

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



Irene, Anna, Paul, Malcolm, Jo, Dani, Ame



Timi, Nelu, Malcolm, Miki, Cristi

Praise Points:

- * Provision of finances for aid transport & on-going sponsorship
- * New families that Jo & Ame have come into contact with in neighbouring villages
- * A group from Germany want to help with the construction of a house for the family in Tohan (mentioned in a previous newsletter, her husband had committed suicide)

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
- * For all the children attending clubs, for old people struggling to cope

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

On-going Needs:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household size packets or tins of food • Babies, children's, and teens clothes • Baby milk powder, baby bottles, dummies, sudocream, calpol, teething gel, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soup or cereal bowls, large plates, mugs, cutlery • Good saucepans, NOT too small • Prams, Buggies, Cots • School Requisites • School Uniforms • School Shoes (sizes 10-7) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple Medicines (Paracetamol & Ibuprofen) • Sponsorship (canteen, workers, school bus money etc) • Toiletries |
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“And we know that God causes **all** things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

Romans 8 v 28

“How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!”

Romans 10 v 14-15



Once again we had the privilege of a visit to Romania in February, and we took Dad (Malcolm) with us. This was our first visit without Mum. We were able to renew long standing friendships, make new friends and visit various ACA projects.



Malcolm with Cornel, in his small room, with the bags of food we had just delivered

Although conditions for some (mainly educated people) are improving, there is work for those who want it, and well stocked shops etc, life for some is still extremely hard, and some still live on the poverty line. Our dear friend Cornel, who helped Dad and Mum so much in their early years in Brasov, is so poor and not looked after by his family at all. We are able to help him each month with food and wood, but it doesn't always last the month. As he only receives a meagre pension, approx. £30 per month, and he and his wife are elderly, they often cannot

afford essential medication. There are many like Cornel, ACA currently provides a monthly food bag for approximately 20 old people, and also helps with essential on-going medical needs.

One dear friend of Dad & Mum's was 'old man' Neculoiu, who everyone called 'Tata Mare' (Big Daddy!), he is Nelu's Dad. They farmed up in the hills above Vulcan in a 'village' called Poiana Murlui, I use the term village lightly, as it is a large area of farm steads on the top of lots of hills! A spectacularly beautiful location. Tata Mare married his sweetheart from school, she was just 14, and they had 4 girls. They both then heard the gospel and became Christians, this was before the revolution. They then went on to have 4 boys! They started a little church up in the hills, people often walking hours to attend. When the revolution happened in 1989 they didn't hear the news for 3 days!

Tata Mare was instrumental in the Pentecostal church forming in Vulcan, which is now led by his son, and our co-worker Nelu. We had received news in January that Tata Mare had been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumour, and Dad prayed the he would see him on earth one last time. This prayer was answered and Dad had a very emotional re-union with him. Tata Mare went home to be with his Lord on 9th March, aged 89. Tata Mare received love and care from his family throughout his life, and especially in his last days when he was so poorly. Not all are so fortunate.



Tata and Mama Mare—Aug 2018

We have shared with you before the plight of an old lady, Eugenia, who has been left badly paralyzed by a stroke, with no speech. She is cared for by her 'husband' (they are not legally married, which has made things harder for ACA to try and help them), but her daughters do not want to help them at all. They receive a food bag once a month and daily food from the canteen, and ACA have also helped them buy a new 'sorba' (cooker & fire). We have made slow progress with legal paperwork, but now have a potential solution that will help us build them a small, dry, warm room this year. Please continue to pray for this precious couple, who live in such a dire situation. Please pray for their salvation, through the love of God shown to them by those who help, and that ACA would be able to sort the paperwork necessary to build legally. Our administrator, Ghita, obtained a lorry load of wood at a very cheap price, as someone was replacing their roof, he then arranged for many poor old people and families that ACA support to receive a cart load of wood.



Wood delivery in our yard.



Drains being dug

Since ACA purchased Casa Betel, where Irene lives, there has been a constant problem with the drains and septic tank. A main drain was laid throughout the village about 18 months ago, but the job of connecting the association houses never became a priority, until now! The drains blocked again, so Nelu and his workers dug up the garden and laid a new drain to the main pipe in the road. This was a costly, but necessary job! The basement in this house underneath the canteen was also always really damp. A lot of work has been involved in stripping back the walls, resolving the damp issue which has now been treated and the walls renovated.



From old people to young people! Both Kindergarten classes are going well, and are well attended. There are currently 16 children in Carmen's class, aged 3-4½ years, and 21 children in Miki's class, aged 4½-6 years. Miki has been complimented by the headmaster at the local school on how advanced the children are who've attended the ACA kindergartens, learning English as well as other core subjects.

One big positive change that has happened in Vulcan recently is the start up of new after school projects at the state school, with state funding. One project is Christian and our administrators son-in-law is involved in it. This means that a lot of the children attending this project receive school materials and food. This has meant we have less children attending the canteen and homework club. The surplus money from not feeding so many in the canteen has been used to make up food bags for other families.

All the various clubs and activities are running well. During the half term in February, each group had a special activities day as it was the holidays. The younger girls prepared a meal for themselves and the older girls. They made sausage rolls, pizza breads, sandwiches and cup cakes! They then all played party games and sang songs. The boys club made şoarma (kebabs/fajitas) and had the obligatory game of football!



← Children from the homework club in new hat, gloves and scarf sets knitted and sent from UK