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Dear Friends

Well here we are already near the end of March and as I write this, there are signs that spring is really on its way and in Dorohoi the snow that fell in mid December and lasted until February – the longest that they have had snow for several years – has now gone and they are probably matching us weatherwise.

The situation is, like us here in the UK, being very much affected by the world events with fuel costs rising which in turn means that food costs are rising as well.

The Romania Government have brought in several economic cuts that are affecting those we help as most of the Social Benefits are cut back. You may remember In our November Newsletter I mentioned a lady who has had to stop working to look after her daughter who has severe psychological issues – she has now had most of her benefit cut back. Several of the ex-orphans we help – who themselves have psychological issues – and used to receive 400 Ron (Approx £70) a month have had it cut to about 70 Ron (approx. £13).

A new person and help from an unexpected source.....

Ovidiu had a visit from one of the town’s postmen, who knows of the Centre and what we do, who told him of a lady in her mid 40’s who is living on her own. She has psychological issues very little to no income and doesn’t know what day it is – her neighbours often have to tell what day it is. We have taken her into the programme and she is receiving 4 meals a week.

A few days later the same postman made an unexpected donation of three sacks of onions!



An Afternoon event for some of the State children.....

A lovely young Christian lady, Mellisa, from Suceava, who works for an organisation called “my Brothers Keeper” and who had used the Centre before for a meeting with some of the town’s state children along with Helen, who is on the board of our Romanian Charity and has worked with State children for more than 25 years, asked if she can meet with them on a monthly basis at the Centre and she has had a couple of meetings so far this year. It was called the “English Club” and they played games



based on emotions and included the Gospel message. She and her husband (who came through the orphanage system in Dorohoi) are planning to take the children on a summer camp! Over 24 youngsters, who would have been placed in orphanages before they were disbanded, decided to come!

Ladies Day.....



The 8th of March every year is a special day in Romanian as it is Ladies Day (This year it was also International Ladies Day) and as it fell on a Sunday we held a special Wednesday Bible study, Praise and Prayer meeting at the Centre, which was led by Pastor Iosef. Several ladies came who do not usually come to the meeting and they all enjoyed the meeting.

After the meeting each lady was given the traditional Ladies Day “Bread”, a bar of chocolate and some snow drops. The “bread” is made in the figure of eight and is a sweet bread topped with chopped walnuts.



A special time.....

We are getting closer to the 25th anniversary of opening the Centre – though we had been involved



in Romania for the previous 8 years – and I am reminded that Lesley and I went out to Romania in the January of 2001 to discuss what we felt we needed, and during that time the plans for the Centre were drawn up and taken to be approved. At about the

end of February of the year we had the well dug – at that time it was not safe to drink the town water – and it is still serving us today though we also do have town water.



Please Pray.....

- For those that we help at the Centre as they deal with rising prices and for those that are affected by the change in benefits
- For the ladies that came to the Wednesday meeting that they will eager to come on a regular basis
- That the Centre will continue demonstrate God’s Love for all in Dorohoi and pray for our team – Ovidiu, Costel and Ana – that those we help will see our Lord Shining through them.

Thank you for reading this newsletter - if you wish to know more about the work or to stop receiving this newsletter please contact us using the information below.

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