

December 26<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Dear Kath,

I keep delaying to give you the updates you wait so much, but believe me, it is not on purpose.

We had a wonderful time together at Dealu Mare. We pass the Christmas card and the wishes from you and friends from England to all from church, and they express their appreciation for your support and help during all this year and the past years. They express also the sorry about you coming not this year in Romania, and wait for the next spring to meet you, David and Lynda and Andrew. Those days until New Year I will write the thanks letters as I promise to do and I will scan a letter written by the children from Dealu Mare after the camp. Was indeed a surprise for me and my wife. They want to thank us also in this manner. Of course I will translate.

With the money sent by GNFR, we buy for the families, oil for cooking, flour, sugar, butter, for Ghicani's family we buy some chicken and tomato sauce, and we must go this week to Miclesti to see Romica. We had at Christmas time the family Petcu from Fruntiseni and the girls from Ghicani. We gave from the last pack you sent some shoes and boots for the girls from Fruntiseni. With the money sent by GNFR we were able to make a tour of the city with the car charged with gifts for the street children. We were able to find, not all of them but 20 of them and we give them presents, and sweets, and some children's books with pictures about Jesus and Christmas.

Unfortunately I have no pictures from that. The card for the camera you sent me only came the next week,

Ada is feeling good, continue with the treatment, and next year on March we will go for another full check.

The boys are growing up, and I must say I don't know when. Just from week-end to weekend I see them bigger and bigger.

I lost a little from my overweight and I cut my hair.

Oh I remember something. We have a problem with the Rosca family from Dealu Mare. We gave to the girls shoes, boots, clothes, and I was surprised, and Ada also when at Christmas celebration they come with some old clothes and shoes. The parents sell all for drink. At the celebration in the church no one came and they send the small one to be cared by an older sister. I was and I am still angry about that. We gave to the girls presents for all and I want to see how they are coming next Sunday. If they will come with the same old shoes I will go to have a chat with the dad and mum. My worry is (because they are stupid enough) if they will feel "hurts" in their ego about my questions, they will stop the girls to come to the church. And that will be a terrible price. Please pray for this matter, and pray God to give me proper word and proper attitude when I will meet those people.

Ada asks me to tell you she thanks you a lot (no words enough as I can see her how she speaks) for the wonderful Christmas you offer to her. She is peaceful and she feels full of hope. Maybe those words are small and insignificant but 100% her prayers for you and for children, friends, lady from the school, will pass and will count for the eternal crown who will sit on your heads.

May God bless you all. And I want to put here my thanks for giving me back my sweet. I can't imagine a day without her. We speak at least three times a day when I'm at work, and I'm grateful to Dad for all the gifts who give me through her.

Again I thank you dear friends for praying and helping, material and spiritual speaking, for this wonderful present you make.

We love you and XXXXXXXX you all.

Claudiu