



**Centre of Hope – GLIA**  
**God's Love In Action**



*Supporting the poor of Dorohoi as well as currently the Ukraine refugees.*

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**Dear friends,**

We send this newsletter to you from the Centre in a very hot and sultry Dorohoi where there is a shortage of rain and water for the town is being turned off at night. As you can see from the banner picture the crops are beginning to ripen ready for harvest and the sunflowers are now out and tracking the sun daily. It is always a joy to see the vast fields of sunflowers, corn and Porumb (maize).

Lesley and I have come to enable our Team to take well-earned holiday as well as helping to restart some of the activities that had to be stopped during the pandemic, and as mentioned in the last Newsletter, the playground is beginning to come back into use, and before the end of the school term (they broke up on the 10 June until 5 September!) the local school had been using the playground as well. It is so good to hear the sound of children playing!

We have been able to restart our Fortnightly Wednesday Bible study and Praise Meeting being led by Pastor Iosef; 14 have come to the first two meetings and we pray that more will come along as it becomes more established, leading to more people accepting the Lord Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and going on to be Baptised.

**Ukraine Update....**

The weekend before we came out at the beginning of June a family stayed at the Centre who were on their way back to the Ukraine from where they had been staying in Italy, and we were expecting a group of eight refugees coming out of Ukraine the weekend we arrived. After several days they wrote to say that they were unable to leave the Ukraine, but as I write this newsletter, we have a mother, father and son staying with us for a few days. They have come from Odesa and tell us that the situation is not good and as with other young couples that we have hosted they had only just finished paying for their apartment when the war started, and have had to leave with so little in the way of belongings – just a couple of cases. They are not sure what they are going to do or where they are going to go – how far to move away from Ukraine.

We keep hearing rumours that there is going to be another wave of refugees and seeing the news of what is happening we can understand this, but one of the families that stayed at the Centre and who we remain in touch with has told us that the Romanian and the Moldovan borders are logistically difficult to get to and it is more straight forward to head east to Poland. We do however have our doors open to receive any refugees that need a place to rest, refresh and know God's peace. We are also open to other ways in which we can help with this situation in the future – e.g. taking aid into the Ukraine.

**Encouragement – letter from Cosmina**

Our Education Programme continues and we have many youngsters in the programme and as the new school year approaches we will be looking for other families that need help – enabling the youngsters to complete their schooling attaining some qualification and possibly going on to University, College or training courses. This in turn will enable them to help their families move out of the poverty that they find themselves in.

We have received this from Cosmina, who we are helping through university.....

*“Pace! Vreau să vă spun că prin Harul lui Dumnezeu am încheiat cu bine și anul acesta universitar. Vă mulțumesc în Numele Domnului pentru sprijinul financiar acordat și în acest an! Dumnezeu să vă răsplătească și să vă dea biruință în toate! Cosmina”*

*“Peace! I would like to let you know that with the help from our Lord and by His grace I was able to finish this university year. Thank you very much in the Name of Jesus for the financial help during this school year. May the Lord reward you and bless you in everything you are doing. Cosmina .”*

We praise God that Cosmina has done well and that she gives Glory to God

### ***Those in need...***

Just as we are at home, here in Romania prices are rising dramatically – cooking oil has more than doubled, flour is getting more expensive etc.etc., which is making life even more difficult for those that we help through the Centre and may mean that more people will come to the door asking for help.

During the past two or three weeks we have added more people to those we help through the Centre. One is a young mum living in a village on the outskirts of Dorohoi with a small baby whose husband died a month after the baby was born, and who has very little income.

Another is a family of five who again have only the child allowance as their income.

We are also going to help a lady who lives on her own and has psychological issues, so much so that she will not accept direct help from us, so we are helping indirectly through someone that she trusts.

### ***A hardworking man with big ambitions.....***



We have started helping Vasile, his wife and five children, who live outside of Dorohoi. Vasile struggles to provide for his family by milking his “tribe” of 35 Goats, providing him with enough milk to make 3 kilo of cheese a day for approximately 8 - 10 months of the year, which he sells for 75Lei (approx £14). Out of this he pays rent for 20 hectares for his goats plus for the plot where he raises his weaned “kids”, vet bills as well as feeding his family etc. As the plot of land where he keeps his goats is several kilometres away from the family home, and because of the cost of fuel he is spending several nights at a time

sleeping in a tent with the “tribe”.

His youngest child is 9 months old and had major heart surgery at birth and is on constant medication which costs £120/month. She also needs to go periodically to Targu Mures in mid Romania where there is a specialist hospital – a trip which is costing around £250. Initially we are going to help towards the cost of medication and with food which they are very grateful to receive, and we will help towards the costs of the visits to hospital.

He told us that he would love to be in position to provide totally for his family and be able to help others. He would like to build the “tribe” up to 200, but through natural increase and replacement this will take such a long time and to buy, a “nanny” is costing currently 200 euro for a reasonably good one!



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### ***Please pray.....***

*Prayer is an essential part of our work – we could not do what we do without prayer support, and would ask you to pray...*

That we and the Team may know God’s wisdom as we continue to do His work here in Dorohoi that we may know how to be effective reaching out into the town with His love, Grace and Salvation.

Pray for the Ukraine family that are staying at the Centre, that they may know what to do for the best but above all that whilst at the Centre they may know God’s Peace and Love and also continue to pray for all those that have passed through the Centre and have settled in different countries.

Pray for the those that we continue to help through the Centre – those living in poverty, those that have had difficult upbringing, those struggling with life, and those that we have recently added to those we help, that they may know how much God loves and cares for them.

*Thank you so much for your support and prayers – without which we would not be able to help those in need in Dorohoi and the Ukraine refugees that pass this way.*

***Thank you – Peter, Lesley and the Trustees.***

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