

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



Summers here!!

We have just recently returned from Dorohoi after spending a few weeks there and summer seems to have arrived in a rush with temperatures reaching 30C in mid April after having been around -15C three weeks before!
- when we arrived they were very concerned as they had not had any rain for several weeks.

An exciting excursion...

Soon after Peter arrived in mid-April, Raluca took the Children's Club on an excursion into the area known as Bucovina. They visited a zoo, pottery, a monastery, and the mountains with a visit at lunch time to a restaurant for Pizza and an ice cream on the way back home! It was a very hot day but the children really had a great time and all travelled well in the mini bus! For some it was their first time outside of Dorohoi

which added the extra element of excitement!!



A tragic situation...

We became aware of a situation of a family in a village on the outskirts of Dorohoi where a teenager (Emma) is bringing up her sister and two brothers following the death of their mother recently. The father left the family some time ago. Emma wanted to go to University and promised her mother that she would continue with her education but she is aware of her responsibilities to the rest of the family. At present the family are staying in their grandmother's house but the relatives want them out because they are Christians. This is a terrible situation for the family and the churches are helping as much as they can and are hopefully going to build a house for them. We spoke with Emma and will help her if she is able to do a university course from home so that she can still look after her brothers and sister.

In need of a stability...

We visited four children who were being brought up by their mother's mother who is now unable to cope. Their mother is a prostitute, who is now living out of the Country and has effectively abandoned them, The mother of one of their mother's partners (number 14!), who is not the father of the children, has taken them in as part of her family and when we went to visit she told us that it is a poor situation that they are in and that she is determined that they are shown love and also have a good education. The "Granny" is not well off and we have already provided some clothes and food and are looking to help in other ways as well as with their education.

Elderly Ladies group...

The Centre has just held its fourth monthly elderly ladies group meeting, Last month the meeting was held when we had visitors with us and they and Lesley participated at the meeting, and at this month's meeting, a nurse came and gave health advice. The meeting is being enjoyed by all who attend and gives them the opportunity to talk to one another socially, (something that the elderly rarely do in Dorohoi).

A chance to "grow our own!"...

One of our neighbours who is getting too old now to do a lot of gardening is letting us use a large part of their garden for the Centre and with the help of some of the ex-orphanage lads the ground has been cultivated, and planted with potatoes which we will use in our cantina.



In with new and out with old...



In the last newsletter we informed you that we were looking for an additional vehicle for the Centre – we can now tell you that we have found and bought a vehicle and our own (Peter and Lesley's) Nissan which has been used for Centre work has now retired at the age of 22 years and is no longer at the Centre after 14 years of faithful service!

The new vehicle, a second hand 7 seater which has recently been imported from Germany, although it already has Romanian plates, is now going

through the registration process which will take 2½ to 3 months to complete!! This has obviously cost the charity quite a lot of money (€8000 plus registration costs). If you feel that you would like to help contribute to this cost please use our contact details below as this will help us to have funds for the work of the Centre.



Are you able to help?

We do appreciate all the support given to GLIA, whether in clothing, toiletries, vitamins etc or financially. However, due to new Romanian Government legislation, minimum salaries have risen by 25% over the last 18 months which affects two of our Team, but obviously we have had to increase the others accordingly, plus we are having to pay more tax for our employees. This, coupled with the drop in the value of sterling since the Brexit process started, means we are getting less Ron for our Pounds which is making the running of the Centre and the help that we give more and more expensive. If you feel that you are able to help in any way it will be gratefully received.

Prayer points

Please pray for the two families of children mentioned overleaf and that we may have the discernment of how the charity can help.

Pray for all of those who we help at the Centre that they may know how much God loves and cares for them.

Pray for those who come to our Saturday children's club and the Wednesday night Prayer and Praise meeting, and for those involved with leading those – Raluca, Josef, Beni and Magnolia.

Thank you for your continued interest and support - if you wish to know more about the work or to stop receiving this newsletter please contact us using the information below. Peter and Lesley

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