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Dear Friends

It seems to have been a very busy time since the last newsletter – here in Lossiemouth some friends in



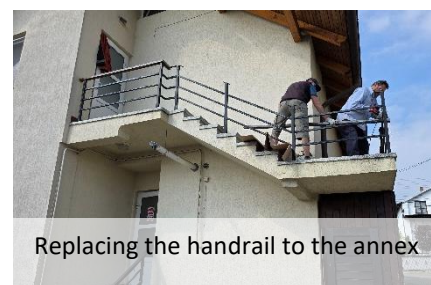
the Church ran a charity shop for Centre of Hope GLIA for three weeks with many from the church and friends helping out. Those same friends have also been raising funds by selling online second-hand books, CD's, DVD's etc, so our thanks go to all those



involved – and to those who bought items in the shop or contributed books etc.

Thanks also go to Josh – one of our new young trustees - who ran a 10klm race in the south of England to raise funds.

I have also just returned from a spending a couple of glorious weeks in Dorohoi giving me the opportunity to catch up with some of those that we help at the Centre as carrying out some maintenance jobs. As I say it was a great time – too short – but good to visit people in their home situations and just chat and much as they really appreciate the practical help that we give – meals, food bags etc – it is important to get to spend time with them and show that we care about them and their situations and how much they are loved by God. They deal with authorities who are not the most sympathetic. I shall introduce some of those that we visited in this letter.



Replacing the handrail to the annex



Romania currently has the highest inflation rate in Europe which affects those we help quite severely but also affects us as well as prices rise. As mentioned in the last newsletter many welfare cutbacks are being made as well, which is also having an impact on those we help.

One of the lovely sights at this time of the year are the Storks that migrate to Romania to nest – you will notice too that their nests are also used by smaller birds to nest in.

Meeting at last.....

You may remember from the last Newsletter that I mentioned Melissa who works with an organisation called My Brothers Keeper and has been meeting regularly at the Centre with some of the State teenagers. She held an “English Club” with about twenty of them while I was



there and it was good to meet Melissa but also the youngsters. It was such fun – the games were all played using English, so that there was an element of learning involved. Melissa is going to meet regularly on a monthly basis and is hoping to hold a Holiday Club at the Centre next summer. Melissa is married to Bogdan



Playing a variant of “Head, shoulders, knees and toes”

who was brought up in the boys Orphanage in Dorohoi and who remembers me from the time Lesley and I visited the boys home over 30 years ago!!

Our Cook.....

Ana, our cook, has had to have an operation which means that currently she is on sick leave recovering. This has also meant that we are temporarily not cooking meals from the Centre and have reduced the number of meals to those that do not have the capability of being able to cook meals. A local restaurant provides these meals at a reduced price. We expect to return to providing our own meals in August/September. Those that normally receive meals are now getting extra food bags.

Some of those I visited.....



As I said earlier it was so good to visit some families that we used to help many years ago and are now managing on their own, some of those we are helping now and some new people.

One of the new people was Carmen – she is 53 and lives on her own in what was her grandparents property which was passed down to her brother and sister and herself. She has never worked other than caring for her grandparents and then her parents when they were ill, and on their passing she lost her Carers Allowance and she now has no income other than doing odd outside jobs for her neighbours. Worryingly she is also diabetic and cannot afford the medication. We help with meals and food bag but are now looking to see if we can help towards the medication she needs.

A couple of Newsletters ago I mentioned a Mum and her daughter who has severe psychiatric issues and is subject to severe destructive outbursts. We took a meal to her and she was saying that they have cut her carers allowance and the daughter has had to go to hospital for her annual assessment and they are awaiting the results in order to know if her disability pension will remain the same or be cut.

In the photo on the right is Titi who is 72 and lives in this caravan on what was his home property but the house is totally derelict. He earns a few Lei by going around collecting plastic bottles that can be recycled for vouchers. Sadly he is living in squaller and though he says he does tidy up the caravan there was not any evidence of it. He has two daughters who live in the area but they do not visit him. He receives meals and sometimes clothes when available.



A new meeting.....

During the pandemic we stopped the “sit down” meals in order to be able to continue providing the meals, but this has meant that some of the “social” aspect of our work is now missing, so while I was there we started an new meeting. People can come to the Centre and have coffee – or whatever – biscuits and sit and chat. Eight ladies came and eight children who played in the park. Along with Costel and Ovidiu we had a great time just chatting with one another. We are going to try it on a monthly basis to start with.

Prayer.....

Please pray for all those mentioned in this Newsletter that through all that we do they may see the Love of God and know how much He loves and cares for them.

Please also pray for Ana’s recovery from the operation and for Ovidiu and Costel as they continue with the daily work of the Centre.

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