

*Reaching out to the poor and oppressed by
"Providing practical Help, Comfort and Spiritual Encouragement for the people of Romania"*

Dear Friends,

You may remember from our last Newsletter in March that we had stopped doing "sit down" meals at the Centre and were providing "takeaways" instead until we are able to return to normality. This is still continuing and is still very much appreciated and is giving us a wonderful opportunity to be able to witness to those we help, as many ask how and why we are able to continue to provide these meals and food bags, as most of the practical social help provided by the town had ceased.

Latest Covid 19 Situation..

Up until this past week there has been a night time curfew, and permits were required to be out on the street or driving. These can be written by the person stating why they are out (e.g. getting meals from the Centre etc) or where they are driving to and why. These permits have now been dropped and people can travel up to a 30 KLM (Approx 19 Miles) distance out of town – travelling further can only be done with a permit and for business. The Judiciary (County) of Botosani in which Dorohoi is situated has the second highest number of cases, and the City of Suceava (about 40 miles away) is still the epicentre of the virus, and although roads in and out of Suceava were sealed by armed guards this has now been dropped.

The number of cases from the start in mid-March in the County to the 1 June were 1300 deaths. Currently the rate is approx 100 new cases a day and 2-4 deaths a day. It now seems that the highest number of cases is from the medics, and most cases come from people who have been in hospital for other reasons. They can now have 8 people inside a building for weddings and funeral, cafes, restaurants etc can be open for business but only outside and the tables must be 2 metres apart and only 4 people per table. Outside gatherings of 500 are now permitted but they must be socially distanced!

The work goes on...

As already mentioned we are continuing to provide meals and food bags, gas bottle refills etc. We are still not able to go to Suceava for the cash and carry in order to buy our bulk items of food etc, and although initially we were only able to buy 2 kilo flour etc at a time, we are now able to buy more in bulk, but unfortunately it is quite a bit more expensive.

Some of the children – those in their bacalauriate year and those in their final Primary year, are back at school so we are continuing to provide help through our Education Project.

Seasonal work continues....

There are some jobs that have needed to be done in order to provide for the work in the coming months. We normally have help from some of those who come to the Centre – some of the ex orphanage men and women usually – to work the ground and plant potatoes, and other vegetables, but this year it has fallen to Ovidiu and Costel (our jack of all trades!) to do this themselves, and in the photos below you can see the results of their labour. Being able to grow some of our own crops helps to save us some money as well as normally providing a little income for those who help.



We have had to say good bye to what has been our trusty work horse at the Centre for the past 15 years. Our pick up (Papuc – which means slipper in Romanian) has been in constant use but developed a problem which was going to be too expensive to repair in relation to its age and value, so the decision was made to replace it and we are currently looking for a replacement vehicle at a reasonable price.



Please Pray...

- Give thanks that we have been able to continue helping those in need in Dorohoi and that it has given us the opportunity to Witness through this difficult period.
- Give thanks for God's continued provision.
- Give thanks that those of our Team who have kept everything going during this period have also been kept safe from the virus.
- Pray that our Team will continue to be able to help those in need and that they and those we help will continue to be kept safe as Romania eases out of lockdown.
- Pray that we will be able to get the work at the Centre back to normal once we are clear of any threat from the virus and that it will continue to stand as a beacon of Hope in the Dorohoi and surrounding area.

As ever we thank you for your continuing support and interest of the Work. Without your support we would not be able to continue working in Dorohoi, which means that you are an integral part of the Work. Every form of support is important to us whether it is donating or packing clothes etc, financial, prayer or passing the word around!

If you would like to support us financially, details of the various ways of doing this are below.

Thank you - Peter and Lesley

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