

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

**Dear Friends,**

We are happy to say that the Covid situation in the North East of Romania appears to be easier now with the current infection rate being 20 in 100,000, sadly though there does seem to be some apathy regarding the vaccine and there does seem to be a poor take up of the vaccine – so much so that the Romania government is selling spare vaccines to other countries!

**A green-shoot following a difficult time....**

The work at the Centre continues in the same way that it has done since the Pandemic started and we will continue to provide meals as "take-aways" until the August break and review the situation then. We have however started opening the park to children and although there are not many in the picture, there have been quite a number of "State" children coming to the Centre for a picnic and then playing in the playground. As the children are in the care of the State we are not showing a picture of them.



**Great News...**

As you know from previous newsletters we are a Christian organisation and part of what we do (though we are not allowed to do it as part of the Romanian Asociatia) in normal times is to have a Saturday Children's Club, youth group meeting and a Wednesday evening Praise, Prayer and Bible study meeting, and we have had several baptisms of those that have been coming to the meeting either at the Centre or at a local Church. Theodore (right with George and Eugenie) has been coming to the meetings for several years and just a couple of weeks ago he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Saviour and has been baptised in Stinca Church (a village outside of Dorohoi where Josef is pastor). Josef has led the Wednesday meeting for the past few years. Obviously during the pandemic the meeting has not been happening but Theodore frequently comes to the Centre and also to our lovely neighbours there George and Eugenie.

At the same time a young girl (Emma, right) that we have been helping through university with our education programme was also baptised. We mentioned Emma in June 18 ago when her mother died and as the father was no longer around she was left as "head of the family" of a sister and two bothers, and before her mother died she promised that she would go to university. The family were thrown out of their house by relatives because they were Christians, and have been staying with their grandmother.

**An encouraging thank you...**

We received this note from Cosmina who is in our education programme -

*"Pacea Domnului! Aș vrea să vă spun că am terminat cu bine anul acesta de facultate și vreau să vă mulțumesc în Numele Domnului pentru sprijinul financiar oferit pe parcursul anului universitar! Mă rog ca Domnul să vă binecuvânteze și să vă aibă sub protecția Lui pe toți. Dumnezeu să vă dea biruință în tot ce faceți și să vă ajute în toate! Dumnezeu să vă ajute în toate!"*

**"God's peace! I would like to tell you that I have finished this year of college well and I want to thank you in the name of the Lord for the financial support provided during the academic year! I pray that the Lord will bless you and have you under His protection at all times! God give you victory in everything you do! Cosmina!!"**



### ***Jobs still need doing..***

It has been a busy time at the Centre as the new town sewage system is now up and running which has meant for two weeks we had a team doing a major re-routing of the Centre drains to link up to the town main. Ever since the Centre was opened the rains have emptied into a "soakaway pit" behind the Centre towards the bottom of the land, and they had to be channelled up from behind the Centre to the road. Thankfully the job has been completed and is working well.



### ***...and the Seasons roll on...***



As mentioned in the last newsletter the ground was being prepared in readiness to plant the crops for this year, and the potatoes, onions, carrots etc.etc. are all growing well providing us with our own home grown produce.



### ***The horses are going...***

Many of you who have visited the Centre know of Ovidiu, who was brought up in the Orphanage and has a lot of learning difficulties, and who has a bed in stables that he shares with two horses. The horses were "employed" by the town but as things have become more mechanised they are going to be sold which means that Ovidiu will have nowhere to "live". We along with the other charity that we work with are hoping to find him somewhere to stay. But coming from the orphanage background, and not able to look after himself it will be a challenge. The picture shows "Early Morning Breakfast" for three of the ex-orphans that come to the Centre, Ovidiu is at the front of the picture!



### ***Please Pray***

George, is a father of a large family that we have been helping with meals for some time and he contracted the covid virus last year which has affected his mental health – so much so that he spends a lot of time in hospital. This obviously means that he is unable to work and help provide for his family. We are helping towards some of his medication and with food bags and meals. Please pray for him and the family as they come to terms with this situation and that we may have wisdom in knowing how best we can help.

Thank God for Emma and Theodore and their public witness through Baptism to their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus, and for them as they build on their relationship and faith in the Lord

Remember those that come to the Centre that came through the orphanage system and have many issues – that they may know God's Love as it is displayed by our team at the Centre

Remember our Team in Romania as they continue to demonstrate God's Love and Salvation to those who come to the Centre seeking help, and pray for ourselves, the Trustees and the Romanian Team as we look to the future of the work and that we may have wisdom in knowing how to restart the Centre activities that have had to stop during the pandemic.

***Once again thank you for your interest, support and prayers***

***Peter, Lesley and the Trustees.***

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