

## Activity Report

March 2008

We are very aware of the fact that every day is a gift from God; given to us to live for Him and for other people. Because of this we have decided to dedicate more to those around us who are living in the dark and in poverty. We want to do much, but our resources are limited. We are hoping that God, through you, will offer us everything we need to help these people. For this reason we want to tell you about some of the acts of charity we have performed this month. They have only been possible because of the material and financial support that you give us.

One day a man knocked on our door who seemed to have been beaten. After he told us his sad story, we realized how little hope he has. He has two boys, one who is about 27 years old who suffers from schizophrenia, and one who is 17. When his wife died five years ago, the man had to quit his job because the sick boy needed permanent care. His illness can strike at any time, so someone has to be there to give him his medicine. The state gives them a small amount of money, but it is not enough for them to pay all of their bills and to buy the clothes and food that they need. The man told us that he is ashamed that he has to ask for help, but he does not know what to do.

After we heard this, we visited the family and took them some clothes, some food, and two thick blankets. While we were there we noticed that the only thing they had to eat in their apartment was a bag of beans. We would have liked to have taken a picture of their kitchen and bedroom to show you how they live because words are not enough to describe what we saw there. However, we did not because we did not want the man to feel bad. We have decided that we will continue to help this family. We want to share Jesus through our words and actions.

Another family that we offered support to is from a village close to Calarasi. We help them whenever we have the opportunity. This family has twelve member, the youngest is only one year and a few months old. We gave them clothes and food, and we intend to visit them again in April to see what needs they will have then.



We have started to build a relationship with someone from a school in Calarasi. This school is in the poorest part of the town. In the last report we told you about our intention to do something for the families of this area. God had blessed us with some gifts for poor children, so we were able to visit the school and distribute the gifts to six classes. This made the children very joyful and we were extremely happy that we could make them smile. We want this gesture to be just the beginning of a strong relationship with the school, and for those that we are helping to see that we love them and care about them. In fact this is what Jesus commanded - to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Pastor David Warren from England was with us for nearly one week. In one of the evenings, after the bible study, David, Dan and Marius Pop (who is pastor of a church in Slobozia), prayed for each of the girls. They prayed that God will make them aware that they belong to Him. They need to know this truth and also to really feel it.



We have been busy with the farm this month. We understand that this summer will be very dry. Therefore we have planted the seeds early, so that by June the crops will be ready. We try to do everything we can to provide for ourselves so that we don't have to spend too much money on food from the market.

We want everything we do to be guided by the Holy Spirit. We don't want our work here, and yours, to be in vain. We are here because this is the place where God wants to work: to embrace those who are lonely; to ease the pain of those who suffer; to bring a smile to the face of those who are sad; and to help those who are marginalized. And for this He needs His children. All that we leave behind are our smiles, our words and our deeds. We hope that all of these will reflect Jesus.

Thank you that you have always been there for us, and that you will continue to be. God will repay you as he has done up until now.

### **Prayer and praise points**

- Thank you everyone who prayed that God would create good relationships between us and the local authorities. We want to tell you that we are amazed by the extraordinary way God has worked and continues to work. Many of those in important positions have recognized our good work and see that we are very well organized. In addition, we are the only residential type of foundation in the town. The victory belongs to God.
- Also, thank you that you prayed for God to resolve the problem at the farm with our neighbor. Two weeks ago she moved to a different house in the same village, and up until now we have not had anymore problems.
- Because the summers are becoming dryer, we need an irrigation system for the farm. We don't know how much this will cost yet, but we are hoping that we can obtain one as soon as possible. It is a big need!
- In every moment we need to be guided by the Holy Spirit. Please pray for this. As we said before, this ministry belongs to God and all we want is to do His will.

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