

- All other projects and activities continue to run well.
- With the help of our Norwegian friends, we continue to support high school students with bus fare money. Over the past year we have helped 13 students who have been studying a mixture of academic & practical studies. In Romania, students can choose their school & make career choices at the age of 15, when they enter high-school. Some of them have trained to be carpenters, mechanics, hairdressers, bakers, chefs, foresters, and many other professions. Four of the students have graduated this year and we wish them all the best for the future. It has been a privilege to know these young people since they were little and most of them come from poor families and its great to see how they have grown up into confident young people, with dreams and ambition.
 - Irene has re-started her girls groups, they enjoy chatting, craft, baking, games, and generally spending time together. Irene also helps out in the younger kindergarten class, providing 1:1 activities for a child with SEN, (special educational needs.) Pray for Irene as she will come to the UK for an extended period in the autumn to spend time with her family.
 - At the beginning of the new school year, ACA aims to help poorer families with purchasing necessary school books. We will be sending money again this September to help with this.
 - One amazing answer to prayer ... Marioara has been helping Miki with her kindergarten class for 18 years. Next year Marioara will turn 70, and we have been praying, Miki in particular, for God to provide the right worker to come alongside her in the kindergarten. God is so faithful and has provided someone, we will write more once she joins the team.
 - The renovation work in both houses is on-going, with new bathrooms being fitted this year. We are also looking to insulate both properties to help with the rising cost of central heating over the winter.
 - Work on the new rooms for the wider Corca family are also on-going.
 - We are looking forward to the Neculoiu family coming to Rora for 2 weeks this summer (1-14 August). Pray that God will bless us all, as we spend time together, and strengthen relationships. We are having a time to meet Nelu & Miki and the family, along with a cream tea, on Sunday 13th August. If you are local to Rora, you're welcome to join us.

We thank God for each one of you, as you support the work of ACA in Romania.

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Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

Col 2 v 6-7

One generation will praise Your works to another and will declare Your mighty acts. Psalm 145 v 4

Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but *rather* in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

1 Tim 4 v 12



I am so mindful of the Godly example of many people that God places in our lives, and am so thankful for them. In Romania, there were many who were heavily persecuted for their faith in God, and their testimony is still felt and remembered by today's generation. We thank God for the parents of both Nelu & Miki (& others who we work with), and also my parents, who 'walked in Christ' and declared 'His mighty acts' to the next generation. We see this happening again, with Gabi, Cristi and Timi (Nelu & Miki's girls) taking on responsibility and running the children's camp this summer. I doubt that my parents (Malcolm & Christine) ever imagined the impact their lives would have in Brasov and Vulcan, by being obedient to God's call on their lives, smuggling Bibles, establishing links and declaring 'God's mighty acts' to the next generation. May God have all the glory.



This year was the 3rd year that the summer camp was held on the ACA site in Vulcan. This year's camp was also a great success, with 30 children (16 from non-Christian families) & 13 leaders staying on-site for 3 nights, learning about Daniel, doing craft activities, playing games, learning new songs etc. The camp finished up with a camp fire, and all the kids' parents and relatives were invited and they were shown what the children had learnt. Even some of the Ukrainian families we have had contact with came and joined in some of the activities. There were over 100 in the garden! As mentioned above, this is now run by a team of young people from the local churches, overseen by Nelu, Miki & Irene.

Irene writes: It really was so amazing to have so many people here for the final evening and to see the relationships that have been built over the years. I was talking to one mum whose daughters came to camp and the oldest daughter comes to my girls group. The mum was talking about how she has memories of coming to youth group when Gary was here and she also went to camp with the youth. I just had that feeling of being part of something bigger, of being a part of Gods plan. Also I overheard one of the ex kindergarden mums telling all her friends that they had to come and listen when Emil started to play his accordion—she loves listening to him!



⇐ Marquee in garden



⇐Mattresses laid out in kindergarten room, we also used the 'upper room' for sleeping.

This year there were 43 children in the kindergarten, 24 in Miki's group (older ones) and 19 in Andreea's group (younger ones). They held a celebration at the end of the (school) year (in Romania this was the middle of June). Most of the children dressed in national dress and received 'graduation diploma's'. The parents were all invited to the 'graduation' and the children performed songs and poems they had learnt in Romanian and English! Maybe the highlight of the term was going to Brasov Zoo! 12 children from Miki's group will go to the state school in September.



During our visit in March, we heard that Andreea (who works with us in the kindergarten and attends the Pentecostal church) had a real heart to reach the local community and had started holding 'pop up' events in the Cultural Hall in Vulcan, such as coffee mornings, mother and toddler group, childrens activity days during the school holidays, second hand clothes shop etc. These events have been well received in the village. Andreea approached Nelu & Miki about the possibility of using the canteen and dining space for future community events. We were all in agreement to support this vision, as the canteen is now not in daily use and it would be an opportunity for people to come to the ACA site and find out what ACA are doing in the locality. But ... the canteen needed a re-vamp! Especially to replace the old wooden rickety steps that had been in place for more than 20 years The canteen and dining space has now been renovated, new windows and doors, new kitchen worktops and sink area, new bright paintwork and most importantly .. New concrete steps! The old office cabin in the yard has also been knocked down to

create more outside space. Pray with us, and with Andreea, that God will use the canteen facility in a new way, to reach people with God's love.



↑ new steps

⇒ dining area set out ready for summer camp

