

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



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**  
**"Craciun Fericit" si "La Multi Ani"**

***From us all, our team at the centre,  
the trustees and ourselves and, most importantly,  
from those that your support enables us to help  
with meals, food bags, clothes & shoes, toiletries  
gas bottles, wood, showers, vitamins etc. etc.***

***- the list is endless!!***

***Thank you so much!!!!***

**Dear Friends,**

As we start to put this newsletter together we are at the Centre in Dorohoi with Laura the dentist who has come on her annual visit with Lesley acting as dental assistant! It has been a very busy time with many people coming

to see Laura and unfortunately having to have teeth removed – seven people have had to have all their teeth removed! For those who have had all their teeth extracted they will be provided with dentures in 6 months time. We know from past experience that this can give them a new

confidence – and smile! Once again we have also had the opportunity to go into one of the schools with Laura to talk about dental hygiene, as well as giving the Saturday club children a talk.

Laura has also been able to treat some of the residents of the "Peoples Home", for people with mental, physical disabilities as well as older people who are cared for there.



Generally everything is going well at the Centre – providing meals, food bags, toiletries, showers and many other types of help. However, because we provide meals, back in March we had to be licenced (as well as the certification that we have to be a charity in Romania) in order to continue providing meals and under the new legislation we had to cut the number of meals to 60 per day and change the way in which we do things which has not been easy and we are still trying to adapt to the changes.



#### **Education scheme...**

The Education Project has gone well for the first school year up to June 2017 and we are very pleased with the results. Thanks to specific support for this project we now have over 18 in the programme, more than double the number and we are excited about the potential of helping even more through school and onto university! (Some are pictured on the left)

#### **A Birthday party!**

We have written before about Ovidiu, who was brought up in the orphanage system, has learning difficulties and lives in a stable with horses but spends the majority of his day at the Centre. As he didn't have any papers, we had no idea how old he was or even if Ovidiu was his name! However, this year papers came to light and yes, his name is Ovidiu and he was 33 on 20 November. Costel and Ovidiu from the Centre gave him new clothes, Costel cut his hair and you can see the three of them at the local Pizza restaurant celebrating his birthday with the birthday boy sitting in the middle! We were all emotional when we saw the picture and the smiles – probably the first time Ovidiu has celebrated his birthday.



#### **Help for the elderly..**

We help people from many different backgrounds, ages etc, and one of the important groups for us are the elderly, many of whom are “house bound” and have no family to look after them. We take those in our programme regular meals, which gives an opportunity to make sure they are OK, but to also spend a little social time with them. Pictured on the left is Lesley with Adela (93) and on the right is Domnica (92). We have



mentioned how we are seeking God's leading and guidance about developing the work at the Centre, and helping the elderly is one of the areas that we are hoping to expand.



#### **Christmas excitement – in a box!!**

Thanks to the donation of Christmas boxes from Northern Ireland, the children in our families will be receiving gifts on 16 December. We invite the children and their parents to the Centre where the Children's Club perform a nativity play for them, everyone joins in with carols and then the gifts are given out – a very special day!

**Prayer Requests :** We are delighted to say that two more of our regulars at the Wednesday evening “Prayer and Praise” meeting were recently baptised. Please pray for them.

Please pray for the elderly and vulnerable who find the winter and the cold weather a struggle.

*If you wish to get in touch, make a donation, or ask for a presentation please use the contact details below.*

*Thank you all for your support - Peter and Lesley*

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