

GOOD NEWS FOR ROMANIA



April 2008 – ROMANIA UPDATE.

Dear Friends,

At last the long winter in Romania is coming to an end, and although it hasn't been the worst winter ever, there have been periods when life has been very difficult for the families we support. With help and support, GNFR has been able to help with gifts of food and clothing, so thank you all!

For the PANTEA family, it was particularly difficult as part of the back wall of their house fell down under the weight of snow, but wonderful news, the builders who went out with us in October took a group of 5 young men in March to rebuild the wall, what a God send that was for the Pantea family! Unfortunately, because the wall was an `extra' job, the group were not able to repair part of the roof of the house and the `outside kitchen' roof, but Mr Pantea was extremely happy that this major job was done, they had been living with just a cloth hanging to cover the large open space, thank you to all those who gave of their time and love and went to help.

For the BAGU family it hasn't been easy. GNFR has been given some money to repair the roof of the main house, but because of the bad weather, unfortunately this still hasn't been done. We have at last found a builder prepared to do it, and although we are about £430 short to complete the work, we trust that this money will come in and make the Bagu families life more bearable. Mr Bagu has improved a little which we were pleased to hear about. OANA is looking forward to being able to return to school in September and GNFR will cover her uniform, travel and book costs.

MARGARETA & her grandson MICHI are doing ok. We were told that Michi had been diagnosed with leukaemia, but they are now saying it isn't that and are treating him, and although he is still unwell, he is improving thanks to financial help for medication from GNFR. Our other families are doing ok although they continue to have their daily struggles, Claudiu was telling us that NATALITA MUNTEANU continues to run around all the time caring for her family, he said she is extremely thin but always has a smile, and she does!

The ROSCA family at Dealu Mare continue to struggle, they left the village later last year to go and live near Mr Rosca's parents and although we were disappointed that we would lose touch with them, we were happy that their living conditions would probably be better. However, that was short lived; they came back to their tumble down `shack' in February, unable to explain what had happened. We are trying to persuade Mr Rosca to apply for some land and then we would try to help them build a house, but we are having no success, please pray that this family will be able to make this move to make their lives better. GNFR continue to help with food and clothing.

BOGDAN, OANA AND MARIA VICOL have had an up and down winter and have all been in hospital with flu, thankfully they are all on the mend now and are back home again.

At this time of year we are starting to think about the SUMMER CAMPING HOLIDAY for the children, they have all started asking Claudiu, “when are we going?” not “ARE we going!” the prices of bread and basic foods has risen a lot this past year, Claudiu estimates around 45%! Anyway, if you feel you can help with the costs of a child going on a much needed holiday, then please do get in touch. We are hopeful that we can do this for around £40 a child and this holiday will mean a break from the daily chores and will give them a time of fun, laughter, good food and lots of lovely fresh air.

Thank you all for your continued love and support, it really does make a difference to these people in such a great need.

We trust you are well and send love to you all, thank you!

Love

David & Kath Richardson.