

Since ACA made the decision to stop sending lorries of aid to Romania, our friends from The Rainbow Project in Plymouth have sent 2 pallets of goods to Romania. Unfortunately neither has been straight forward. The second pallet was returned to the UK, but Rainbow have tried to re-send it. It is now stuck in customs in Romania, requiring some additional paperwork. Please pray that Rainbow would be able to find out exactly what paperwork is required, and obtain it, so that the pallet can be delivered to Vulcan.

Please pray for Irene and her family. Irene had to urgently rush home in December, as her Mum was poorly in hospital following a routine operation. Unfortunately, Irene's mum, Sheila, passed away about a week later. Irene has stayed in the UK for the funeral and to sort her Mum's possessions, with the help of her sisters. Irene has booked to return to Romania on 24th Feb.

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 February
- * Paul & Anna's visit in March, along with their friend Fiona
- * We thank God for everyone of you who supports this work in Romania
- * Well attended meetings to hear Les preach, pray that God's word would take root in hearts and change lives

Prayer Points:

- * Pray for continued wisdom and grace in all aspects of running the charity
- * For Silviu's family
- * For Irene and her family, as they come to terms with the sudden loss of their Mum
- * The necessary paperwork for the pallet would be obtained
- * The families in Mina Una Mai who lost their houses and possessions in the recent fire

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

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NEWS FROM AURORA CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, VULCAN, ROMANIA – February 2023

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Gal 6 v 2 & 9-10

The Lord watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord! Ps 146 v 9-10



There are lots of scriptures instructing us to care for those around us, especially the widows, fatherless and less fortunate. As the verse above says—we fulfil the law of Christ—which simply was to 'Love one another', especially our neighbour. You will all remember the parable of the good Samaritan. Being a neighbour is not restricted to relation or proximity. It is merely the demonstration of the love and mercy of God to all in need, whomever and wherever they may be, regardless of race, denomination, or belief. Jesus teaches us that love is an action, not just a feeling or a theory, and that it sometimes requires the shouldering of others' burdens, an often uncomfortable process. .

We pray that through our actions of love and help to those in Vulcan and the other villages around us in Romania, we will be a practical demonstration of God's love.

Bread & Food Bags Project

This successful and necessary project continues, and ACA were given specific gifts for food bags just before Christmas, so Nelu, Miki and the team headed up the mountains to a village near Fagaras (about 50km from Vulcan) to distribute food. They were also able to give out Christian Calendars and books with Bible stories in them. Thanks to all who continue to contribute to this simple, but very practical and needful project.



Once again we were able to hold a table top sale in the barn in December. Thank you to all those who are local to Rora and wrapped up warm and braved the cold. It was such a busy morning. We raised just over £600. Save the date for our next sale 15th April 2023!



All the building projects are progressing, its hard to do work during the cold winters, so we're hopeful that work will re-start in the spring. Paul & Anna will be visiting in March, and hope to visit all of the projects so we will be able to do an update following our visit.

Maria Corca: The kitchen room is complete, with new plaster on the walls, concrete floor and a new door.

Andreea Guiman A few years ago, you may remember we told you about a young girl from Poiana Murlui (in the hills) who fell out of a cherry tree and was paralyzed from the waist down. The Pentecostal church in Vulcan, and other friends helped build a home that was suitable for her wheelchair. We would now like to help complete the entrance hall and porch area, with windows, to make it like a conservatory area, where she is able to sit and enjoy the views and her surroundings.

Casa Betania We are also doing some renovations at Casa Betania, creating a new toilet & shower room, so the house will be more suitable for visitors. In the future we'd like to explore the possibility of adding some bedrooms in the roof, to house visiting groups & work parties more easily.



Silviu Ferar We recently received some sad news. Again you may remember Christine mentioning a disabled boy in the gypsy village of Vulcan—Silviu. We were not sure what was wrong with him, but his bones were undeveloped and he was frail, but he was well cared for by his family, and happy by all accounts. We heard in December that Silviu needed urgent heart surgery, he was now early 30's, having lived well beyond Drs expectations. The churches in & around Vulcan raised some money, & he was pledged money from a medical charity in Romania. ACA also pledged to send £2000 towards the operation costs of £18000. He was admitted to hospital in January, but caught a cold or flu, and subsequently passed away. Please pray for his family.

Cristina Masu — We sent around an email from Cristina requesting help (who is a member of Gary & Nico's church in Bran). Cristina lost her husband, aged only xx, due to a blood clot, and she is left to raise 4 small children. Thank you to all who have sent gifts to help Cristina, these have all been passed on to her.

Mina Una Mai - 'Mina' is the next village along from Vulcan, and we have had many contacts there in the past. We have just heard that there was a fire there that destroyed 6 houses. Nelu is going to visit and assess what help is required and ACA will definitely help with funds to re-build some of these houses.



Once again, we were thrilled that Les Wheeldon was recently able to visit Romania to hold a series of Bible Ministry meetings in the churches that ACA has links with. Pete Trevelyan, travelled with Les, and wrote this piece for the Rora newsletter. I thought it was apt to reproduce here:

Romania report:-

This an update on the latest visit to the Romanian village of Vulcan by Les Wheeldon & Pete Trevelyan. First of all, some context..... the 1st contact between Rora & Romania was made by Malcolm and Christine Ford when they became bible couriers with "Open Doors" during the communist era. Many friendships were forged & once the borders were fully open a work started & after a brief period in Brasov they settled here in Vulcan. The area is traditionally rural, but still close to Brasov. In the early years there was a great need due to the real poverty, particularly in the adjoining gypsy village. The key couple in Vulcan are Nelu & Miki with their 3 daughters, who live in an extended German era farmhouse where visitors can stay. Nelu is the pastor of the Vulcan Pentecostal church, & the initial contacts were made between their parents & Malcolm and Christine over 30 years ago.

Over the years many lives have been touched both practically & spiritually and the ministry has spread, & many local churches have embraced the ministry, firstly Malcolm & Christine, but latterly Les Wheeldon has been welcomed by many, including churches in Codlea, Vulcan, Zarnesti, Brasov & beyond. The area Pentecostal superintendent, Eugen Jugaru, has also become a great encourager in the ministry. During the last week there have been a number of meetings in all the churches listed & the reception to the word has been truly exciting & encouraging. It has been a great blessing & to see crowded church buildings has been a real sight to behold, very exciting.

Another aspect of the work has been the toddlers and pre-school group, & although it has been going for a number of years it is now based in an extension to the original home in Vulcan. I have attached some pictures, but it is difficult to convey how wonderful this purpose-built building is. The interior design is very well thought through as well as the surrounding area that is totally enclosed and therefore safe. It is not surprising that there is a waiting list to attend the kindergarten. The whole work is Christian based & the workers include Irene, who originally hails from Reading, and lives here in the adjoining

house. Unfortunately, she was not here during our visit as she had to go home as her mum passed away. Please pray for her in this difficult time.

The last ten days have been a real blessing. The work here is flourishing. I am looking forward to next year. Peter Trevelyan

⇐ The downstairs room has also been renovated, and the younger kindergarten moved in at the beginning of January

