



↑↓ Mihaela Carolea and Niculaie Stanislav & family



↑ Victor and Delia Carolea & family

## NEWS FROM AURORA CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, VULCAN, ROMANIA – February 2014

***“and my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus”  
Philippians 4 v 19 (ESV)***

***Praise God for all His goodness to us in these days of increasing difficulties in this world. Our God is faithful, and daily keeps His own and supplies all their needs.***

Thank you all of you who so continually and faithfully give to support the Lord's work in Vulcan. We can honestly say that although often funds each month are low, our God always enables us to do and give to all the essential needs! Our greatest need is for regular sponsors to keep the canteen and kindergartens functioning, and support all our workers.

The work continues to function well and grow, but as it is everywhere, costs, even in Romania are increasing, and life for our dear brothers and sisters has become almost impossible

We have been in UK since mid November but will return again on February 18<sup>th</sup> for a two months. We still are very much needed to oversee the work, and encourage the workers and all those who come daily for counsel and help in a variety of ways. It is our joy to be with them, especially when we see the Lord moving and see them come to Jesus, grow in grace, and change their thinking and lifestyle. May He alone have all the glory.

We rejoice that now there are so many more children at school, and parents beginning to take a real interest in their offspring. Of course, in general, the country schools leave a lot to be desired still, but there are small changes, which we rejoice in and pray will continue.

We have been able to help a few families to complete and pay for all their documents so that they can finally receive some state benefits and their children's allowance. It has been, and still is an uphill struggle as each birth certificate, marriage certificate etc, costs £30.00 and then there are all the council outstanding bills to be paid for taxes, electricity, water etc first before the monthly money is released, and this is often impossible without our help. The reason these bills are outstanding is that these families have no jobs and no benefits so have no money, not even for basic foods. We are still working to try to help more families who are without help or hope, to obtain all their documents, so they can at least claim the benefits that are their right, small as they are! Children's allowance is still only £8.00 per child per month, and Social help is extremely small, allowing a family of five only about £60 a month. In the end, ACA's help will result in a each family having a small amount of regular money monthly. We will then work with them and help them how to budget.

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Jobs are extremely hard to find in Romania, especially for the unskilled, and the people are so discouraged, as all they want is to work, however hard, to bring money home to keep their families alive. There are many jobs now here in UK for Romanian workers, and our friends would be more than content with the work, but accommodation is a real problem as it is so hard to find and so expensive.

All the new initiatives continue as well as we are able. There is a regular Bible study for those hungry for the Word of the Lord, and courses of various kinds are planned as much as possible. These are arranged when we have visitors with certain expertise, who can help us. In the pipeline for this year are a sewing class, hygiene, health and medical courses and how to treat ordinary children's diseases,

Visiting in the gypsy village continues, as well as regular work with special needs children, a regular toddler group, and various youth groups. Our long term desire is that eventually Romanian Christians will get the vision and continue the work, leaving us free to just oversee, and support.

Almost 100 food bags were given out in early Nov with money given to ACA from our brothers and sisters in a very supportive church in South Kent. All unspecified gifts cover bus fares to the hospital, urgent medical needs, building materials, aid transport costs, extra school needs, and food. In one way the list is endless because of the infrastructure of the country that simply does not work, promoting corruption continually which in turn hurts the poorest of the population most. This is a continual battle and a constant need for prayer, as it is very easy to be upset with the total unrighteousness everywhere.

There is still a great need for education for adults in every way, as such a large proportion of the people cannot read or write, therefore have no idea about the law or their own personal rights, and no hope at all of employment.



#### Ongoing Needs:

Bicycles	School Requisites	Towels
Prams	School Uniforms	Good Shoes
Computers (running	Baby Clothes	Simple Medicines
Windows XP & above	Children's Clothes	Food
- in working order)	Duvets / Bedding	Sponsorship

In this coming year we urgently need to help two families in particular, who are in desperate need of housing. Their existing houses are past repair in Western eyes, but must do in Romania, as there is just no alternative. We have already received a gift to get both these projects underway this spring.

The first is the home of Mihaela Carolea and Niculaie Stanislav, who have been mentioned in newsletters before. They are extremely poor with a family of 3 boys, aged 12, 10 and 8 and 2 girls. The elder girl, Damaris, now aged 6, is severely mentally and physically disabled from damage at birth. The only income the family have at present is the child allowance, which amounts to £40.00 a month. Niculaie works with occasional work as he can find it, but this is impossible in the winter. The house is very old built by Stanislav grandparents of the usual mud and straw or twisted hazel wood direct from the trees. It is covered with a sort of old fashioned plaster which is constantly falling away. Just to repair this would be bad use of money, but there is room in the family yard to build at least one solid room, of cement, blocks, plaster, and insulation, with a simple roof, plaster boarded inside, with a wood floor covering the cement. A few windows and doors and behold a wonderful new dwelling for this dear family who have NO hope!! ACA would supply the materials and oversee the work and finance, and the extended large family would build.

The second family are Victor and Delia Carolea with 3 teenage girls, another girl of 8 years and a boy of 3 years with a heart condition [so they say]. The eldest girl has a partner [normal life in Romania] and a baby of 6 months. Victor cannot work as at 39 years old, 4 years ago he had a serious heart attack. [His father died at 29 of a heart attack] They have 2 beds, a cupboard, a wardrobe of sorts, a stove and a recently acquired sink, as the water is now available in their street. They have worked hard collecting and cleaning old bricks from a demolished factory in the nearby town, and built up to window level on their own initiative with neighbours and family help. They need more bricks or blocks, cement, sand, plaster board, insulation inside and outside [Romanian winters can go down to -30 C] and a substantial roof as well as windows and doors. Both these are really urgent needs, and it is our deep desire to help them. If anyone feels that they can help in any way, we will thank God and rejoice together in grateful thanks on behalf of these our dear friends!