

Thank you!

Over a thousand beautifully wrapped food parcels have gone out on the lorry that went to Romania at the end of November. They arrived safely despite snow and ice and are being delivered to needy people by our Romanian colleagues. Having visited some of the fragile old people who have 'nt any food in their tiny homes, I know how much these are appreciated; and what a tremendous help it can be for a poor family, with small children to feed. I shared last month that agricultural pensioners get £4 per month, sometimes nothing at all; the allowance for our abandoned children in the 5 small homes is £1.50 to cover food, heating and house parents' keep! This comes into perspective when you realize that bread is 50p per loaf! So your gifts are very precious.



Rheumcare's beautiful new home!



Here is the wonderful new rehabilitation centre, Which they got in exchange for the old dilapidated one! It is such an amazing miracle, as it is twice the size plus storage in the basement (the work had outgrown the now cramped space in the old one), it's nearly new and a sound construction (the old one needed major repairs), and there's plenty of parking and good access which was a major headache with our old building. The staff moved in and began work with patients the same day, due to good planning and a lot of hard work. Well done everyone!

Medicare's new member!

Welcome to Imola- the new administrator for the home care nurses who is taking the burden of endless paperwork from Dr Judit and the nurses. She is already part of the family, and keen to visit patients to see how they are and take them food, when she is not busy in the office at the lovely new Medicare clinic. The nurses are busy preparing a Christmas party for all their ambulant patients; and some of the Christmas food parcels will be shared out then; to great excitement and gratitude.



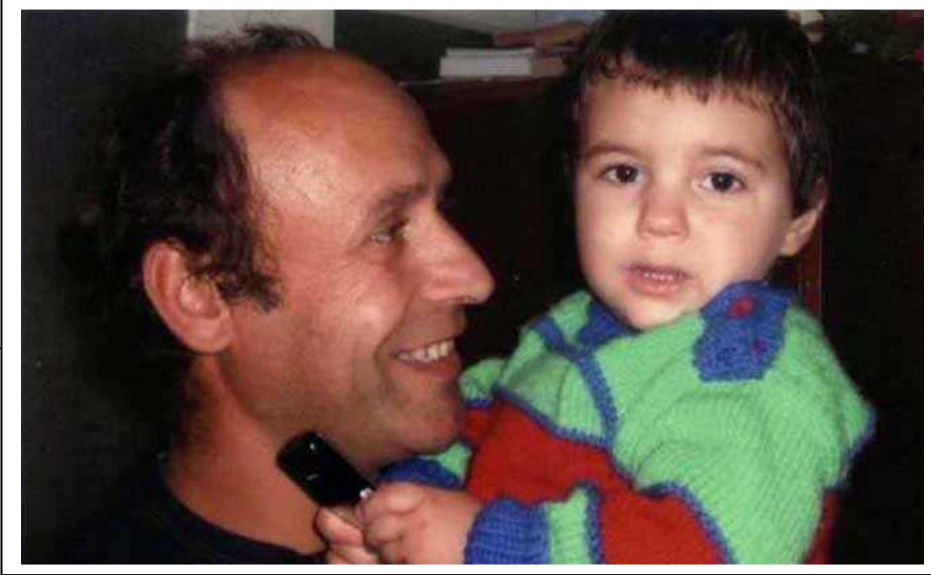
CleverHands' Workshop

Pictured outside the small house we sent out, (erected by Paul and Bob the builder) is Gergei, Agi the administrator, and Gergei's Grandmother. Gergei is one of the young people who will live in the sheltered house when we get permission, and can start construction with similar units to create a home for them in a nearby village. Please pray that Agi and her colleagues can get the permission through, that we get the funds, and that the house can be finished in time for these lovely young people, help them to become semi independent.



A home for the lads

The new house Father Paul is creating for the bigger boys, on the site of the barn at the farm in the village of Glodeni is nearing completion. They received a lovely gift in lieu of flowers from family and friends in memory of a very dear supporter, which paid for the electrical installation, and Father Paul was very touched by the gift. The children are all well, and are so lovely together like one big family, playing together and helping each other. Here is Jonshi, one of the house parents, with the youngest of the family!



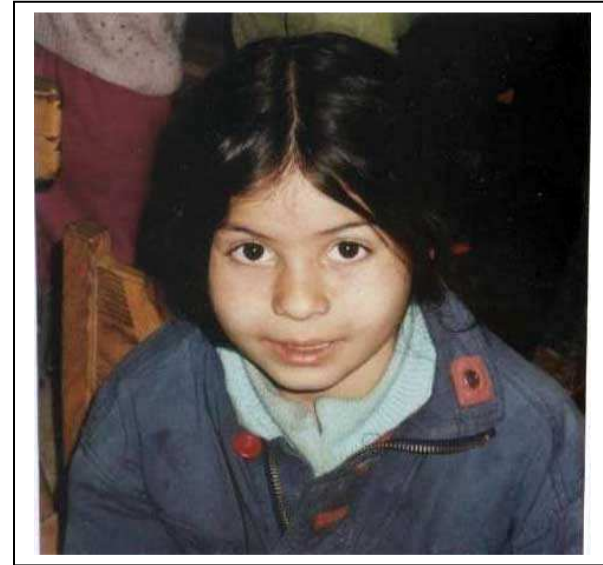
Give thanks :

- ☺.. For all the help and support given to JOY throughout the year.
- ☺... For the loving care and hard work from all volunteers here, and staff and volunteers in our projects in Romania.

Please pray

- ✝... Please pray that God's love as He came to us in the person of Jesus, will be very real to the children and all those we work with this Christmas.
- ✝... For guidance and wisdom in the coming year, and for necessary funding.
- ✝... For funding for the new boy's home and the sheltered housing for Clever Hands.

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