

NEWS FROM AURORA CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, VULCAN, ROMANIA – May 2016

In April, another team from the Liverpool Fellowship School went to the ACA base in Vulcan and helped Irene & Jo run a holiday club for the local kids. These were different children to those who visited last year. The holiday club was well attended, and the theme was being 'fishers of men'. They also enjoyed doing 'fishy' craft and playing games. We want to thank all those involved, both in the UK and those who actually went to Romania for all your help and support.



Inside bathroom for Stefan

We'd like to share 3 building projects with you, that we hope we can help with, as finances permit.

We've mentioned Stefan before, he's already had one leg amputated due to ill health, and is likely to lose the other leg. With the help of friends doing the labouring, and some gifts of money from UK, he has managed to get the walls up and roof on for an indoor bathroom and toilet (they only have an outside one at present). It is very nearly finished. He has purchased the items needed (shower, toilet sink etc), we would love to be able to help him get the inside toilet finished before next winter.

Another family we'd like to help is a family stricken with recurring bouts of TB. When they are diagnosed the children are taken into the TB hospital often for 6 months at a time. Their house has a lot of damp, and when the Social Services visited, they advised concreting the floor (its currently a mud floor) and laying laminate down. The estimate for this job is £200-£250.

And finally, Lumi and her family of 8 currently live in 2 run down rooms. They have started to gather items for building themselves and we would like to support them, if and when possible to build another room, and make what is already there more habitable. David (leader in the Baptist church and husband of Iren) has started a DIY group for the boys in the Baptist church asking them to identify families who need help with DIY, and then buying the materials needed and doing the work, as a means of learning new skills, and an outreach to show God's love to their neighbours in a practical way.

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the work of ACA which is only possible by God's love and grace. Malcolm, Christine, Paul & Anna

Ongoing Needs:

- Household size packets or tins of food
- Babies, children's, and teens clothes
- Toiletries
- Baby milk powder, baby bottles, dummies, baby cream
- Towels, duvets, bedding
- Bicycles
- Soup or cereal bowls
- Large plates, mugs, cutlery
- Good saucepans, NOT too small
- Prams, Buggies, Cots etc
- Furniture only if specifically requested for special people or projects.
- School Requisites
- School Uniforms & Shoes
- Sponsorship (canteen, kindergarten, school books, bus fares etc)

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“Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for He who calls you is faithful.

Dear brothers and sisters, pray for us.” 1 Thess 5 v 23-25

Malcolm & Christine and Paul & Anna, visited Romania in February & March this year. We (Paul & Anna) had not been able to visit for 3 years, so saw some changes and improvements.

Here are some updates of the on-going projects in Vulcan.

Jo

We were thrilled when Jo Owens from the church here at Rora told us she felt the Lord was leading her to move to Romania (initially for 6 months) to help Irene. Jo had lived in Romania with her parents (Bill & Sue Owens) for 4 years, and has been back in the UK for 6 years. Consequently she can speak fluent Romanian, and knew the village of Vulcan and the people there, very well. Jo flew out with us in February, and has settled into the busy life in Vulcan.

Homework Club

Irene, Iren & Jo run a homework club every day. This runs for a couple of hours after the children have eaten in the canteen. Often the children have a lot of homework. While I was there (Anna) I also helped, and was shocked by the difficulty of the homework. Often the children don't know basic concepts, i.e. in maths, they had to list all the odd and even numbers between 2 numbers, so I gave them the 1st number in the sequence and told them to add 2..... They didn't know how to do this. Also, Iren, who has a degree in accountancy, struggled with doing the maths homework for the 10 year old boys! Irene, Iren & Jo have seen some children flourish during their time at homework club. One boy, Dragos, from a family we had not had contact with before, could hardly hold his pen and write properly when he started to come in September, he now has the neatest handwriting and is doing really well at school.



← Iren with Vlad (L) and Denis (R) doing homework

→ Dragos with Nicoleta & Damaris who attend homework club



The **canteen** runs well, and is a lot more organised and less chaotic! The charity administrator in Vulcan, Ghita, now sits in the canteen when the children come in, they all sit down and then recite the Lord's Prayer together as their grace and thankfulness for the food. We are grateful to 3663 Bidvest (catering wholesaler) for the food we receive from them, which helps subsidise the canteen costs, which are rising all the time.

The 2 **Kindergarten** classes are very successful, with approx 20 children in both. Miki and Irene were asked to attend the state school for a meeting with the new headmaster and comments were made on how advanced the children were from the ACA kindergartens with their English and other education.