

NEWS FROM AURORA CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, VULCAN, ROMANIA – October 2019

Praise Points:

- * Provision of finances for aid transport & on-going sponsorship
- * Kitting out 96 children for school
- * Completion of new little house for Eugenia
- * Successful running of all clubs, kindergartens & canteen

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, building, Association house repairs & on-going maintenance
- * Pray for Geta and Cornel (& families) as they cope with loosing a loved one
- * Pray for Savu in the Baptist Church, as Costel has passed away and David & Iren have moved to Germany
- * Pray for all the Christmas Shoeboxes being packed now, ready to be sent out this Christmas, pray hearts will be ready to receive the Love of God
- * For all the children attending clubs, for old people struggling to cope, especially over the winter

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

On-going Needs:

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| • Household size packets or tins of food | • Soup or cereal bowls, large plates, mugs, cutlery | • Simple Medicines (Paracetamol & Ibuprofen) |
| • Babies, children's, and teens clothes | • Good saucepans, NOT too small | • Sponsorship (canteen, workers, school bus money etc) |
| • Baby milk powder, baby bottles, dummies, sudocream, calpol, teething gel, | • Prams, Buggies, Cots | • Toiletries |
| | • School Requisites | |
| | • School Uniforms | |
| | • School Shoes (sizes 10-7) | |

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“How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news,
Who announces peace and brings good news of happiness,
Who announces salvation, *and* says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”
Listen! Your watchmen lift up *their* voices, they shout joyfully together;
For they will see with their own eyes when the LORD restores Zion.
Break forth, shout joyfully together, you waste places of Jerusalem;
For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared His holy arm in the sight of all the nations,
That all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God.” Isaiah 52 v 7-10

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Firstly I must apologise that I am slow to produce these newsletters and updates, this is where I really miss Mum (Christine), she was great at producing them, and also very articulate in what she reported on! I only and pray that between Irene and myself we're able to convey what is currently happening in Vulcan, Romania.

Sometimes life just continues as normal, and you think there isn't a lot to report on!
Kindergartens, canteen, clubs are all running well.

Irene returned to Vulcan after her summer break on 4th September, and will return to UK for Christmas on 19th December. The canteen and both kindergarten classes re-opened on 16th September.

In the older kindergarten (for 4-6 year olds) we have 17 children registered and in the younger kindergarten (for 3-4 year olds) we have 15 children registered. The children are settling in well and making friends.

The homework group also restarted. Many of the children now go to after-school projects at the school but we have 10 children that will come here for help with homework. We hope to be able to help those that need more support with learning to read and write.

There are now 3 girls groups running. A new group for 11-12 yr olds will be every Monday after school. These girls all used to come for homework and English classes so we want to maintain the relationships we already have with them. Then on Tuesday from 14.00 -16.00 a group for 14-15 year olds and from 17.00-18.00 a group for 12-13 yr olds.

We are grateful for all who visit Romania to help with the projects. Teams from Rainbow (based in Plymouth) and The Christian Fellowship School in Liverpool both visited earlier in the year, and a team from South Kent Community Church are currently in Romania. →

And our friends from Norway are on their way!
We thank God for everyone of you and also those who are unable to visit in person but who faithfully pray and support the work of ACA.





↑ Malcolm with Cornel, when we visited him in Feb 2019

We are sorry to let you know that two very dear friends have passed into Glory. Costel Grangor was an elder at the Baptist Church in Vulcan, and one of the very first people, along with his family, that Malcolm & Christine got to know in Vulcan. Costel had been ill for some time with hepatitis. His wife Geta used to help ACA in the canteen and sorting and distributing aid for many years.

You may remember us telling you many stories of dear 'old' Cornel, who started visiting Malcolm & Christine in the early days of ACA in Brasov. His second wife, Lenuta, has recently passed away. Although Cornel has many children, none of them take care of him, so please pray for wisdom as to how we can help Cornel in the future. ACA have been able to help both families with gifts towards funeral costs etc.

You may remember a while ago we shared about an old lady who had had a severe stroke, was bed bound and was being looked after by her 'husband' in what was a damp, cold, rat infested, crumbling, falling down 'house'. We have wanted to help them build a new room for them for a while, but there were so many complications regarding the paperwork and difficulties with family

members that it has taken a long time to get this project to completion. We asked a local Christian builder to build the house and we are thrilled to report that Eugenia is now in a draft free, warm, secure room, and there is potential for expansion in the future.



← Eugenia in bed ↑ Gheorge in front of the new build, with the old building in the background.

There are 2 other building projects that we are involved with that are on-going, both in a neighbouring village, Tauhan. You should not be surprised to learn that as with all these things, nothing is straight forward, but slow progress is being made in both cases. For the lady whose husband committed suicide, we learnt that she did not own the land she was currently living on, but it was owned by her future son in law. A similar situation to Eugenia and Gheorge.

An official agreement will now be made at the notary's office stating that Meralana and her children can stay in the new house, when built. They have no electricity so we plan to purchase a new generator for them (as theirs is broken) with some of the money already donated for this project. We hope to start this building project in the Spring, once all the paperwork is in order.

The other family in Tauhan that we would like to help, Mariana and family, need a new roof. However the current house structure is poor, so will most probably need new walls (or reinforce current walls) and wood frame. Mariana's husband and her sons will do the labour and work, if we are able to provide the materials. Again, this will most probably start in the Spring, as it is so hard work do construction work in the cold winters.

A massive thank you to all who sent out school uniform for the children starting back to school in September. Once again ACA were able to kit out 96 children for school, not only with uniforms, but shoes, backpacks & school requisites (pens, pencils, rubbers etc), and pay the school directly for their text books. This project is SO important as it helps keep the children in school and education. This is an on-going project and can be contributed to (either uniform etc or £££!) throughout the year. Uniform needs going forward (particularly for 11-14 year olds as we hardly had any this year) are: Blue/black jeans for girls and boys, White/blue long sleeved shirts, Black/blue Jumpers and cardigans, White/blue polo tops, Black/blue tights, Socks, Tracksuits



In addition to this, there was enough uniform left to help some children in another village as well. This was done through another charity that works in the village. We were also able to help them with adults clothes. →

You may remember that through kind donations, ACA were able to help the local school purchase a colour photocopier, and also replace all the old books in their library. The school needs a new laptop, so if anyone would like to contribute to help buy a new one, please let us know. Supporting the local school in a roundabout way supports all the children who attend, and helps the teachers work closer with Irene & Miki.