

All the ACA workers with Paul & Anna (missing helpers Iren, Ramona & Jo)



Praise Points:

- * ACA has a good testimony in the village of Vulcan
- * Adults are attending the 2nd chance school to complete their education
- * A good job & continuing education for Sebi, and others
- * Completion of Stefan's bathroom

Please pray:

- * For Pastor Savu as he tries to sort out the problem with the Land Registry at the Baptist Church
- * Continued wisdom for all workers
- * For Eugenia and her husband

Ongoing Needs:

- 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
- Prams, Buggies, Cots
- School Requisites
- School Uniforms
- School Shoes (sizes 10-7)
- Simple Medicines (Paracetamol & Ibuprofen)
- Bicycles
- Sponsorship (canteen, workers, school bus money etc)

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NEWS FROM AURORA CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, VULCAN, ROMANIA – March 2017

Jesus said: "You will have the poor with you every day for the rest of your lives, but not Me" ~ Matthew 26 v 11

"Let all that you do be done in love" ~ 1 Corinthians 16 v 14

We are thankful for everyone one of you who support the work of ACA in Romania in many ways, prayer, aid collection & packing, finances & sponsorship, visiting Romania etc.



Having just returned from a short visit to Romania, there is much to report.

We are thankful to God that the work is running well in Vulcan, and the team there are working well together. We see that the work of ACA in Vulcan is "to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world" Mathew 5 v 14 (part). "Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—SHINE! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven" (Matthew 5 v 16)

Both kindergartens are running well, with 16 children in the 3-4 year age group and 14 children in the 5-6 year age group. The children are taught Christian values and stories from the Bible and also taught English. The headmaster from the school in Vulcan commented on how the children who had attended the ACA kindergartens were advanced in their education compared to other children starting school. We currently run one kindergarten in a room (which we rent) in the local Baptist Church. Following a fire in a night club in Bucharest 2 years ago, the fire department now inspects all public buildings. The Baptist Church has received fines from the Fire Department for 2 years, because their paperwork is not in order regarding the land registry. The Pastor of the church has spent 2 years, with his lawyer, trying to locate the owners of some parcels of land that overlap the land that the church is built on, with no success (land registry records are in a muddle after land was handed back to the people after the downfall of communism). Please pray that the lawyer will be able to resolve this problem and that they will be able to register the building for public use.

In September 2016, ACA were able to kit out 80 ?? Children for school, with uniforms, shoes, school books, pens, pencils, rucksacks etc. Thank you for all who helped with this, We anticipate being able to do the same for September 2017. The school headmaster recently asked ACA to help provide new modern school books for the school library, as the current ones are very old, and use old Romanian language. We'd love to be able to help do this, as it will benefit all the children in the school. The cost of new books would be approx £230.



Homework Club ↑

Education is now playing a large part of the focus of ACA with the people of Vulcan. We were thrilled when the school in Vulcan decided to start a 'second chance' program for children and adults. Previously we had been paying bus fares for children to attend the second chance school in the nearby town of Codlea. For the adults there is not only a financial incentive for them to go back to school (they receive a payment from the mayor when they complete a year) but also the prospect of a better job. This in turn makes the adults realise the importance of education for their children. To help with this, Irene, along with Jo & Iren, run a homework club every day for a couple of hours after the children have been to the school and eaten in the canteen. Currently 23 children, in years 4-6 ?????, are on the books to attend, and there is a waiting list. Irene takes a register and they have to attend regularly or lose their place. The homework club is such a help to the children as often the parents are not able to help them at home. Irene has received positive feedback from both the parents and the school that the children are doing better.

We are pleased to report that Sebi and Leta are doing very well. Sebi has taken advantage of going to the second chance school and has completed year 7, and is now in year 8. Because of this, he has been able to secure a good job in Brasov, and the boss is happy to work Sebi's shifts around completing his schooling up to year 10. Leta is working in the canteen, but has a heart for the poor around her. When I was visiting there house, someone came to her door with toothache. Without question, Leta gave her some paracetamol. They are always willing to give away if they have. They have also started building a house, behind their own house, for Sebi's parents, who are both unwell and currently live quite a distance away. Sebi's parents are paying for this build.



Building Projects Update:

The indoor toilet & bathroom for Stefan has been completed, and he is so happy with it, especially as this winter has been very cold and long.

The 2 room house for Lumi and her family progressed well last year, and we hope to resume work on it in the spring. The interior needs completing, with insulation, plasterboard and plaster, and flooring. In the autumn we will also insulate on the outside. →



A lovely family who attend the Baptist Church, Nelu & Ramona, have 5 children. Ramona helps Irene with homework club. Nelu had a good job as a builder/carpenter, & they have managed to build themselves a new house, with 2 rooms. They had started building another room, to be a kitchen & a bathroom, when Nelu had a serious injury and damaged his back. He has had surgery & is now slowly recovering, but is unable to return to work at the moment. If possible ACA would like to help them complete this room. With family help they will be able to do the manual work, but because he is not working it would be nice to help buy the expensive items—wood boiler £500, bathroom suite—£500.

There is one very sad situation we'd like to share with you. Our administrator, Ghita, had heard of an old lady that was paralyzed and living in awful conditions, so he asked Irene & I to visit. It was one of the most awful places I'd been in. Eugenia and her husband, who are both in their seventies, have a 2 room wooden shack. They can only live in one room, as there are rats in the other room, with a mud floor and plaster falling off the walls and the ceilings. They had borrowed a 'sorba' (fire and stove) to keep warm, as theirs had broken. In April, when they have to return the sorba, it would be nice to be able to buy them one—£200. Eugenia was very distressed when we visited, as she was trying to communicate but couldn't speak. All we felt we could do in the instant was pray for and with her. During this time she was calm. Her husband had an accident with an axe, and had a large cut on his leg. Ghita had been able to help him buy antibiotics. We would love to be able to build a small brick room for them.

