

## Update on Romania – Aurora Christian Association, Vulcan - September – November 2010

We greet you all in the name of Jesus Christ and thank you so much for all your prayers and generous support for the Lord's work in Romania. Without you all, working together with us, this work would not be possible. May you all know God's richest blessing on your lives in these darkening days, and find all you need in our Living Saviour.

**“Much food is in the fallow ground of the poor, and for lack of justice there is waste.” Proverbs 13 v.23.**

**“He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will pay back what he has given.” Proverbs 19 v. 17.**

**These scriptures** exactly fit the present situation in Romania. Poverty increases, corruption rules and the very poor are completely downtrodden and ignored by the State.

Our commission from the Lord is to wisely help where we can, enabled by the Holy Spirit. In one way the work gets harder and more demanding as it grows, but in another way easier, as God puts His servants in place, and each faithfully fulfills their God given function. We praise God for a committed, praying team both at Rora and in Romania.

**Even though heartbreaking situations face us daily in Romania, we nevertheless rejoice in the beginnings of ‘much fruit’ in the souls of men.**



Leta, Doina & her daughter



Ioan

**The Holy Spirit** is working in amazing ways and many gypsies are seeking God for salvation. There is also a wonderful unity taking place, between the two churches we are involved in, which could only be wrought by the Spirit of God. Although one is officially Baptist, and the other Pentecostal, they are loving each other and working together in sweet fellowship. The leaders are 100% united in the Spirit. What a difference when God unites His true Body rather than all the efforts made by man!!

**The kindergarten** continues to run very well with 40 children, aged from 3-6 years currently enrolled. It is our joy that 8 of our gypsy children, whose mothers cannot read or write, are now regularly coming to the kindergarten. They all love it and are doing so well. They obviously cannot pay the small cost involved, so we are trusting for sponsors for these children. Romania's future lies in her children.

### Gypsy Children in the Kindergarten



Denis

Alex



Flori

Rareş

**The Gypsy school** now has a future. This year, we have had to cancel it due to lack of a suitable teacher. After much prayer and a willingness to wait God's time, we are thrilled to report that we believe He has given us His choice of a teacher for next September, when the school will commence again.

**The canteen** continues daily, Mondays to Fridays during term time. About 85-95 children receive one hot meal a day. We have 135 on the books, but for various reasons they do not all come every day. The Lord faithfully supplies the need there, even though often the meal only consists of bean soup and bread.

**Trucks of Aid** continue to be sent about 3 times a year, and a lorry full of shoeboxes at Christmas. The latter are donated to ACA from Blythwood Trust in Scotland, and distributed widely from ACA Vulcan.

There are still enormous needs for material help and money for food. Romania's crisis is never spoken about in the media, but it is far worse than any other European country. Especially in the places where tourists and government officials never go!!

**Sebi and Leta's house is not yet finished.** We are hoping to be able to get the ceiling boards up and plaster the walls etc, before next summer so they can move in and be established before next winter. They will then be 'workers together' with us, to help their own people. They are a delightful couple, honest and ready to learn.

**During these last 2 months in Vulcan,** we met a sweet sister in the church with a very small baby and a little girl of 8 years. Her name was Mihaela and she was always crying. We found out that she had fled from a man in Constanta, on the Black Sea, which is very many kilometres from Brasov, when a few months pregnant. Having previously lost two baby boys, and fearing for this baby she ran to the only relative she knew, who happened to live in Vulcan. She was taken in for a while but later put out on the street. She had no hope and nowhere to go. It was then that God worked amazingly on her behalf. A sister from the Gypsy village spoke of Mihaela's plight to her auntie, who recently has been coming regularly to church. 'Auntie', legally married (unusual in the village), has no children, had compassion on this dear young woman. She offered her a little hut next to her own one roomed house. We bought an old stove, enough wood for a few weeks and have tried to clothe her and the children and give them bedding. How it will be? We will have to wait and see. The baby boy was born at 6 ½ months and is very weak and small and has a heart problem. Will he survive? We don't know and can only pray, and support as we are able.

**There are so many other tragic cases.** Many women are on their own with 4-6 children each, all under 10, living only on the Child Allowance which is £8.00 a month per child. They cannot receive any help, there isn't any! One of these women also has her 4 year old granddaughter living with her, as her daughter has left with her 'man' and the other two children for France! We also came across a father (Ioan) who was left to care on his own for his children, as the mother had left with another man and has since died. We gave him a stove to heat his room and to cook on, bedding and clothes for the youngest child who is still living at home.

Many elderly live on no income, and are dependant on their families giving them food.

**We were enabled to help two young families** with their one roomed homes. One family had enormous rats running in and out, especially at night, because there were so many holes in the floor and walls. Even three cats inside could not control them. A money gift enabled them to concrete and put down a wooden floor, plaster all the walls, and buy a metal door. This same family live on the father's land, and often have to run for their lives as he is severely mentally troubled and continually drunk.

**Another dear Romanian woman,** now also attending church, lives in a falling down shack with nothing. Winter is coming, with possible lows of -30C, how will she get wood and food and materials to repair her 'house'? She has had 10 children, her husband is dead, so she has come to live in the gypsy village as a last resort, because her youngest daughter is living with a Gypsy boy.

**Many girls between 14 and 17 have at least two babies,** and have no idea how to look after them. Their mothers then suffer, as they have the responsibility for these children and end up bringing them up. Very few mothers have breast milk as they are so underfed, which again presents an enormous problem, as baby milk costs the same in Romania as in UK.

**Well our dear supporters,** this is how it is, and we know that only God can help, and that our most important mandate is to lead these dear, forsaken people to Jesus. He alone can comfort and supply and we know He will continue to do just that.

All our love and continued thanks to you all, in Jesus precious name.

Malcolm, Christine, Paul and Anna.

**“SURELY I AM COMING QUICKLY, AMEN. EVEN SO COME LORD JESUS.”**

**Rev 22 v.20**

## Needs

Bicycles [in good condition], prams, buggies, children's clothes [esp. trousers], baby clothes, bottles, dummies, food, exercise books, colouring pencils, felt pens, colouring books, sketchpad books, pencils, rubbers, rulers, pencil sharpeners, pencil cases, duvets, duvet covers, pillows, pillowcases, flat sheets, good blankets [light please], towels, mugs, strong and/or plastic plates, soup bowls, plastic cups, large mixing bowls, plastic containers with lids, cutlery, large saucepans [not small please] wooden and serving spoons and ladles, washing up bowls, baby baths, soap, shampoo, razors, toothpaste, sewing machines [in working order please], carpet, steel filing cabinets, mattresses, beds [not divans], drop leaf tables, Z beds.

**NO large adult clothes please.**

**We are very sorry, but we cannot collect. If in doubt about type of aid, please phone first 01626 821746 and speak to Anna or Christine**



Razvan, Alexandra, & their children Alex & Nicoleta



Ciprian, Vasilica (baby), Madalina



Piersida and some of her children



Florentina, Miheala, 'Auntie A', baby Claudiu



Miheala's house, on father-in-law's land, and Antonica



Denisa and her cousin