



On our trip in November 2015 we met more sponsored families at Casa Grace, part of the work at Emanuel Baptist Church, Oradea. Again it was good to meet them in person and talk to them about their needs. There were some distressing stories, especially regarding illness among the families where the medical aid in Romania is very different from the U.K. There are still families available for sponsorship.



We have been working with Cipi, a pastor to the church in Aiud. Their church is now too small as we saw in 2015 when we visited the church and on that Sunday many people were outside standing at the windows and doors. They are building a larger one, which will incorporate a kitchen, dining room and a place for children to do their homework after school. There will be a games room together with a Church sanctuary.



Just before the truck left in November we had an email from a pastor in Romania who lives in a very poor area. He asked if we had any shoe boxes. We do not collect shoe boxes now but within days a lady in Pontypridd who had missed the deadline for shoe boxes for her usual charity, asked if we would like them. We were able to take 100 shoe boxes (most of them made by this lady) to the pastor of this church. As you can see the church were delighted with this provision.





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Dear Friends,

We are now entering the 27th year of our work for the Lord in Romania. We can well remember our first trip just 3 weeks after the revolution in 1990. How things have changed. Although we have made 154 trips to Romania and have seen a great improvement in the country, there is still much poverty. We are continuing to take chocolate eggs at Easter and sweets at Christmas, together with financial aid for families and the projects detailed below:

**DR VALI'S OLD PEOPLE'S HOME**  
**CHRISTIAN SOCIAL WORKERS IN ORADEA & CLUJ WORKING WITH POOR & UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

**EMANUEL HOSPICE, ORADEA, WORKING WITH TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS & FAMILIES. THEY HAVE NOW COMMENCED BUILDING A RESIDENTIAL HOSPICE.**

**CHRISTIAN GROUP - IOCHEBED, SUCEAVA WORKING WITH MUMS TO PREVENT ABORTION**  
**PASTOR WORKING WITH GYPSY CHILDREN AND POOR FAMILIES**  
**AGAPE, A GROUP WORKING WITH HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN VASLUI.**  
**VARIOUS PROJECTS WORKING WITH POOR FAMILIES.**

Many of you have appreciated these pictorial newsletters so we have again produced one hoping that it will give you a greater insight into our work. We would ask for prayer that the Lord will guide us in every situation, especially as our team increases in age!!

With Christian love, Alan & Ann Penrose (on behalf of the trustees)



Families and individuals receiving Sweets, Easter Eggs and Clothes which we have been please to take to Romania in recent trips.



98 Chairs from Pontypridd rugby club which were taken to a new Christian school in Lugoj, Romania. We had them all cleaned before we took them.

Even in November we had snow and some children were so pleased to receive the sweets even in the snow.



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For the last 20 years Marinela Murg, pictured here with Alan Lewis looking at plans, has been actively involved with the terminally ill in Oradea. Our drivers, Neil Lyle, Peter Butcher and Jonathan Banwell together with Marinela visit the site of the new residential building to view the progress of the residential hospice now being constructed. We have raised £40,000 so far for this project.

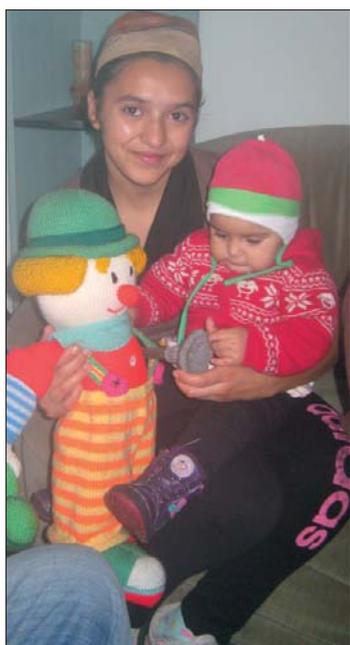


Our friend, Pastor Costel in Tecuci visits local villages with clothes we took. The people who received them were so grateful. So many villages are desperately poor. We see so many children barefoot, even in the winter.



Sweets which we gave to our friends in Arad were taken to Serbia to be given to Syrian refugees. They were so gratefully received.





We have been working with lochebed for 20 years as they have been working with pregnant mums to prevent abortions. Because of poverty, the mothers would not be able to feed the new babies and contraception is expensive. Gabi and the team from Suceava promise to help with baby milk (which is dearer in Romania than the U.K.), nappies and food. During 2015 over 50 babies were saved from abortion. We photographed models of babies from a very early age in the womb to 12 weeks when a baby is fully developed.



*Average salary in Romania is £250 per month and prices are similar to ours in the UK.*



*The late Mrs. Jean Harris with Ann and some of the dolls she gave us, which we have taken on previous trips*

In our last printed newsletter (2014), we had pictures of Jean Harris from Coedpenmaen Baptist Church (pictured above) with dolls she had made. Last year she passed away and when her family looked in the loft they found many knitted dolls. We only had some of them as they were distributed between two other charities. The babies (and mums) were so pleased to receive them on our recent visit.