



Ukrainian boys playing chess

The Ukrainians that were staying in Casa Betania have moved to a more suitable house in Zarnesti and the family that was staying in Casa Betel has now moved to an apartment in Brasov. This leaves just 1 family staying with Nelu's brother for whom ACA provides food. We ask you to pray for these refugees, that they will remember the touch of God while they stayed at ACA and there will one day be eternal fruit from their stay.

### Praise Points:

- \* Completion of the renovations of both kindergartens—So thankful for provision of gifts to complete renovations and purchase new equipment
- \* Irene returning to Romania at the end of August
- \* On-going work on the building projects at Meralina's, Mariana's & Maria's
- \* Provision of finances to continue all the build projects
- \* We thank God for everyone of you who supports this work in Romania
- \* Successful summer camp
- \* Ukrainians being able to find local accommodation and work

### Prayer Points:

- \* Pray for continued wisdom and grace in all aspects of running the charity
- \* For all the children who attended the summer camp, and those who daily attend the kindergartens. Seeds that are sown about Jesus and His love for them would take root and grow

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

## NEWS FROM AURORA CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, VULCAN, ROMANIA – September 2022

Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. Isaiah 45:22

What use is it, my brothers *and sisters*, if someone says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," yet you do not give them what is necessary for *their* body, what use is that? In the same way, faith also, if it has no works, is dead, *being* by itself. James 2 v 14-17

*ἡ πίστις ἄνευ ἔργων ἄκατος ἐστίν*

The verses from James (above) have always been key verses for the works of God at Rora and in Romania. Both were founded on the basis of FAITH and LOVE, being outworked through practical means. Faith has always got to be joined with action, in love. We pray that God would use all of us, in whatever He has called us to, to show His unending love to those who seek Him. The words of an old hymn come to mind:

*Thy truth unchanged has ever stood,  
Thou savest those that on Thee call;  
to them that seek Thee, Thou art good,  
to them that find Thee, all in all.*

What a great promise!

### Bread & Food Bags Project

In light of the verses above, giving bread and food to those in need is a small way ACA can show practical love. These projects are running very well, and really do meet a need for those who are unable to purchase essential food for their families. We pray for those

who receive, that they would come to know the One who is '**The Bread of Life**'. We have recently been able to add some widows, who live up in the hills in Poiana Marului, to the list to receive regular food bags. The bags often consists of basic food stuffs such as rice, pasta, oil, stock cubes, tinned food etc.



This year we managed to have 2 Table Top Sales in the barn at Rora. Many visitors came to both and once again lots of tea, coffee and cake (of course!) consumed! As always people were generous with their giving (& buying!) and the total raised from both sales was just under £1000. This money will be used to support the Ukrainian families in the locality around Vulcan. The next sale is booked in the diary for Sat 3rd December.



### Summer Camp

Nelu & Miki, along with helpers from the local churches in Vulcan, ran a children's camp on 25 - 28 July.

Miki writes: We had 28 children and 10 leaders with ages between 5-13. The theme for our camp was 'Masterchef': key ingredients that people in the Bible used, e.g. faith, obedience, patience. We also learned

about cuisines from different countries- France, Romania, Greece and America and what the secret to their cooking is: it could be obedience, moderation, etc. Each of them also cooked a desert corresponding to the cuisine they were studying.



### Kindergarten Groups

You may remember from the last newsletter that Nelu was renovating his old workshop in the yard with the view to move the older Kindergarten group there. A grand opening was held on 30th April and the children (& parents) were amazed by the new, modern, clean environment, which will make learning a much more pleasant experience. ACA are so grateful for generous gifts received to purchase new furniture, including a new laptop and TV. We have also been able to renovate the room above Casa Betel where the younger kindergarten group meet.



During the year, the kindergarten teachers teach the children about various historical events and they celebrate some of them. This photo was taken on 'Heroes Day' which is a day to remember soldiers. The girls are wearing beautifully embroidered traditional Romanian dress.



We were also able to pass on a generous gift to the local school in Vulcan, to purchase a colour printer / copier. This will benefit all the children in the school, as the school books and work sheets are getting more expensive to purchase, and this will enable the school to copy the books and worksheets for the children.

Irene writes:

In Romania children have to take all the resources they need for school. Children are provided with text books but they have to pay for workbooks. In the first few years I was here many children spent classes sat with nothing to do as their parents couldn't afford these workbooks. As a result many could not get the grades needed to pass the year and had to re-sit the year and because of this many children ended up leaving school without completing their education. So every September we (ACA) pay for workbooks for children from families that need this extra support. Today we went to give the money for 96 students. The hope is that this will help the children in their learning, and that they will desire to continue their education. We have definitely seen a reduction in the number of children having to repeat a year and drop out of school and there is a greater number of children going into higher education! Thank you to everyone who supports this amazing, essential project. Such a simple way to support a child's education and secure a brighter future for them.



The 3 building projects are progressing well, albeit slowly sometimes.

**Merelina:** The kitchen extension is now finished. The plan is to complete the building of the chimney and provide a wood stove before winter. We would also like to connect the house to the local water supply.



**Mariana:** This house just needs the finishing touches, plastering, painting and flooring.

**Maria Corca:** They have 'broken ground' and the foundations have been laid, so this build project is in the early stages.

