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The Lord is high above all nations; His glory is above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, who is enthroned on high,
who looks far down to the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the garbage heap,
to seat *them* with noblemen, with the noblemen of His people.

He has the infertile woman live in the house *as* a joyful mother of children.

Praise the Lord!

Psalm 113 v 4-9

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What a great reassurance that the Lord is God over all, seated on high — Lord over our circumstances, our thoughts and feelings, our joys, our sorrows, our present and our future. And isn't it amazing that we are seated with Him—Ephesians 2 v 6-7 comes to mind: *and God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.*

Just as God has expressed His kindness to us in Jesus Christ, so we must show His kindness and grace to those God brings along our path and into our lives.

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Day to day life continues in Vulcan and the surrounding towns and villages where God has called ACA to work, to be ministers of His love and grace to all we meet.

The regular food bags and bread project help so many families who would ordinarily find it difficult to purchase essential food items. As with all of us, food prices have seen a sharp increase, with child benefits, pensions and wages not keeping pace. The food is purchased in bulk at the local wholesaler and then approx. 30 bags are made up, once a month, with items like oil, flour, corn maize, stock cubes, beans/pulses, meat paste, margarine, jam, sugar etc. The bread is purchased from a local shop and distributed from there. Sometimes the young people from the Pentecostal church will drive up into the surrounding hills and deliver food bags. Often the old people are overwhelmed by the kindness of strangers, especially young people, as they may go weeks without seeing anyone.



↑ collecting food bags

Although there is not much to report back from these projects, they are essential for most families who are extremely grateful, and a great outreach to practically show God's love.



↑ Nelu at the wholesalers

Another year of kindergarten classes have come to an end and a new year started in September. The end of year celebrations in the 2 kindergarten classes went well, with 17 children 'graduating' from the older class and will now attend school. As always, these ceremonies and presentations are used as an opportunity to share about God, as nearly all parents and sometimes grandparents attend. We are grateful that as a private kindergarten, there are no restrictions to the team actively teaching the children Bible stories and about Jesus. The older children sang the song 'the wise man built his house upon the rock' (in English!). The new classes for 2025/26 have started and there are 24 children in Miki's class and 20 in Andreea's.



Since the kindergartens started back in 1998, ACA has always sponsored their workers with a monthly gift, and met other needs (particularly medical needs) as required. The kindergarten's current official status is a 'children's club'. Nelu and Miki are making preparations to register the building and obtain insurance as a public place. With this in mind, and for possible future plans to officially register as a kindergarten, we have taken a step of faith and from January 2026 we have committed to paying medical insurance and pension contributions to the kindergarten teachers. This is quite an additional monthly commitment. Please pray that God will continue to provide.

Please also pray that God will give wisdom to Nelu and Miki as they start the formal registration process of the kindergartens, this may take a while to complete and could be a costly process.



Through the kind regular donations from our friends in Norway, we are able to continue to support the vocational training school in Codlea. This academic year consists of 12 students, 1 boy and 11 girls! They have been able to purchase items to help them with their learning—mainly in health, beauty and hair care.

The organisation that uses the front room at Casa Betel (run by Andreea (1 of our kindergarten teachers) & her colleague Alexandra) is going really well. They run extra curricular activities most days—guitar lessons, calligraphy courses, English lessons, craft workshops, mother and toddler sessions, as well as a sports day in the summer holidays. There has also been a pop up second hand clothes shop.

Maybe I should have started with the exciting news that Timi (Nelu & Miki's youngest daughter) got married to Silviu in May. Miki writes: *The day was great ! We don't have words to say how the Lord was in it all, from the atmosphere to the weather. Thank you for your prayers*



↑ I-r Miki, Gabi, Silviu, Timi, Nelu, Cristi
(at the legal wedding in the town hall)



↑ Silviu & Timi
(at the church wedding)



This summer has seen lots of activities on the ACA site in Vulcan.



The annual summer camp was held at the end of July, with 18 children, 8 teenagers, 9 leaders and 3 cooks attending—all from local churches. The theme of the week was 'Skilled Builders on God's Building Site'.



↑ sleeping in the kindergarten ! As well as the 2 ACA houses and upper room

Nelu & Miki were approached by an American church that meets in Brasov, to hold a summer camp in the houses and grounds in Vulcan. This camp was held during August, for 4 days.

At the end of the camp they held baptisms in the pool in the garden.



There are quite a few visitors lined up for this autumn. Hazel and Heather, Trustees from The Rainbow Project have just returned from a 2 week trip. As on their previous visits, they came to see firsthand the ACA projects they have been supporting. They are also involved in supporting a children's home in Dej (about 300km from Vulcan).

ACA are particularly grateful for the funds received from The Rainbow Project towards past building programmes, and the current build for the Corca family. ↓



Ase & Ragnar from Norway will be in Vulcan this month. The Norwegian sponsors have been great advocates of education, supporting school transport and materials in the past. As well as regularly sending money to buy items for the vocational school, we are able to put extra funds received towards buying nappies for babies, essential medicines & the building fund.

A Romanian missionary couple in their 60's will be living in Casa Betania over the winter months. They have just returned from Ukraine and have purchased some land in Vulcan, along with a yurt!

Praise God that the Pentecostal church in Vulcan continues to grow, having a couple of new families attending. Pray that God would deepen relationships with Himself. Les Wheeldon and Peter Trevelyan will be visiting in January again for some Bible Ministry meetings.

We thank you all for your continued support of the work of ACA in Romania, both prayerfully and financially.
Malcolm, Paul, Anna, Nelu & Miki, and all the ACA team

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