



GOOD NEWS FOR ROMANIA

Dear Friends,

Newsletter – September 2009

The summer months for our friends in and around Barlad has been very mixed. The good news is that 34 children and 4 helpers had a wonderful holiday in the mountains, thanks to those people who contributed in any way, financially or with clothing, toiletries etc. The time in the mountains was very refreshing for all of them, the children enjoyed lots of fresh air, games, walks, outings, fellowship and good healthy food. They stayed on the camp for 11 days and enjoyed it so much that they didn't want to go home! In the majority of cases, the children on the camp are from families which do not have any salary coming into the home, and there are situations where there are three families living in one house. We cannot appreciate fully what this holiday means for these children who are already asking if they can go in 2010, so thank you for remembering them, the happy memories will remain in their minds for a very long time.

Some not so good news is that Alexandru Negoii, (one of the boys who was sleeping in the railway station) is in jail for stealing. He contacted Claudiu with a desperate message asking for clothes and shoes for the winter months. He asked Claudiu to visit him in Bacau jail, but unfortunately, it is a long way and getting there when the prison authorities will allow is not easy, but Claudiu is working very hard to solve this problem and will take clothes and shoes donated by GNFR.

Claudiu also contacted us to ask for help with school uniforms and books, (all to be purchased in Romania), for the children for school. Simona Bagu from Ghicani village and Dana Rosca from Dealu Mare have been accepted at High School because they got good grades, so we continue to help as much as we can. There are many other children need help with the cost of their books and educational needs, so if you can help in any way, then we would be very grateful. We feel the education of these children is vital in the hope that in the future, they will get a job and be able to help their family out of the poverty that they suffer at the moment.

Economically things are not good in Barlad with many factories and places of employment closing down, which unfortunately puts even more families into difficult financial situations, so we continue to help where we can. One vital thing to remember about the help that you provide, is the encouragement that it gives these families in such need, many of us cannot begin to understand how it feels to have the worry of not being able to feed and clothe our children. Claudiu and Ada often tell us of the times when they take food and gifts for these families and the parents break down and cry, they always ask that their love and sincere gratitude is passed on – so THANK YOU! We personally send many thanks for your love, support and encouragement and trust you are in good health.

God bless.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH – 10am-12noon.
ALL WELCOME!