sort of schooling.

Some other sad news is that the husband of one of our voluntary workers died extremely suddenly, whilst working in Holland. He was only 44. Lela has 4 children, although the 2 older boys are independent, she has 2 younger children at home. Lela will eventually get a little state help as she is a widow, but we would like to support her with a weekly food bag if possible. If you'd be interested in supporting Lela, please let us know.

We are thrilled that Dani & Ame were married in the UK on 11th August, and subsequently held a celebration in Vulcan on 8th Sept.

Dani has a really good job in Romania and Ame is working alongside Irene & Jo with the children's projects. As well as this, Jo, Dani & Ame have their own vision and projects they wish to pursue.



They regularly visit about 8 families in the next village up the hill, Holbav, and are building up links with another poor village the other side of Brasov.

Recently with Rica, our cook in the canteen, Jo & Ame visited a lady who has 12 children, and her husband had committed suicide. They currently live in 2 caravans, and had started to build a house, but had only got as far as building the concrete foundations and plinth. A team from the UK were in Romania around this time, from a charity called Rainbow based in Plymouth, and they immediately donated some funds to assist with this building project. This is something ACA would like to support, as and when funds are available, so the family are able to live altogether in a brick house rather than the caravans.

As you know Irene runs 2 girls groups and has on occasion run a special session for the boys, but has felt unable to commit to regularly running a boys club, partly a time issue and also because she felt it would be good to have a man or a married couple to run it. Irene has been praying about this, as the boys are desperate for their own club! Before the summer break, Jo, Dani & Ame felt they should start up a club for the boys, which is really great news. Please pray for this new venture, as Jo, Dani & Ame show the love of God to these boys & also teach them Godly ways to live by. We pray God will use these young people to have an influence on those around them in the village of Vulcan.