

We have two house building projects in progress, and it is hoped that in the spring there will be sufficient finance to continue this very necessary work. These consist of a three roomed house, built of blocks and suitably roofed. Each house will hold a family of up to 8 members. These are essential for both the families concerned.

Two more lorries of aid were sent to Vulcan in October, mainly food, and there will not be any more until March 2015. The shoe box lorry will arrive in December.

Thank you all so much for all your ongoing support in every way. Without it, this work could not succeed. Please continue in prayer for us and for all those we have the privilege to work with there in the village of Vulcan, God is 'on the move' and establishing His work in His way, Praise His name.

Malcolm, Christine, Paul & Anna



Surprise 80th Birthday Party for Malcolm

Ongoing Needs:

Needs have now changed in comparison to what they were a few years ago. Lorry transport is expensive, but we feel that until the gifts of food stop here in UK, we will continue with regular transport. The following is an updated list:-

- 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
- Soup or cereal bowls,
- large plates, mugs, cutlery
- Good saucepans, NOT too small
- Bicycles,
- Prams, Buggies, Cots
- Double glazed windows and doors (complete)
- Furniture only if specifically requested for special people or projects.
- Computers (running Windows XP & above - in working order)
- School Requisites
- School Uniforms
- School Shoes
- Simple Medicines
- Sponsorship

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“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40, v, 31.

This has indeed been our experience during these last two months in Romania. We have felt and known amazing peace and excitement in the Lord, as we see Him at work. For us it has come as a fulfilment of 14 years working in Vulcan and 31 years visiting and working in Romania. We praise God, may He have all the glory!

EXTRA NEWS

First of all, we ask you all to rejoice with us that a miracle has happened in Romania in answer to many Believer's prayers. On November 16th 2014 a new president, Johannes Klaus, was elected against all 'odds. He is a Romanian national, but of German descent (the Germans settled in Romania at least 200 years ago). He grew up in a German family in Sibiu, Romania as a Romanian national. He has already turned Sibiu round where he was mayor of the city for 14 years. Millions of Romanian citizens from the diaspora (outside Romania) voted at embassies in their new countries, but many more were prevented from voting because the Romanian government would not keep polling booths open long enough, so that all those who had queued for hours could vote.

We rejoice with our dear Romanians in this victory, as we trust it will see the end of strife and corruption. Now the country has a real chance for change. Please pray for this man, he is a Lutheran, and needs God's help from the very beginning. Without God and the total support of the righteous he has an impossible task.

This is a very historic time for Romania, as it is the first time a really democratic president with his supportive party members has had a chance, backed by the electorate, The parliamentary elections do not actually take place for a few years, so we will have to wait and see if Iohannes Klaus can make changes without a supporting parliament. (The system of government is more like the American system than that in UK).

As far as we know the only previous German with power in Romania was when the first king was crowned and royalty started, with King Carol Ist. He was brought in to stabilize Romania in the 1880's. The people are likening the new president to this king. The royal family still exists and now live in Romania. They were exiled in Switzerland by the communists for 40 years, until the Romanian revolution in 1989. The present king, Mihai was then 28 years old, he is now a man in his 90's.



In these last two years our emphasis has changed a little in the Lord's work there in the village of Vulcan. We decided before the Lord together, that the greatest need in Romania was education, both of children and adults, in whatever way the Lord directed us. As we have focussed on this, we have seen God do great things. This focus has many 'wings' and opportunities are increasing all the time.

In the last newsletter, we wrote about our desire to set up some workshops to help various age groups to learn how to help themselves. The Lord has enabled us to do this, even though they have small beginnings.



Harvest Festival in the Baptist Church

A sewing group was established and already eight ladies have made a stylish shopping bag and a cushion cover, using sewing machines that have been donated.

Also a small, group of young people have begun making greeting cards, which we hope to sell in the west, this will give them a small income and help the ACA work.

Thank you to all who contributed with materials for these projects.



The garden project has made a start, and the land has been cleared, dunged and ploughed, so it can lie fallow over the winter and be tilled in the spring. Two of our reliable workers are overseeing the project and two young brothers from the church are helping with the work. They have no chance of work in the future as are slightly 'special needs', but are fine strong young men with a desire to serve the Lord.

We are hoping to buy a second hand 'rotavator' to help with the garden as it is quite large by our standards and also to buy good seeds in Romania, as they are cultivated specially for Romanian soil.

The baby milk project has also re started and we have been able to feed 4 babies with milk for 6 months. Of course there are more in great need but we do as much as we can with the resources that we have. Thank you very much to all who helped with this new initiative, it is very necessary.



All the clubs and teaching activities go very well and the Homework club is constantly expanding, and we are seeing great results.



Both the kindergartens continue well with a total of about 40 children in all.

The canteen remains a vital part of the ministry, as if children are going to learn, they need good daily food. We still send food from UK as we receive it from local wholesalers [thank you 3663 and Bakers] but we need to subsidise this financially. At present we have a monthly shortfall so many more regular sponsors are needed.

On the other hand God is faithful, and supplies in other ways, but often this means cutting back on other necessary activities in the ministry.

We are still helping some of our dear gypsy friends to get their documents so that they can then apply for the Social help, such as it is. Often though, the costs to obtain this Social help are much more than the help that they eventually receive from two or three months allowance.!!! For instance, Anca, whose husband died in an epileptic fit, leaving her with four children, six years ago, has a son, Sami, 11 years old, who has been diagnosed with the same severity of epilepsy, and also with other life threatening conditions. She can claim a pension for him, but at a cost. The first claim costs £100 before anything else can be done. She cannot now claim social money as she is applying for a 'special needs' pension for him, so her total income is £32.00 a month. In the end, the pension will be much more helpful, but to apply for it and to actually receive it, entails much finance and hassle. There are medical tests to complete for all the family [expensive, no working National Health in Romania]. Sami, has to have numerous extra tests and then the documents to prove they have been completed, plus an eye test and then the necessary glasses, etc before the pension will be granted. Anca qualifies for a grant to become his carer, this application has already cost her £100 but she is still waiting, because these other tests have not been completed. She has been applying since the summer, and ACA has helped as possible, but sometimes it seems never ending. In addition to all this there are bus fares for each trip to Brasov, as no-one has bus fare money.

This is just one example and there are many more that need our help.



Church activities continue, but there again, the labourers are few and the harvest is plentiful. Not many Romanian Christians want to work in the villages, as the life style is much more difficult, poorer and old fashioned. To add to this, the work amongst our dear gypsies is extremely difficult. Praise God that He is faithful in all these things and 'souls are being added to the Lord' in Vulcan.

The Baptist church we belong to is unique in many ways. There are only four families of Romanians, which include the pastor and his family and all the rest are gypsies. This is extremely unusual and wonderful, as the Romanian leadership keeps the church stable, and all these Romanian families really love the gypsies and treat them equally.

We see clearly that Jesus died for all mankind, not just the 'nice' cultures, or the good living people. We are so thankful to Him for His overwhelming love to all.