A.C.A. is an independent, non profit making, Christian Association. It is affiliated to the Rora Christian Fellowship Trust in Devon, England.

#### **FINANCE**

Aurora Christian Association [UK] / Asociatia Crestina Aurora [ROM] is financed solely through gifts given specifically for the work in Romania. Very little is used for administration costs, both in the UK and in Romania, as all staff are voluntary, and live either by nominated sponsorships, or personal gifts.

## **OPERATION re - AID**

We aim to send 50 cubic metres of aid every 6 weeks, finances dependant. All aid is packed carefully and given on a one to one basis, either to individuals, or to churches, social services, orphanages, hospitals, doctors and dentists surgeries, schools, police, council offices, just to name a few. In fact, wherever there is a genuine need, and a trustworthy contact. Everything, according to Romanian law, is signed for, and listed, both on entering the country and as it is given away. The biggest problem, and greatest cost is transport to Romania.

A.C.A. is a registered charity both in Romania and in the UK.

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What use is it, if someone says he has faith but he has not 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" and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead.

James 2 v 14-17

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# Aurora Christian Association

... and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem and in Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Acts I v 8



Registered Charity: 1073190

# Aurora Christian Association (A.C.A.)

Malcolm and Christine Ford head up the work, and have been travelling in Romania since 1983. Following the revolution in 1989, they have spent up to 5 months a year in Romania, supervising the work personally. This is done in 3 trips per year, of between 1 and 2 months duration. Initially they purchased a house in the city of Braşov, which was named Casa Aurora. A charity was formed, both in the UK and in Romania.

The work of A.C.A. is now mainly run in the village of Vulcan, which is approx. 18 km from Brasov. Two further properties were purchased there, Casa Betania and Casa Shalom. Intitally a kindergarten was held in Casa Shalom. In 2008 we had to sell Casa Shalom because when Romania entered the EU, regulations prevented us from holding a kindergarten in the house, as it was not up to EU standards. ACA currently rents a room, kitchen and toilets from the local Baptist Church and the Kindergarten is now run there, 5 days a week and currently there are approx. 20 children, both Romanian and Gypsy. Casa Betania is now Malcolm & Christine's main base in Romania. Here. aid, which is sent from the UK, is sorted and distributed to those in need. There is also a canteen which feeds 180 poor children 1 meal a day, 5 days a week. We have a sponsorship programme for children in the canteen. ACA have recently purchased the house next door, where the canteen is held, which was Gary & Nico's home, as they have moved to the nearby town of Bran.

A.C.A. has purchased a plot of land, for a campsite for local churches to use for children's camps. There are currently 8 workers committed to A.C.A., most of whom are sponsored from the UK. If you would like more information regarding sponsorship, please let us know.

# The Vision of A.C.A.

#### Casa Betania

- 1. To provide a home for ourselves, and for any of our team from UK who come to stay and work with us.
- 2. To house the branch office in Vulcan for A.C.A.
- 3. To store aid received from the West, and to use premises as a distribution centre (we only work with proven contacts, and give aid on a 'one to one' basis).
- 4. To provide a simple medical service for those needing first aid and simple medical care.
- 5. To provide a base for a visitation programme for the elderly and infirm in the village.

#### The House Next Door

- 1. Houses the canteen which feeds 150 children one meal a day.
- 2. Upper Room meeting room which seats 80. Used for English classes, computer classes, youth clubs (1 for Romanians and 1 for Gypsies), conference / teaching ministry.
- 3. Hospitality accommodation for visiting workers / teams.

## <u>Kindergarten</u>

Currently located in the Baptist Church in Vulcan. We currently have approx. 20 children coming to either the morning or afternoon session (dependant on age).

# Gypsy School

Bill & Sue Owens (from the church at Rora) have been in Romania since 2006 and have a love for the gypsies. They currently have 8 gypsy children, aged between 8 and 16 who rarely went to school, and are giving them basic schooling on a daily basis.

# The Vision of A.C.A. (cont)

#### Canaan

This is land, just outside Vulcan in a beautiful location, purchased for a campsite. It has a fresh water spring, and is flat meadow land set at the base of the foothills of the mountains surrounded by forest. It already has the foundations of a building on it so there is the possibility to build in the future. This land will provide a place for poor churches to use for camps, barbecues, and day excursions into the country. A.C.A. will provide all facilities for each group on a loan basis.

#### Future plans

We hope in the future to be able to purpose build or buy another property for the kindergarten according to EU regulations, and also possibly a community centre. We are looking to the Lord for His will, in this matter.

We have also started a project to build better houses for the gypsies.