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Providing practical Help, Comfort and Spiritual Encouragement for the people of Romania

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## Happy New Year and Thank You

Thank you for your interest, support and prayer for the work of Centre of Hope GLIA over the past year. We have been able to provide over 11,000 three course meals and food bags for individuals and families as well as our education project, showers and many other types of help.

### Thank you also for your response to our Goodie Bag appeal

As in previous years we were able to give Goodie Bags to all those we help at the Centre – not just the children but adults, elderly, parents and ex-orphans. On the Saturday before Christmas the children and their parents came to the Centre to sing carols and hear the Christmas story and then to receive their Goodie Bags. Sadly there was a lot of Flu in Dorohoi so as you can see the numbers were down but those who were unable to come had their Bags delivered. We again were able to add “Christmas Extras” into the food bags as well. A few days before this a special meal was provided for some of the ex-orphans and a few others.



### General....

As I start to write this newsletter here at home in Scotland we have had very low temperatures and a lot of snow - in Dorohoi it is very icy and temperatures are dropping to -10c and they have snow. Electricity prices rose at the beginning of this month as did water. Gas prices are rising in April and food prices continue to rise. All of this not only affects those we help but also our “running” costs as well. This is all leading to a feeling of despair among people in Dorohoi and particularly difficult for those we help at the Centre.

Added to this the government are seriously considering cutting back on social benefits which will affect many of those we help – some may have their handicap pension reduced or even stopped altogether and this will also affect some of our ex-orphans!



### **Generous donated goods.....**

A couple of weeks before Christmas we were invited to take part with Asociatia Neemia – who we work closely with – in a charity weekend that involve the Lidl and Penny Market in Dorohoi and Lidl in Darabani when customers are invited to donate food items to charity. This was very successful and we received several hundred pounds worth of food.



### **Other news.....**

We have several elderly and families that are not always able to come to the Centre to collect their meals or food bags so they are delivered to them which gives the Team the opportunity of checking that they are OK and there have been occasions when Costel has found one of the elderly has fallen and needs the emergency services and just before Christmas he met a lady who was in very difficult situation and we are now putting her into our programme.

### **Spiritual....**



I am happy to say that we were able to hold our Wednesday Bible Study, Praise and Prayer meeting before Christmas and had some “new” faces attend. We are thankful to Pastor Iosef for continuing to lead this meeting and are praying that his health will improve so we can get back to the fortnightly meeting.



### **Exciting news....**

We also heard that a few weeks before Christmas that someone – Beni - from a large family who used to come to the Centre with his brothers and sisters and we helped the family for many years was baptised. The family almost lived at the Centre and used to come for meals, showers and other help, but now they are all standing on their own feet.

### **Prayer.....**

- Give God thanks for all the support that we received enabling us to give Goodie Bags to all we help at the Centre.
- Pray for Beni that he may grow in his faith and be a witness to the rest of his family
- Pray for our great Team in Romania – Ovidiu, Costel and Anna – that the Lord will give them wisdom and also be good witnesses to the Lord

***Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the work because we could not help anyone without it.***

***Peter, the Trustees and our Romanian Team***

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