

## NEWS FROM AURORA CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, VULCAN, ROMANIA – May 2018

To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. I Cor 9 v 22-23



Needing to contact all ACA supporters regarding the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) regulations, we thought it would be a good opportunity to send everyone an update of what's been going on in Romania.

You may remember ACA helped Lumi and her family to build a new brick 2 room house. Lumi & her husband, Dodi, have 5 children and the 7 of them were living in one room. This build was completed last year. Sadly Dodi died on 29th March, with tumours on his brain, leaving Lumi as the sole carer for the family. Lumi will receive a small widows pension and child allowance. but not really enough to live on. ACA were able to help towards the funeral costs, and provide food for the family. This will be a family that we are looking to support in the future, in whatever way we can, whenever we're able. However we do not want the family to become reliant on ACA, so need wisdom as to when we help and with what. We have spoken of a lovely family in the Baptist church, Nelu & Ramona, Dodi was Ramona's brother, and before he died Nelu & Ramona shared the love of God with Dodi, and prayed with Him.

During the Easter holidays another group (all lads this time!) from the Christian Fellowship School in Liverpool visited Vulcan to help with various projects and run a holiday club. Irene had also been asked by the State School Headmaster if the group could visit the school to do some activities. This was a first! The group did some craft, singing and activities with the children. There were 2 groups of children - 19 children aged 10-12 and 17 children aged 12-13. It was a chance to strengthen links with the school and to meet more children. We pray for more opportunities like this in the future.

↓ Teaching English in the State School

↓ Holiday Club in the Baptist Church



This spring we have been able to help another poor family be able to build a 2 room brick house. There are currently Dad (Nicolei), Mum (Miheala), and 5 children in the family (Iosef 15, Pavel 14, Petru 13, Damaris 9 & Amalia 7). Iosef & Amalia currently sleep with their grandparents as there is not enough space for all of them in their small room. Damaris, has been diagnosed with autism, and because she can't easily communicate she cries a lot, particularly at night, which affects the whole family. All the children, apart from Damaris, attend school and are doing well. It is so hard for them to cope living in one room. They had started to build a concrete base for the new rooms and ACA have been able to support them by providing materials, the family have provided the labour. A team of ladies from the Rainbow Project based near Plymouth have been in Vulcan for their now annual visit. The Rainbow Project has supported this and other building projects.



← Entering into their current room

↓ Their stove and fire



← New blockwork, quickly taking shape

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the on going maintenance and repairs of the old ACA buildings. The roofs on all the buildings have now been completed. This was a massive job and we are thankful to God for His supply. Work on updating the canteen is continuing, we now need to purchase new UPVC Doors and Windows, and have new steps built. (Current steps →)

(New Roof on Casa Betania ↓)



Thank you to all at West Drayton Baptist Church who collected tins of baby milk, which were sent out on our lorry last week. This enables ACA to support mothers who have no milk.

Thanks to the grant from Medical Missionary News, ACA were able to support Alexandru who was born prematurely and has a reflux problem, not able to keep milk down. His mother, Elena who is only 18 years old, lives with her 'man' and his family in one room.

Elena did not have a lot of breast milk, so Irene arranged with the local pharmacy to purchase special milk for babies who have a reflux problem.

We have been able to help many more urgent and on-going medical needs with this grant.

### Praise Points:

- \* For provision of finances for essential repairs and maintenance on the Association buildings roofs
- \* Medical sponsorship for on-going life threatening medical needs
- \* Finances for canteen kitchen renovations
- \* Nelu & Ramona sharing the love of Christ with Dodi
- \* New families that Jo & Ame have come into contact with in neighbouring villages
- \* Visiting teams from CFS Liverpool and Rainbow Project (Plymouth)
- \* Provision of finances to help Nicolei & Miheala finish building their room

### Prayer Points:

- \* Wise distribution of the items in the container and all aid from UK
- \* Satisfactory resolution for Eugenia's 'husband's paperwork—this is an on-going situation and at present we are unable to see a suitable resolution
- \* Pray that Nelu would be able to continue to resolve all the legal paperwork regarding the land at the back of the ACA properties
- \* Continued wisdom for all workers
- \* Finances for on-going projects

### On-going Needs:

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| • Household size packets or tins of food              | • Soup or cereal bowls, large plates, mugs, cutlery | • School Shoes (sizes 10-7)                            |
| • Babies, children's, and teens clothes               | • Good saucepans, NOT too small                     | • Simple Medicines (Paracetamol & Ibuprofen)           |
| • Toiletries  | • Prams, Buggies, Cots                              | • Sponsorship (canteen, workers, school bus money etc) |
| • Baby milk powder, baby bottles, dummies, baby cream | • School Requisites                                 |  |
|   | • School Uniforms                                   |  |

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