## PRR newsletter December 2019 – January 2020 Nothing without God

Dear friends and partners,

We began 2020 with the strong conviction that if God doesn't move people's hearts and creates contacts and opportunities for us, then we cannot do anything through our efforts. We acknowledge God did that in the past for PRR, both in 2019 and over all the years past and we continue to praise Him for all things, large or small. Each and every person or group who came alongside us is very much appreciated.



Looking back, December 2019 was a happy end to a year full of achievements.

Chimpex, a company in Constanta harbor (they helped us last summer to renovate the exterior of Casa Benjamin), paid to replace the roof of the same house. They also organized a charity project, in which some of our residential children were part. Fifty children in need from Constanta County were visited at their homes and were given Christmas presents and very large food parcels. Our children had the chance to remember how they were themselves a few years ago, with no electricity, heat or food. Our kids were privileged to hand the presents to the children, and learned the importance of giving.

Our good friend Mrs Pamela Gratton saw the need to change the roof of the small house in the same yard as the Boys' Home. Mr Ron Parker, other close friends and Pamela contributed funds to accomplish this work.

We held our annual Christmas celebration on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, a lovely time of year when our PRR family gathers together; current and former beneficiaries and their families, our staff with their families and friends from the community. We had our American and Canadian friends from the NATO Base in M. Kogalniceanu. Also, Mrs Pamela, her friend Debbie and Mr Ron, all from the UK were with us. Our partners in Spain provided presents for the children in our residential homes and from the afterschool club, while another charity provided gifts for the rest of the children who were with us.





December was a magical time for the children. They had many visitors and received lots of presents (from which they decided to donate to other children). They decorated both homes for the holidays, went shopping, learned how to prepare festive meals for Christmas and New Year's Eve and took part in special Christmas Church services. Many of them didn't have these things efore and enjoyed themselves greatly.

For our children and staff, December meant rehearsing carols and going carol singing. We visited ourfriends at the Chimpex Company, Constanta harbor and alsosang at the Town Halls in bothValu lui Traian and Murfatlar. The children love to sing carols. We hope the message of Jesus'



birth was fully understood, and will be truly believed.

We couldn't have achieved anything in 2019 without God's help and the help of our sponsors, some of who don't appear at all in the pictures we promote or post, or are not mentioned by name in our newsletters.

Nevertheless, they faithfully support us behind the scenes by their prayers and their giving. To all those who help, mentioned publicly or not, God's blessing be with you in 2020 and always!

Many people have said they want to take up the 'little and often' challenge, where a dollar or euro or pound each week can make a huge difference to the work, so

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