

GOOD NEWS FOR ROMANIA



Dear Friends,

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Thanks to our wonderful supporters of Good News for Romania, 34 children enjoyed a fantastic time at camp in Valea Cerbului – Busteni at the beginning of August this year. We asked Claudiu how camp had gone and how he was and this is what he wrote: “I half past dead, tired and cold with my sinuses like iron in my head, but I am extremely happy and grateful, grateful to you, grateful certainly to our Lord for His protection and blessing, and grateful to all our friends from England, who open their hearts, (and not only their hearts) for the children from Romania. We had special condition for this camp, we were in a beautiful valley in the bottom of the mountain, very famous for...the bears! Every night we receive the visit of this beast, but of course God’s hand and the instruction we had every day, passed with no bad incident. We visited many interesting places, the children all experienced a trip to the peak of the mountain where there are special places to visit, they had a visit to a museum and visited Castle Peles. They enjoyed treats of pizza and ice cream and went to a beautiful waterfall. They had lots of fun playing on the camp with footballs, cricket sets, paints and the big parachute game that GNFR provided. The children had a wonderful time, a time that they will never forget. We do not forget to have the quiet time each day, when we got together to share and speak about all we have on our souls and to bless God for all He provided to us. Most of the children on this camp had worries and anxieties that they spoke to us about, one touching story was about Liliana (11), Stela (10) and Cristina (13) Petcu, who cried because they miss their mother so much. Their father isn’t in good health and their mother left Romania to work in Italy over 4 years ago and never contacts them at all. Sadly, this is not an uncommon story; these children grow up from being a very young age, feeling abandoned and hurt, especially as they are often left with the huge responsibility of keeping the home together, (the ‘home’ is extremely basic and difficult) even though they are only children themselves. We are sincerely grateful for the help of David & Kath and Andrew & Lynda, and of course for EVERYONE who helps the charity, Good News for Romania, life would be even harder for these families. We cannot thank you enough and these words come from deep in our hearts. FOARTE MULTAMESC! (THANK YOU VERY MUCH).”

As you can read from Claudiu’s message, everyone had a great time, a time when the children could be children which we are sure did them the world of good. Claudiu and his wife Ada are a real blessing to GNFR and have a genuine compassion and love for these children and their families. It makes us very sad to say this, but unfortunately Ada has been diagnosed with a malignant melanoma, (cancer in a mole) and is at the moment going through many tests and operations. The worry of the mole growing on Ada’s back

was there when they were on camp, but both Ada and Claudiu continued with camp and gave all of their efforts to ensure that the children had a great time.

Ada has had one operation to remove the mole, but unfortunately she is having another operation to remove another 3cm from around the wound to try to make sure that the cancer in that area is totally removed. She has to have a full body scan and is waiting to have her lymph nodes checked. This is a very big worry for Claudiu and Ada as there are many costs involved which are not easy for them to meet. We, (Good News for Romania) are going to help in any way we can and if you feel you would like to help with this, then please do get in touch.

There are still many problems in Romania and the last few months have been difficult for 'our families' as many of those who were in work have had their salary reduced by 25% because of the recession, and others have lost their jobs, so the work of Good News for Romania, in providing food and other essentials carries on.

We do try to send money each month to help with their basic needs, especially over the winter months, so we pray that we will be able to continue to do this to make their lives a little easier in these harsh times.

As many of you are aware, Andrew & Lynda and David and I should have gone to Romania in June but had to cancel because of David's health problems. The good news is that 5 weeks ago, David had his gallbladder removed and is now well on the way to recovery. All being well, we will go to Romania in the spring next year and pray that by then, Ada's health issues will be better than they are now. We would really value your thoughts and prayers for Claudiu and Ada, and also their boys, Alexandru, Albert and David.

Thank you all very much for your continued love and support, we really do appreciate it. We often get messages from Claudiu asking us to give you his thanks for ALL you do.....so THANK YOU!

For those locally: Coffee morning/bring & buy at our house on Saturday November 13th, 10am-12noon....we would love to see you!

Love and thanks,

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