

# GOOD NEWS FOR ROMANIA



Dear Friends.

## ROMANIA UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2011.

It's hard to believe that our 'summer' is almost over again for another year, but we are pleased to be able to let you know some good news with regard to the work of Good News for Romania.

### CAMP-2011.

22 children and 4 helpers went on camp from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July and they all had a wonderful time. Claudiu and Ada asked us if we thought that it would be ok if the camp this year could be mainly for the younger children. Claudiu found some of the older children 'hard work' last year and we all agreed that it was the younger children who needed the break most of all. So, that is what happened and Claudiu said, "Everyone had the best camp ever!" The decision was also made to stay in and around the area of the camp site, playing games and generally having fun. On previous camps, everyone has gone on a few days out which they have enjoyed very much, but being around the same site, walking up the local hills etc has turned out to be much better, and Claudiu and the helpers have had more of a relaxing time too. There were lots of tears when camp came to an end and a number of the children, but especially Simona, cried as she did not want to go home. We just pray that we can give these children a treat of going on camp again in 2012. They all say a very big THANK YOU to those who made this wonderful adventure possible. Each child was also given a Bible of their very own, Claudiu assured us that they would treasure these and he is encouraging the children to read their Bibles regularly.

### SIMONA

The other good news is that Simona has been able to start High School on September 13<sup>th</sup> and thank you to those who very kindly contribute to this. She is delighted to be given this amazing opportunity and although she is away from her family home, she is very happy! Her 'home' was not a good place to be, so staying with Bianca and her two small children is wonderful. Although we didn't get the full amount of money to pay for Simona to go to school, we have a reasonable amount of money committed to her each month and we trust God that the rest of her needs will be met. She is extremely happy!

### CLAUDIU

More good news is that Claudiu has finally got a job! He started work on a construction site on September 15<sup>th</sup>. It's been a difficult summer for him as he had no job and therefore no money. Thankfully, through GNFR, we were able to help him, Ada and the boys to survive this difficult time and we are really happy that he now has work. He did hope to be closer to home but unfortunately this is not the case, he is around 7 hours drive from home so he is back to weekends only with his family. The whole family is happy that he has a job as in Romania there is virtually no unemployment benefit system.

### ADA

Ada continues to do well after her cancer, she had another check up recently and was given the all clear.

### ROMICA

Romica continues to work hard at school and home. He attends school in the mornings and comes home in the afternoon and spends the rest of the day alone while his father works. He works around the house and also works the vegetable plot at the side of the house to give him and his father some fresh produce. He had a wonderful time on camp and often speaks to Claudiu and Ada when he needs their support and encouragement.

### FAMILIES

The families that GNFR supports have been ok over the summer months, the good weather always helps. Claudiu and Ada keep a close eye on Cristina Petcu and the family as Cristina decided not to go to High School. We were all disappointed about this but she feels her commitment is to take care of her younger siblings while her father works. It is very sad that a 14 year old has to take on this responsibility but Claudiu and Ada are at the end of a telephone for Cristina and help in any way they can.

### BIANCA, 'LITTLE BIANCA' AND ALEX

Little Bianca has not been well and it has been found that her kidney is tilted on to one side and she has a lump on her lower back. She has had numerous tests and the doctors are unsure what the whole problem is at the moment, she will be back at the hospital in October. We keep praying for her that she will be restored to good health again. GNFR has been able to help with medical a bill which has been a relief for her Mum, Bianca.

### ANDREEA

Andreea continues to wear her glasses and she has found the strain that she was having on her eyes has gone. Unfortunately, there was no treatment that could make the sight better in her bad eye so GNFR has ensured that she has good glasses and we will continue to do so in the future.

### LYNDA

Lynda, our supporter here in Bolton unfortunately was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year. She hasn't had a good year and is still undergoing tests and treatment, please remember Lynda, and her husband Andrew at this difficult time.

David and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued love and support for the work in and around Barlad, Romania. The winter months are fast approaching and this is always the most difficult time for the families we support. Your support this year has helped with medical costs for Ada and Bianca, helped Claudiu and Ada survive with basic needs while he has been unemployed, paid for camp, and provided clothes and urgent provisions for families in need and has made sure that the children who attend school have the books and equipment they need. None of us can really appreciate how much this support has meant to those receiving it, so THANK YOU once again.

*For anyone local, we are having a coffee morning and bring & buy at our home on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November between 10am-12noon. Please do come along and support the work of GNFR if you can. The money raised will help the families over the harsh winter months and will give each family food and small gifts at Christmas.*

God bless you all!

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