

GOOD NEWS FOR ROMANIA



Dear Friends,

News Update – November 2011

It's hard to believe that Christmas is almost here again and it is at this time when we particularly remember the families we support in Romania. Over the coming winter months, (temperatures last winter got down to -37 and -25 is not uncommon), GNFR regularly sends money for food, vitamins, essentials or medical treatment that's needed by those families in need. Extra funds are always sent to Claudiu at Christmas so that he and Ada can buy small gifts and extra food for the families to help them to have an easier time over the Christmas period; they all appreciate this very much.

We recently held our coffee morning and an amazing £1000.73 was raised. Thank you very much to anyone who attended or donated in any way, this money will certainly make these families lives a lot easier over the harsh winter months.

Simona Bagu. We have some sad news with regard to Simona. She started high school and was doing very well and appeared to be very happy, but one day, Simona 'disappeared', she didn't attend school and didn't return to Bianca's home. This was very worrying and after frantically trying unsuccessfully to contact her and her family by phone, Claudiu & Ada decided they needed to go to her village home to find out if she was safe and well. Mrs Bagu was not saying much but explained that Simona had been very unhappy in Barlad and at school and she was now at another village at a friend's home. Claudiu made the journey to this village and eventually found her. She said she had been happy at school and Bianca's home, she said she had been given good food and had made new friends, but she wanted to go home. Claudiu explained to us that he knows Simona well and knew she was lying about wanting to go home, she even had tears in her eyes when she was talking about it. He described her as looking very sad and Claudiu's opinion is that the family wants her at home to work the fields and help them. He describes this as a 'Romanian village mentality' and that they are not thinking of Simona's future or well being. The Head Teacher at the school is very upset also as she said Simona had appeared to be very happy, she worked hard and had lots of potential. The Head has decided that she is going to ask Social Services to do a social report on the family, so we wait for news.

Adina Rosca We also heard news that Adina from Dealu Mare has stopped going to High School. It seems that she didn't like walking home alone when she finished school at 7pm. Her journey is around 3-4 miles and there no street lights once she gets out of the town. Claudiu was upset to hear this and is currently trying to sort something out for her.

Romica is doing well but doesn't like the winter months, he spends a lot of time home alone and works hard chopping logs and looking after the 'home' as best he can while Dad works. He finds the long, dark nights difficult but often telephones Claudiu and Ada for a chat. GNFR continues to help with their basic needs and recently, new school uniform was bought for him as he has grown a little.

Families at Dealu Mare

All our families in Dealu Mare continue to receive help and some good news is that Dealu Mare now has an asphalt road! This is wonderful news as it was not uncommon for the village to be cut off in the winter months. This has been funded with money from the EU which is good to hear. It will certainly make transporting the help from GNFR a lot easier for Claudiu and Ada. . Claudiu told us that new children are coming each week into the Sunday School in Dealu Mare, this is good news as it opens doors for helping these families should they need it.

CHRISTINA PETCU from Fruntiseni, continues to work hard. Claudiu comments that despite Christina being only 14 years old, she is a wonderful 'Mum' to her siblings. Unfortunately, she decided that she couldn't attend high school as she couldn't leave her family alone all day. GNFR continues to help and support her all we can.

Ada is a little anxious as last week she noticed an 'itching' on her skin. She is quite worried about this after her cancer treatment last year, the local Dr has seen it and doesn't think she needs to worry, but Claudiu has decided that he will take her to Iasi (80 miles away) to the hospital where she received good treatment last year, so they can check it. Please pray that everything is ok. Ada continues to play a big part in helping children in need. When she goes into town, she takes food for any street children that she meets and she regularly walks to Dealu Mare helping those in the village. She continues to take care of Alexandru, Albert and David at home while Claudiu is away at work and she works closely with Bianca discussing any needs that may arise. Their work never stops!

Biencuta (little Bianca) is 'ok' in herself but the specialist has recommended urgent tests on the lump. Mum hasn't asked for any help but we know she can't afford to pay for these tests, so GNFR is waiting to hear costs and will help Mum to find out what this problem is. Please pray!

Mum Bianca has been running a Bible school in Dealu Mare for children who are not receiving any education. There are still families who don't send their children to school in the village and Bianca has taken it upon herself to try to help these children. She has been chatting to the parents about the need for the children to attend school and has apparently had a good response. Bianca is a lovely young lady and is wise beyond her years. Please remember her as life isn't easy for her also

Claudiu is very happy as he has a job now and is enjoying it. He is working as a site manager on a new motorway system (only the second in Romania). The down side is that he has a 7 hour journey to work so he only comes home at weekends. He is just grateful to have a job and doesn't complain at all.

Lynda continues to be unwell, please continue to pray for her and Andrew at this difficult time. She is currently undergoing chemotherapy which isn't pleasant.

Claudiu has asked us to tell you that your love and encouragement means a great deal to them and all those you support. He sends you everyone's love, thanks and best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a very happy and healthy 2012.

David and I thank you personally for your love and encouragement to US, you are all fantastic, we couldn't do this important work without YOU. God bless you all!

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and every blessing for 2012.

Love

David & Kath

We have just found out that Mariana Ginghina (40) Mum of Cristian & Robert was feeling a little unwell, Dr has told her it's an inoperable tumour. She had no other symptoms. Dad drinks a lot so Claudiu is worried about the boys-please remember them

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